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2.0.1 Classical Music Futures: Practices of Innovation

Editor: Peter Peters

Editor: Karoly Molina

Editor: Neil Thomas Smith

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2024

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This edited volume brings together contributions from a wide range of international academics and practitioners. It traces innovations within classical music practice, showing how these offer divergent visions for its future. The interdisciplinary contributions to the volume highlight the way contrasting ideas of the future can effect change in the present.

2.0.2 The Getty Fiend

Author: Ken White

Introduction by: Michael du Plessis

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2024

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2.0.3 Analogical City

Author: Cameron McEwan

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2.0.4 Divine Style: Walt Whitman and the King James Bible

Author: F. W. Dobbs-Allsopp

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2024

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Dobbs-Allsopp, Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, explicitly approaches Whitman from the perspective of a biblical scholar. Utilising his wealth of expertise in this field, he constructs a compelling, erudite and methodical argument for the King James Bible's importance in the evolution of Whitman's style – from his signature long lines to the prevalence of parallelism and tendency towards parataxis in his works.

2.1 December 2023

2.1.1 Synopses and Lists: Textual Practices in the Pre-Modern World

Editor: Ronny Vollandt

Editor: Teresa Bernheimer

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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Textual practices in pre-modern societies cover a great range of representations, from the literary to the pictorial. Among the most intriguing are synopses and lists. While lists provide a complete enumeration of ideas, people, events, or terms, synopses juxtapose one against the other. To understand how they were planned, produced, and consumed, is to gain insight into the practices of what one can call management of knowledge in a time before our own.

2.1.2 ‘Wit’s Wild Dancing Light’: Reading the Poems of Alexander Pope

Author: William Hutchings

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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The book is a chronological reading of Alexander Pope’s poems, from the Pastorals (1709) to the four-book Dunciad (1743). Each of the 26 chapters forming the volume selects examples for detailed scrutiny, demonstrating how close reading can generate understanding of a whole poem and how critical appraisal can build into a creative survey of an entire poetic career.

2.1.3 Modelling Between Digital and Humanities: Thinking in Practice

Author: Arianna Ciula

Author: Øyvind Eide

Author: Cristina Marras

Author: Patrick Sahle

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0369>

This volume presents an exploration of Digital Humanities (DH), a field focused on the reciprocal transformation of digital technologies and humanities scholarship. Central to DH research is the practice of modelling, which involves translating intricate knowledge systems into computational models. This book addresses a fundamental query: How can an effective language be developed to conceptualize and guide modelling in DH?

2.1.4 Dancing with Philoctetes: Reflections on Pain and Remembrance

Author: Abigail Akavia

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

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2.1.5 Financing Investment in Times of High Public Debt: 2023 European Public Investment Outlook

Editor: Floriana Cerniglia

Editor: Francesco Saraceno

Editor: Andrew Watt

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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The fourth book in the ‘European Public Investment Outlook’ series focuses on the urgent issue of how to finance needed investment in critical tangible and intangible infrastructure given high levels of public debt, a thorny problem facing many governments across Europe. Drawing on expertise from academics, researchers at public policy institutes and international governance bodies, the contributors analyse the current situation and prospects and propose feasible solutions.

2.1.6 Signs of the Great Refusal: The Coming Struggle for a Postwork Society

Author: Tedd Siegel

Foreword by: Tyrus Miller

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2.2 November 2023

2.2.1 Feminist Solidarities after Modulation

Author: Sara Morais dos Santos Bruss

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2.2.2 The Standard Language Ideology of the Hebrew and Arabic Grammarians of the ʿAbbasid Period

Author: Benjamin Paul Kantor

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In the present book we survey six specific characteristics of a ‘standard language ideology’ that appear in both the writings of the Hebrew grammarians who wrote in Judeo-Arabic and the Arabic grammarians during the ʿAbbasid period. Such striking lines of linguistic-ideological similarity suggest that it may not have been only grammatical concepts or literary genres that the medieval Hebrew grammarians inherited from the Arabic grammatical tradition, but a way of thinking about language as well.

2.2.3 Solarities: Elemental Encounters and Refractions

Editor: Cymene Howe

Editor: Jeff Diamanti

Editor: Amelia Moore

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2.2.4 Health Care in the Information Society: Volume 2 - From Anarchy of Transition to Programme for Reform

Author: David Ingram

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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In this fascinating book David Ingram traces the history of information technology and health informatics from its pioneers in the middle of the twentieth century to its latest developments.

2.2.5 Health Care in the Information Society: Volume 1 - From Adventure of Ideas to Anarchy of Transition

Author: David Ingram

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0335>

In this fascinating book David Ingram traces the history of information technology and health informatics from its pioneers in the middle of the twentieth century to its latest developments.

2.2.6 Prismatic Jane Eyre: Close-Reading a World Novel Across Languages

Author: Kayvan Tahmasebian

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Author: Léa Rychen

Author: Madli Kütt

Author: Yousif M. Qasmiyeh

Author: Eleni Philippou

Author: Céline Sabiron

Author: Giovanni Pietro Vitali

Author: Jernej Habjan

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<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0319>

Jane Eyre, written by Charlotte Brontë and first published in 1847, has been translated more than five hundred times into over sixty languages. Prismatic Jane Eyre argues that we should see these many re-writings, not as simple replications of the novel, but as a release of its multiple interpretative possibilities: in other words, as a prism.

2.2.7 The Pandemic Visual Regime: Visuality and Performativity in the Covid-19 Crisis

Editor: Julia Ramírez-Blanco

Editor: Francesco Spampinato

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

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2.2.8 Misunderstandings: False Beliefs in Communication

Author: Georg Weizsäcker

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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What do we expect when we say something to someone, and what do they expect when they hear it? When is a conversation successful? The book considers a wide set of two-person conversations, and a bit of game theory, to show how conversational statements and their interpretations are governed by beliefs. Thinking about beliefs is suitable for communication analysis because beliefs are well-defined and measurable, allowing to differentiate between successful understandings and their less successful counterparts: misunderstandings.

2.2.9 Killer Fandom: Fan Studies and the Celebrity Serial Killer

Author: Judith May Fathallah

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.c2702120>

Killer Fandom, in the first long-form treatment, examines serial killer fandom through the lens of textual poaching, affective community, subcultural capital, and play—with close readings of fan posts, comments, and mashups on Tumblr, TikTok, and YouTube.

2.2.10 The Ethnographic Case

Editor: Emily Yates-Doerr

Editor: Christine Labuski

Manchester: Mattering Press, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9781912729340>

In 26 gripping and provocative installations, the new and updated volume showcases research from influential feminist and decolonial scholars. Where anthropology has long sought to identify patterns in culture, this volume makes space for inquiry focused on particularities and advocates for an intellectual politics where that which seemingly doesn't fit is still allowed to matter.

2.3 October 2023

2.3.1 Artificial Earth: A Genealogy of Planetary Technicity

Author: J. Daniel Andersson

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0406.1.00>

2.3.2 Higher Education for Good: Teaching and Learning Futures

Editor: Laura Czerniewicz

Editor: Catherine Cronin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0363>

After decades of turbulence and acute crises in recent years, how can we build a better future for Higher Education?

Thoughtfully edited by Laura Czerniewicz and Catherine Cronin, this rich and diverse collection by academics and professionals from across 17 countries and many disciplines offers a variety of answers to this question. It addresses the need to set new values for universities, trapped today in narratives dominated by financial incentives and performance indicators, and examines those “wicked” problems which need multiple solutions, resolutions, experiments, and imaginaries.

2.3.3 The Predatory Paradox: Ethics, Politics, and Practices in Contemporary Scholarly Publishing

Author: Amy Koerber

Author: Jesse C. Starkey

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Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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In today’s ‘publish or perish’ academic setting, the institutional prizing of quantity over quality has given rise to and perpetuated the dilemma of predatory publishing. Upon a close examination, however, the definition of ‘predatory’ itself becomes slippery, evading neat boxes or lists which might seek to easily define and guard against it. This volume serves to foreground a nuanced representation of this multifaceted issue. In such a rapidly evolving landscape, this book becomes a field guide to its historical, political, and economic aspects, presenting thoughtful interviews, legal analysis and original research. Case studies from both European-American and non-European-American stakeholders emphasize the worldwide nature of the challenge faced by researchers of all levels.

2.3.4 Widening Scripts: Cultivating Feminist Care in Academic Labor

Author: Ellen Shaffner

Author: Lindsey MacCallum

Author: Michelle Forrest

Author: Ian Reilly

Author: Scott Stoneman

Author: Angela Henderson

Author: Mariana Prandini Assis

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0442.1.00>

2.3.5 Transparent Minds in Science Fiction: An Introduction to Alien, AI and Post-Human Consciousness

Author: Paul Matthews

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0348>

Transparent Minds explores the intersection between neuroscience and science fiction stories. Paul Matthews expertly analyses the narratives of humans and nonhumans from Mary Shelley to Kazuo Ishiguro across 200 years of the genre. In doing so he gives lucid insight into the meaning of existence and self-awareness. Rigorously researched and highly accessible, Matthews argues that psycho-emotional science fiction writers both imitate and inform alien and post-human consciousnesses through exploratory narratives and metaphor.

2.3.6 Evil Twins and the Ultimate Insight: Ayn Rand, Vladimir Nabokov, and the Polarized Politics of Reading

Author: Bruce Stone

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0407.1.00>

2.3.7 Shépa: The Tibetan Oral Tradition in Choné

Author: Members of the Choné Tibetan Community

Author: Bendi Tso

Author: Marnyi Gyatso

Author: Mark Turin

Author: Naljor Tsering

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0312>

This book contains a unique collection of Tibetan oral narrations and songs known as Shépa, as these have been performed, recorded and shared between generations of Choné Tibetans from Amdo living in the eastern Tibetan Plateau. Presented in trilingual format — in Tibetan, Chinese and English — the book reflects a sustained collaboration with and between members of the local community, including narrators, monks, and scholars, calling attention to the diversity inherent in all oral traditions, and the mutability of Shépa in particular.

2.3.8 African Science Granting Councils: Towards Sustainable Development in Africa

Author: Teboho Moja

Author: Samuel Kehinde Okunade

South Africa: African Minds, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928502791>

2.4 September 2023

2.4.1 Frictions: Inquiries into Cybernetic Thinking and Its Attempts towards Mate[real]ization

Author: Sebastian Vehlken

Author: Andrei Cretu

Author: Wolfgang Ernst

Author: Thomas Fischer

Author: Hans-Christian von Herrmann

Author: Stefan Höltgen

Author: Rolf F. Nohr

Author: Eva Schauerte

Author: Isabell Schrickel

Editor: Diego Gómez-Venegas

Lüneburg: meson press eG, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.14619/2164>

Frictions is a collective invitation to embrace the space of difference that both connects and separates techno-scientific discourses from their actual implementations—or even, from their non-implementations. Through a series of case studies focused on cybernetics, systems research, and some of their more contemporary inheritors, this book argues that such a middle space, the topology of frictions, offers significant insights to assess the historical and epistemological relevance of these interconnected fields. Characterized here as cybernetic thinking, this broad area of theoretical and applied projects would conceal, precisely within its frictions, the operational principles of our present.

2.4.2 After the Miners' Strike: A39 and Cornish Political Theatre versus Thatcher's Britain: Volume 1

Author: Paul Farmer

Author: Mark Kilburn

Preface by: Rebecca Hillman

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0329>

In this rich memoir, the first of two volumes, Paul Farmer traces the story of A39, the Cornish political theatre group he co-founded and ran from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. Farmer offers a unique insight into A39's creation, operation, and artistic practice during a period of convulsive political and social change.

2.4.3 Linguistic Theory and the Biblical Text

Editor: Elizabeth Robar

Editor: William A. Ross

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0358>

This volume is the result of the 2021 session of the Linguistics and the Biblical Text research group of the Institute for Biblical Research, which addresses the history, relevance, and prospects of broad theoretical linguistic frameworks in the field of biblical studies. Cognitive Linguistics, Functional Grammar, generative linguistics, historical linguistics, complexity theory, and computational analysis are each allotted a chapter, outlining the key theoretical commitments of each approach, their major concepts and/or methods, and their important contributions to contemporary study of the biblical text.

2.4.4 Kern

Author: Derek Beaulieu

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0510.1.00>

2.4.5 Toevallige ontmoetingen: Bio-ethiek voor een gehavende planeet

Author: Kristien Hens

Illustrator: Christina Stadlbauer

Illustrator: Bart H.M. Vandeput

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0370>

In dit rigoureuse en noodzakelijke boek brengt Kristien Hens bio-ethiek en filosofie van de biologie bij elkaar, met het argument dat het ethisch noodzakelijk is om in het wetenschappelijk onderzoek een plaatsje vrij te houden voor de filosofen. Hun rol is behalve ethisch ook conceptueel: zij kunnen de kwaliteit en de coherentie van het wetenschappelijk onderzoek verbeteren door erop toe te zien dat specifieke concepten op een consistente en doordachte manier worden gebruikt binnen interdisciplinaire projecten. Hens argumenteert dat toeval en onzekerheid een centrale rol spelen in de bio-ethiek, maar dat die in een spanningsrelatie kunnen raken met de pogingen om bepaalde theorieën ingang te doen vinden als wetenschappelijke

kennis: bij het beschrijven van organismen en praktijken creëren we op een bepaalde manier de wereld. Hens stelt dat dit noodzakelijk een ethische activiteit betreft.

2.4.6 The Way Things Go

Author: Louis Bury

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0400.1.00>

2.4.7 Collaboration in Development: A South African Heritage

South Africa: African Minds, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928502821>

2.4.8 Microbium: The Neglected Lives of Micro-matter

Editor: Joela Jacobs

Editor: Agnes Malinowska

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0396.1.00>

2.4.9 Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies: An Introduction

Editor: Ibo van de Poel

Editor: Jeroen Hopster

Editor: Behnam Taebi

Editor: Lily Eva Frank

Editor: Julia Hermann

Editor: Dominic Lenzi

Editor: Sven Nyholm

Editor: Elena Ziliotti

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0366>

Technologies shape who we are, how we organize our societies and how we relate to nature. For example, social media challenges democracy; artificial intelligence raises the question of what is unique to humans; and the possibility to create artificial wombs may affect notions of motherhood and birth. Some have suggested that we address global warming by engineering the climate, but how does this impact our responsibility to future generations and our relation to nature? This book shows how technologies can be socially and conceptually disruptive and investigates how to come to terms with this disruptive potential.

2.4.10 Cheap Print and Street Literature of the Long Eighteenth Century

Editor: David Atkinson

Editor: Steve Roud

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0347>

This deeply researched collection offers a comprehensive introduction to the eighteenth-century trade in street literature – ballads, chapbooks, and popular prints – in England and Scotland. Offering detailed studies of a selection of the printers, types of publication, and places of publication that constituted the cheap and popular print trade during the period, these essays delve into ballads, slip songs, story books, pictures, and more to push back against neat divisions between low and high culture, or popular and high literature.

2.5 August 2023

2.5.1 William Moorcroft, Potter: Individuality by Design

Author: Jonathan Mallinson

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0349>

William Moorcroft (1872-1945) was one of the most celebrated potters of the early twentieth century. His career extended from the Arts and Crafts movement of the late Victorian age to the Austerity aesthetics of the Second World War. Rejecting mass production and patronised by Royalty, Moorcroft's work was a synthesis of studio and factory, art and industry. He considered it his vocation to create an everyday art, both functional and decorative, affordable by more than a privileged few: 'If only the people in the world would concentrate upon making all things beautiful, and if all people concentrated on developing the arts of Peace, what a world it might be,' he wrote in a letter to his daughter in 1930.

2.5.2 The Linguistic Classification of the Reading Traditions of Biblical Hebrew: A Phyla-and-Waves Model

Author: Benjamin Paul Kantor

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0210>

In recent decades, the field of Biblical Hebrew philology and linguistics has been witness to a growing interest in the diverse traditions of Biblical Hebrew. Indeed, while there is a tendency for many students and scholars to conceive of Biblical Hebrew as equivalent with the Tiberian pointing of the Leningrad Codex as it appears in Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS), there are many other important reading traditions attested throughout history.

2.5.3 Mediale Teilhabe: Partizipation zwischen Anspruch und Inanspruchnahme

Author: Michel Schreiber

Author: Ruth Lang

Author: nate wessalowski

Author: Erich Hörl

Author: Milan Stürmer

Author: Markus Spöhrer

Author: Robert Stock

Author: Isabell Otto

Author: Urs Stäheli

Author: Anne Ganzert

Author: Mathias Denecke

Author: Matthias Drusell

Author: Elke Bippus

Author: Christoph Brunner

Author: Roberto Nigro

Editor: Beate Ochsner

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<https://doi.org/10.14619/2126>

Gesellschaftliche, politische und wissenschaftliche Forderungen nach mehr Beteiligung, Zugang und Mitwirkung sind ebenso allgegenwärtig wie spannungsgeladen und durchzogen von Ambivalenzen. Mediale Teilhabe fragt nach den medialen Ermöglichungs- und Austauschprozessen, als deren Effekt Teilhabe/Nicht-Teilhabe entsteht. Entlang der Modalitäten Verschalten, Temporalisieren und Teilhabende Kritik entwickeln die Beiträge einen differenzierten Blick auf Teilhabe im Spannungsfeld von Anspruch und Inanspruchnahme.

2.5.4 Digital Energetics

Author: Zane Griffin Talley Cooper

Author: Jordan B. Kinder

Author: Cindy Kaiying Lin

Author: Anne Pasek

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<https://doi.org/10.14619/0580>

Media and energy require joint theorization as they are bound together across contemporary informational and fossil regimes. Digital Energetics traces the contours of a media analytic of energy and an energy analytic of media across the cultural, environmental, and labor relations they subtend. Focusing specifically on digital operations, its authors analyze how data and energy have jointly modulated the character of data work and politics in a warming world.

2.5.5 Recovering the Radical Promise of Superheroes: Un/Making Worlds

Author: Ellen Kirkpatrick

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0353.1.00>

2.5.6 The Era of Global Risk: An Introduction to Existential Risk Studies

Editor: SJ Beard

Editor: Martin Rees

Editor: Catherine Richards

Editor: Clarissa Rios Rojas

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0336>

This innovative and comprehensive collection of essays explores the biggest threats facing humanity in the 21st century; threats that cannot be contained or controlled and that have the potential to bring about human extinction and civilization collapse. Bringing together experts from many disciplines, it provides an accessible survey of what we know about these threats, how we can understand them better, and most importantly what can be done to manage them effectively.

2.5.7 A Relational Realist Vision for Education Policy and Practice

Author: Basem Adi

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0327>

This volume argues that relational realism can help us to make better educational policy that is more effective in practice. Basem Adi draws on critical realism to thoroughly re-examine fundamental assumptions about how government policymaking works, developing an ontological basis from which to examine existing government approaches and imagine an alternative approach based on a relational realist-informed critical pedagogy.

2.5.8 Research, Writing, and Creative Process in Open and Distance Education: Tales from the Field

Editor: Dianne Conrad

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0356>

This collection of reflective essays is a treasure trove of advice, reflection and hard-won experience from experts in the field of open and distance education. Each chapter offers tried-and-tested advice for nascent academic writers, delivered with personal, rich, and wonderful stories of the authors' careers, their process, their research and their writing, and the struggles and triumphs they have encountered in the course of their careers.

2.5.9 Rituals for Climate Change: A Crip Struggle for Ecojustice

Author: Naomi Ortiz

Earth: Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0451.1.00>

2.5.10 Seabirds in the North-East Atlantic: Climate Change Vulnerability and Potential Conservation Actions

Author: Henry Häkkinen

Author: Silviu O. Petrovan

Author: William J. Sutherland

Author: Nathalie Pettorelli

Author: Nigel G. Taylor

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0343>

This book was produced by the Zoological Society of London and the University of Cambridge with two aims: to assess seabirds' vulnerability to climate change in the North-East Atlantic, and to identify potential conservation actions that could reduce this vulnerability.

2.5.11 Tall, Slim & Erect: Portraits of the Presidents

Author: Alex Forman

Introduction by: Ben Ehrenreich

Afterword by: Patric Verrone

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0508.1.00>

2.5.12 Digital Transformation: Understanding Business Goals, Risks, Processes, and Decisions

Author: Love Ekenberg

Author: Cecilia Gullberg

Author: Gunnar Wettergren

Author: Mathias Cöster

Author: Gard Titlestad

Author: Alf Westelius

Author: Mats Danielson

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0350>

Whilst digitisation is far from a new concept, many assume that simply introducing automation and information systems in various forms will be enough to make their organisation's operations more efficient. This misconception can often lead to disarray and costly mistakes. *Digital Transformation: Understanding Business Goals, Risks, Processes, and Decisions* shows how to avoid such issues via careful consideration of what an enterprise really needs.

2.6 July 2023

2.6.1 Resistant Form: Aristophanes and the Comedy of Crisis

Author: Mario Telò

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0445.1.00>

2.6.2 The Tales

Author: Jessica Bozek

Introduction by: Sina Queyras

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0507.1.00>

2.6.3 Destins de femmes: French Women Writers, 1750-1850

Author: John Claiborne Isbell

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0346>

Destins de femmes is the first comprehensive overview of French women writers during the turbulent period of 1750-1850. John Isbell provides an essential collection that illuminates the impact women writers had on French literature and politics during a time marked by three revolutions, the influx of Romantic art, and rapid technological change.

2.6.4 Franklin Ford Collection

Editor: Juliette De Maeyer

Editor: Dominique Trudel

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.80aee30a>

The Franklin Ford Collection, curated and introduced by Dominique Trudel and Juliette De Maeyer, includes letters, leaflets, editorials, and treatises by the American journalist Franklin Ford (1849–1918).

2.6.5 Open Book in Ways of Water

Author: Adam Wolfond

Preface by: Erin Manning

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0454.1.00>

2.6.6 Flow: FicSci 01

Editor: Mehita Iqani

Editor: Wamuwi Mbaao

South Africa: African Minds, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928502739>

2.6.7 Breaking Conventions: Five Couples in Search of Marriage-Career Balance at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century

Author: Patricia Auspos

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0318>

This rich history illuminates the lives and partnerships of five married couples – two British, three American – whose unions defied the conventions of their time and anticipated social changes that were to come in the ensuing century. In all five marriages, both husband and wife enjoyed thriving professional lives: a shocking circumstance at a time when wealthy white

married women were not supposed to have careers, and career women were not supposed to marry.

2.6.8 Folktales of Mayotte, an African Island

Author: Lee Haring

Foreword by: Mark Turin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0315>

The book uncovers the versatility and literary skills of oral narrators in a small African island. Relying on the researches of three French ethnographers who interviewed storytellers in the 1970s-80s, Lee Haring shows a once-colonised people using verbal art to preserve ancient values in the postcolonial world, when the island of Mayotte was transforming itself from a neglected colony to an overseas department of France.

2.6.9 Algorithmic Authenticity: An Overview

Author: Anthony Glyn Burton

Author: Wendy Hui Kyong Chun

Author: Liliana Bounegru

Author: Melody Devries

Author: Amy Harris

Author: hannah holtzclaw

Author: Ioana B. Jucan

Author: Alexandra Juhasz

Author: D.W. Kamish

Author: Ganaele Langlois

Author: Jasmine Proctor

Author: Christine Tomlinson

Author: Roopa Vasudevan

Author: Esther Weltevrede

Lüneburg: meson press eG, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.14619/2102>

What makes information feel true or compelling in our contemporary digital societies? This book brings together different disciplinary understandings of “authenticity” in order to find alternative ways to approach mis- and disinformation that go beyond contemporary fact-checking and its search for the “authentic” truth. Patterned under the algorithmic flows of digital capitalism, authenticity itself is subject to variation, iteration, and outside influence. Linking cross-disciplinary research on the history and practices of algorithmic authenticity points to new research questions to understand the impact of algorithmic authenticity on social life and its role in contemporary information disorder.

2.6.10 From Handwriting to Footprinting: Text and Heritage in the Age of Climate Crisis

Author: Anne Baillot

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0355>

Integrating historical, archival and environmental perspectives, *From Handwriting to Footprinting* illuminates the impact that digitisation has had on the dissemination and preservation of textual heritage and reflects on what its future may hold. It is invaluable reading for anyone interested in textual history from a linguistic or philological perspective, as well as those working on publishing, archival and infrastructure projects that require the storing and long-term preservation of texts, or who want to know how to develop a more mindful attachment to digitised material.

2.6.11 Having Too Much: Philosophical Essays on Limitarianism

Editor: Ingrid Robeyns

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0338>

Having Too Much is the first academic volume devoted to limitarianism: the idea that the use of economic or ecosystem resources should not exceed certain limits. This concept has deep roots in economic and political thought. One can find similar statements of such limits in thinkers such as Plato, Aquinas, and Spinoza. But *Having Too Much* is the first time in contemporary political philosophy that limitarianism is explored at length and in detail.

2.7 June 2023

2.7.1 Post-Cinematic Bodies

Author: Shane Denson

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<https://doi.org/10.14619/0436>

How is human embodiment transformed in an age of algorithms? How do post-cinematic media technologies such as AI, VR, and robotics target and re-shape our bodies? *Post-Cinematic Bodies* grapples with these questions by attending both to mundane devices—such as smartphones, networked exercise machines, and smart watches and other wearables equipped with heartrate sensors—as well as to new media artworks that rework such equipment to reveal to us the ways that our fleshly existences are increasingly up for grabs. Through an equally philosophical and interpretive analysis, the book aims to develop a new aesthetics of embodied experience that is attuned to a new age of predictive technology and metabolic capitalism.

2.7.2 Dotawo: A Journal of Nubian Studies 8: War in the Sudan

Editor: Henriette Hafsaas

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0515.1.00>

2.7.3 Models in Microeconomic Theory: Expanded Second Edition (She)

Author: Martin J. Osborne

Author: Ariel Rubinstein

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0361>

Models in Microeconomic Theory covers basic models in current microeconomic theory. Part I (Chapters 1-7) presents models of an economic agent, discussing abstract models of preferences, choice, and decision making under uncertainty, before turning to models of the consumer, the producer, and monopoly. Part II (Chapters 8-14) introduces the concept of equilibrium, beginning, unconventionally, with the models of the jungle and an economy with indivisible goods, and continuing with models of an exchange economy, equilibrium with rational expectations, and an economy with asymmetric information. Part III (Chapters 15-16) provides an introduction to game theory, covering strategic and extensive games and the concepts of Nash

equilibrium and subgame perfect equilibrium. Part IV (Chapters 17-20) gives a taste of the topics of mechanism design, matching, the axiomatic analysis of economic systems, and social choice.

2.7.4 Models in Microeconomic Theory: Expanded Second Edition (He)

Author: Martin J. Osborne

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Models in Microeconomic Theory covers basic models in current microeconomic theory. Part I (Chapters 1-7) presents models of an economic agent, discussing abstract models of preferences, choice, and decision making under uncertainty, before turning to models of the consumer, the producer, and monopoly. Part II (Chapters 8-14) introduces the concept of equilibrium, beginning, unconventionally, with the models of the jungle and an economy with indivisible goods, and continuing with models of an exchange economy, equilibrium with rational expectations, and an economy with asymmetric information. Part III (Chapters 15-16) provides an introduction to game theory, covering strategic and extensive games and the concepts of Nash equilibrium and subgame perfect equilibrium. Part IV (Chapters 17-20) gives a taste of the topics of mechanism design, matching, the axiomatic analysis of economic systems, and social choice.

2.7.5 For Palestine: Essays from the Tom Hurndall Memorial Lecture Group

Editor: Ian Parker

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0345>

This book is a collection of lectures written by reputable scholars who offer diverse perspectives on the historical, political and cultural struggles in Palestine. Encompassed in the pages are sixteen chapters produced for the Tom Hurndall Memorial Lecture Group. Unlike predecessors of this topic, this book offers a thought-provoking and comprehensive analysis of Palestine, including architectural, cultural, legal, sociological, and psychological questions, providing a larger scope of study that has not yet been done before. Ultimately, this book explores oppression in Palestine and beyond in the Middle East.

2.7.6 Decolonial Ecologies: The Reinvention of Natural History in Latin American Art

Author: Joanna Page

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0339>

In *Decolonial Ecologies: The Reinvention of Natural History in Latin American Art*, Joanna Page illuminates the ways in which contemporary artists in Latin America are reinventing historical methods of collecting, organizing, and displaying nature in order to develop new aesthetic and political perspectives on the past and the present.

2.7.7 The(y)ology: Mythopoetics for Queer/Trans Liberation

Author: Max Yeshaye Brumberg-Kraus

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0385.1.00>

2.7.8 Play in a Covid Frame: Everyday Pandemic Creativity in a Time of Isolation

Editor: Julia Bishop

Editor: Anna Beresin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0326>

During the international coronavirus lockdowns of 2020–2021, millions of children, youth, and adults found their usual play areas out of bounds and their friends out of reach. How did the pandemic restrict everyday play and how did the pandemic offer new spaces and new content? This unique collection of essays documents the ways in which communities around the world harnessed play within the limiting frame of Covid-19.

2.8 May 2023

2.8.1 Irradiated Cities

Author: Mariko Nagai

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0502.1.00>

2.8.2 Migrant Academics' Narratives of Precarity and Resilience in Europe

Editor: Olga Burlyuk

Editor: Ladan Rahbari

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0331>

This volume consists of narratives of migrant academics from the Global South within academia in the Global North. The autobiographic and autoethnographic contributions to this collection aim to decolonise the discourse around academic mobility by highlighting experiences of precarity, resilience, care and solidarity in the academic margins.

2.8.3 Living with Monsters: Ethnographic Fiction about Real Monsters

Editor: Ilana Gershon

Editor: Yasmine Musharbash

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0361.1.00>

2.8.4 An Introduction to Andalusí Hebrew Metrics

Author: José Martínez Delgado

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0351>

Delgado presents his view of Andalusí Hebrew metrics, as encountered in medieval manuals of Arabic and Hebrew metrics and scattered notes in the works of Andalusí Hebrew philologists. Whilst twentieth-century scholars spoke about the adaptation of Arabic metrics to Hebrew, he instead approaches these compositions by Andalusí Jews (10th-13th c.) as Arabic metrics written in Hebrew, thus emphasising how Hebrew poetry of the Andalusí Jews can help us to understand the general evolution of Arabic strophic poetry, and its experimental evolution, which is quite unlike classical and strophic Arabic poetry.

2.8.5 The Last Man Who Knew Everything: Thomas Young

Author: Andrew Robinson

Foreword by: Martin Rees

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0344>

No one has given the polymath Thomas Young (1773-1829) the all-round examination he so richly deserves—until now. Celebrated biographer Andrew Robinson portrays a man who solved mystery after mystery in the face of ridicule and rejection, and never sought fame.

2.8.6 Social and Intellectual Networking in the Early Middle Ages

Editor: Michael J. Kelly

Editor: K. Patrick Fazioli

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0374.1.00>

2.9 April 2023

2.9.1 all except you

Author: Roland Barthes

Translator: Joe Milutis

Earth: Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0444.1.00>

2.9.2 Chaucer's Comic Providence

Author: Janet Thormann

Author: Aranye Fradenburg Joy

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0362.1.00>

2.9.3 Touching Parchment: How Medieval Users Rubbed, Handled, and Kissed Their Manuscripts: Volume 1: Officials and Their Books

Author: Kathryn M. Rudy

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0337>

The Medieval book, both religious and secular, was regarded as a most precious item. The traces of its use through touching and handling during different rituals such as oath-taking, is the subject of Kathryn Rudy's research in Touching Parchment.

2.9.4 re: evolution

Author: Kim Rosenfield

Introduction by: Sianne Ngai

Contributions by: Jennifer Calkins

Contributions by: Diana Hamilton

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0503.1.00>

2.9.5 About That Life: Barry Lopez and the Art of Community

Author: Matthew Cheney

Earth, Milky Way: punctum books, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.53288/0409.1.00>

2.10 March 2023

2.10.1 Queer Communal Kinship Now!

Author: Robinou

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2.10.2 By Kelman Out of Pessoa

Author: Doug Nufer

Introduction by: Louis Bury

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2.10.3 Counter-Dancing Digitality: On Commoning and Computation

Author: Shintaro Miyazaki

Lüneburg: meson press eG, 2023

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Digitality is imposed upon us! To change this, we should not turn away from it, but look carefully into its transformative power and make operable alternatives such as counter-algorithms and solidarity-oriented commoning. The aim is a world where profit and property no longer exist, but instead where a cooperative dance – between all the needs posed by our ecosystems, and all the needs of people – becomes practicable. This book is a critical media theory of future-building, modulated by a focus on the potentials of counter-dancing as providing ways to unfold fugitive practices.

2.10.4 Introduction to Systems Biology: Workbook for Flipped-classroom Teaching

Author: Thomas Sauter

Author: Marco Albrecht

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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This book is an introduction to the language of systems biology, which is spoken among many disciplines, from biology to engineering. Authors Thomas Sauter and Marco Albrecht draw on a multidisciplinary background and evidence-based learning to facilitate the understanding of biochemical networks, metabolic modeling and system dynamics.

2.10.5 The Last Years of Polish Jewry: Volume 1: At the Edge of the Abyss: Essays, 1927–33

Author: Yankev Leshchinsky

Editor: Robert Brym

Translator: Robert Brym

Translator: Eli Jany

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0341>

Ukrainian-born Yankev Leshchinsky (1876–1966) was the leading scholarly and journalistic analyst of Eastern European Jewish socioeconomic and political life from the 1920s to the 1950s. Known as “the dean of Jewish sociologists” and “the father of Jewish demography,” Leshchinsky published a series of insightful and moving essays in Yiddish on Polish Jewry between 1927 and 1937. Despite heightened interest in interwar Jewish communities in Poland in recent years, these essays (like most of Leshchinsky’s works) have never been translated into English. *The Last Years of Polish Jewry* helps to rectify this situation by translating some of Leshchinsky’s key essays.

2.10.6 Susan Isaacs: A Life Freeing the Minds of Children

Author: Philip Graham

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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This revised and expanded edition of *Susan Isaacs: A Life Freeing the Minds of Children* by Philip Graham, provides a comprehensive biography of a highly influential educationist and psychoanalyst. The book covers Isaacs’ childhood through to the end of her life, making it of great interest to historians of British education and of psychoanalysis as well as to practicing early years teachers and psychoanalysts.

2.10.7 The Poetic Edda: A Dual-Language Edition

Author: Edward Pettit

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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This book is an edition and translation of one of the most important and celebrated sources of Old Norse-Icelandic mythology and heroic legend, namely the medieval poems now known collectively as the Poetic Edda or Elder Edda.

2.10.8 Exoanthropology: Dialogues with AI

Author: Robert Leib

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2.11 February 2023

2.11.1 The Goths & Other Stories

Author: Tis Kaoru Zamler-Carhart

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2.11.2 The European Experience: A Multi-Perspective History of Modern Europe, 1500–2000

Editor: Jochen Hung

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Editor: Andrew Tompkins

Editor: Jan Hansen

Editor: Juan Luis Simal

Editor: Sylvain Lesage

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The European Experience brings together the expertise of nearly a hundred historians from eight European universities to internationalise and diversify the study of modern European history, exploring a grand sweep of time from 1500 to 2000.

2.11.3 Kritik postdigital

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Editor: Daniela Wentz

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Die realpolitische Affirmation der Universalität des Digitalen geht mit einer regelrechten Abwehr der kritischen Reflexion seiner scheinbaren Axiome einher. Umso dringlicher ist es zu fragen: Was sind die Bedingungen und Möglichkeiten von Kritik am Digitalen und seiner

Kulturen? Wie lässt sich die drängende Notwendigkeit politischer Haltung und kritischer Praxis mit einem wissenschaftlichen Einsatz verbinden, der die Eigengesetzlichkeiten des Digitalen ernst nimmt? Die Beiträge in Kritik postdigital begegnen diesen Herausforderungen aus sozial-, medienwissenschaftlicher und philosophischer Perspektive.

2.11.4 Preferable Futures

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Preferable Futures delves into the question of possible, probable, and desirable futures amidst the pressures of climate change and digitalization. Through a diverse range of perspectives, the book explores ways to negotiate and create desirable futures using the concept of transformation design in theory and practice, economic business simulations, and recent humanistic theories. This thought-provoking read challenges us to imagine and (re)shape a future we cannot predict and find ways to make a difference right now.

2.11.5 Dire Straits-Education Reforms: Ideology, Vested Interests and Evidence

Author: José Ignacio Wert

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Responding to an ‘educational emergency’ generated largely by the difficulties of implementing education reforms, this book compares education policies around the world in order to understand what works where. To address the key question of why education reforms are so difficult, the authors take into account a broad range of relevant factors, such as governance, ideology, and stakeholder conflicts of interest, and their interactions with one another.

2.11.6 Transformative Innovation in times of Change

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2.11.7 The Historical Depth of the Tiberian Reading Tradition of Biblical Hebrew

Author: Aaron D. Hornkohl

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This volume explores an underappreciated feature of the standard Tiberian Masoretic tradition of Biblical Hebrew, namely its composite nature. Focusing on cases of dissonance between the tradition's written (consonantal) and reading (vocalic) components, the study shows that the Tiberian spelling and pronunciation traditions, though related, interdependent, and largely in harmony, at numerous points reflect distinct oral realisations of the biblical text.

2.12 January 2023

2.12.1 Digital Technology in Capacity Development: Enabling Learning and Supporting Change

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3.5 December 2022

3.5.1 Reframing Africa? Reflections on Modernity and the Moving Image

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This book takes readers on a series of stimulating intellectual journeys from the late nineteenth century to the contemporary era to explore notions of modernity in the production and reception of the African moving image and of African archival practices. Ideas are presented from multiple historical and contemporary perspectives, while inviting new voices to participate in discussions about the future of the African moving image.

Reframing Africa? makes a plea for the recognition, preservation and repatriation of the African moving image archive, advancing ideas about how it speaks to contemporary Africans, possessed of the power to elucidate their lived experiences and to reorientate perceptions of the past, present and future. On the basis of this wide-ranging appreciation of the archive, the book charts a way forward for African-inflected film studies as well as other programmes in the humanities and social sciences.

Reframing Africa? will appeal to scholars, academics and practitioners across the continent and beyond.

3.5.2 Reframing Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2022

Refractions of the National, the Popular and the Global in African Cities By Simon Bekker, Sylvia Croese and Edgar Pieterse

Case studies of metropolitan cities in nine African countries – from Egypt in the north to three in West and Central Africa, two in East Africa and three in Southern Africa – make up the empirical foundation of this publication. The interrelated themes addressed in these chapters – the national influence on urban development, the popular dynamics that shape urban development and the global currents on urban development – make up its framework. All authors and editors are African, as is the publisher. The only exception is Göran Therborn whose recent book, *Cities of Power*, served as motivation for this volume. Accordingly, the issue common to all case studies is the often conflictual powers that are exercised by national, global and popular forces in the development of these African cities.

Rather than locating the case studies in an exclusively African historical context, the focus is on the trajectories of the postcolonial city (with the important exception of Addis Ababa with a non-colonial history that has granted it a special place in African consciousness). These trajectories enable comparisons with those of postcolonial cities on other continents. This, in turn, highlights the fact that Africa – today, the least urbanised continent on an increasingly urbanised globe – is in the thick of processes of large-scale urban transformation, illustrated in diverse ways by the case studies that make up the foundation of this publication.

3.6 November 2022

3.6.1 On Becoming a Scholar

Cape Town: African Minds, 2022

On Becoming a Scholar: What Every New Academic Needs to Know Edited by Jonathan Jansen and Daniel Visser

The origins of On Becoming a Scholar lie in the realisation that there is a need for a vademecum, a handy compendium of ideas, plans and strategies for building a productive and fulfilling academic career to guide the host of prospective academics.

On Becoming a Scholar is geared to help relatively new scholars to construct personal futures and to find their way through the 21st century university. It is intended to be a map, and like any map it does not contain all the contours and details of the landscape, but rather seeks to reveal the important pathways and milestones in the journey to becoming an established academic.

Drawing on highly experienced academics and accomplished professors in their different fields, as well as promising younger academics already on their way, this book cover a concentrated resource of practical wisdom. The topics are broad and, cumulatively, they seek to answer the many questions that experienced mentors encounter every day in their work with new academics.

3.7 June 2022

3.7.1 open Learning Means of Advancing Social Justice

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Open Learning as a Means of Advancing Social Justice: Cases in Post-School Education and Training in South Africa Edited by Tabisa Mayisela, Shanali C. Govender & Cheryl Ann Hodgkinson-Williams

This volume investigates the uptake of ‘open learning’ in South African Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges and higher education institutions. Comprised of 16 studies focused on activities at a range of colleges and universities across the country, these chapters aim to promote a better understanding of open learning practices across the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) sector, including issues such as: recognition of prior learning, access for students with disabilities, work integrated learning, professional development, novel student funding mechanisms, leadership for open educational practices, institutional culture, student support, blended and online learning, flexible learning, online assessment, open educational resource development models and funding, and micro-credentials.

This collection of peer-reviewed chapters contributes to understanding the ways in which South African PSET institutions and educators are interpreting ‘open learning’ as a means of advancing social justice. It includes a historical and contemporary understanding of the economic, cultural and political obstacles facing PSET, drawing on Nancy Fraser’s theory of social justice as ‘participatory parity’ to better understand the ways in which ‘open learning’ may address systemic social injustices in order to allow South African students and educators to thrive.

This volume emerges from research conducted by the Cases on Open Learning (COOL) project, an initiative by the Department of Higher Education and Training in partnership with the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching (CILT) at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa

3.8 May 2022

3.8.1 Low-Income Students, Human Development and Higher Education in South Africa: Opportunities, obstacles and outcomes

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Author: Monica McLean

Author: Mikateko Mathebula

Author: Patience Mukwambo

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3.8.2 Positioning Diversity in Kenyan Schools: Teaching in the Face of Inequality and Discrimination

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Education is considered key for societies to achieve greater social cohesion and equality. Yet, schools, as the main providers of formal education, have increasingly come into question concerning their role in manifesting and perpetuating social categorisations, inequalities and discrimination instead of decreasing existing fragmentations and challenging power relations and hierarchies.

As a diverse society, Kenya is faced with power struggles and rivalries between different groups – for instance, along ethnic lines, often constructed deep in colonial history. This affects teaching and learning in school and the result is that Kenya is faced with vast disparities in terms of educational access and success – rendering some social groups marginalised and others favoured.

Positioning Diversity at Kenyan Schools explores the ways in which teachers in Kenyan primary and secondary schools experience and deal with social categorisations and diversity in terms of ethnicity, gender, wealth, culture, religion, etc. in their professional practice and in the current education system. Using critical pedagogy and diversity theory as a lens for positioning diversity in Kenyan schools, the questions that this book sets out to answer are: In what ways do the teachers' and schools' practices lead to transformation in terms of more social equality and less discrimination? In what ways do the practices manifest existing group categorisations, hierarchies and discrimination? How can schools and teaching practices in postcolonial Kenya become more inclusive and foster social cohesion and equality?

3.8.3 Low Income Students

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3.8.4 Out of Place: An Autoethnography of Postcolonial Citizenship

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This volume investigates the uptake of ‘open learning’ in South African Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges and higher education institutions. Comprised of 16 studies focused on activities at a range of colleges and universities across the country, these chapters aim to promote a better understanding of open learning practices across the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) sector, including issues such as: recognition of prior learning, access for students with disabilities, work integrated learning, professional development, novel student funding mechanisms, leadership for open educational practices, institutional culture, student support, blended and online learning, flexible learning, online assessment, open educational resource development models and funding, and micro-credentials.

This collection of peer-reviewed chapters contributes to understanding the ways in which South African PSET institutions and educators are interpreting ‘open learning’ as a means of advancing social justice. It includes a historical and contemporary understanding of the economic, cultural and political obstacles facing PSET, drawing on Nancy Fraser’s theory of social justice as ‘participatory parity’ to better understand the ways in which ‘open learning’ may address systemic social injustices in order to allow South African students and educators to thrive.

This volume emerges from research conducted by the Cases on Open Learning (COOL) project, an initiative by the Department of Higher Education and Training in partnership with the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching (CILT) at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa.

3.10 December 2021

3.10.1 Teaching and Learning for Change: Education and Sustainability in South Africa

Editor: Ingrid Schudel

Editor: Zintle Songqwaru

Editor: Sirkka Tshiningayamwe

Editor: Heila Lotz-Sisitka

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3.10.2 Teaching and Learning for a Change

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Teaching and Learning for Change: Education and Sustainability in South Africa Edited by Ingrid Schudel, Zintle Songqwaru, Sirkka Tshiningayamwe and Heila Lotz-Sisitka

Like many national curricula around the world, South Africa's curriculum is rich in environment and sustainability content. Despite this, environmental teaching and learning can be challenging for educators. This comes at a time when Sustainable Development Goal 4 via Target 4.7 requires governments to integrate Education for Sustainable Development into national education systems.

Teaching and Learning for Change is an exploration of how teachers and teacher educators engage environment and sustainability content knowledge, methods, and assessment practices – an exposition of quality education processes in support of ecological and social justice and sustainability.

The chapters evolve from a ten-year research programme led out of the DSI/NRF SARCHI Chair in Global Change and Social Learning Systems working with national partners in the Fundisa for Change programme and the UNESCO Sustainability Starts with Teachers programme. They show the integration of education for sustainable development in teacher professional development and curricula in schools in South Africa. They reveal how university-based researchers, teachers and teacher educators have made theoretically and contextually reasoned choices about their lives and their teaching in response to calls for a more sustainable world in which education must play a role.

Teaching and Learning for Change will be of interest to education policymakers in government, advisors and educators in educational and environmental departments, NGOs and other institutions. It will also be of interest to teacher educators, teachers and researchers in education more generally, and environment and sustainability education specifically.

3.11 July 2021

3.11.1 Understanding Higher Education

Cape Town: African Minds, 2021

Understanding Higher Education: Alternative Perspectives By Chrissie Boughey & Sioux McKenna

Drawing on the South African case, this book looks at shifts in higher education around the world in the last two decades. In South Africa, calls for transformation have been heard in the university since the last days of apartheid. Similar claims for quality higher education to be made available to all have been made across the African continent. In spite of this,

inequalities remain and many would argue that these have been exacerbated during the Covid pandemic.

Understanding Higher Education: Alternative Perspectives responds to these calls by arguing for a social account of teaching and learning by contesting dominant understandings of students as ‘decontextualised learners’ premised on the idea that the university is a meritocracy. This book tackles the issue of teaching and learning by looking both within and beyond the classroom. It looks at how higher education policies emerged from the notion of the knowledge economy in the newly democratic South Africa, and how national qualification frameworks and other processes brought the country more closely into conversation with the global order. The effects of this on staffing and curriculum structures are considered alongside a proposition for alternative ways of understanding the role of higher education in society.

3.12 May 2021

3.12.1 Higher Education Financing in East and Southern Africa

Editor: Pundy Pillay

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2021

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920355333>

3.12.2 The Politics of Housing in (Post-)Colonial Africa

Editor: Kirsten Rüther

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Editor: Daniela Waldburger

Editor: Carl-Philipp Bodenstein

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3.13 January 2021

3.13.1 Refractions of the National,the Popular and the Global in African Cities

Editor: Simon Bekker

Editor: Sylvia Croese

Editor: Edgar Pieterse

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2021

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3.13.2 Refractions of the National ,The Popular and Global in African Cities

Cape Town: African Minds, 2021

Refractions of the National, the Popular and the Global in African Cities By Simon Bekker, Sylvia Croese and Edgar Pieterse

Case studies of metropolitan cities in nine African countries – from Egypt in the north to three in West and Central Africa, two in East Africa and three in Southern Africa – make up the empirical foundation of this publication. The interrelated themes addressed in these chapters – the national influence on urban development, the popular dynamics that shape urban development and the global currents on urban development – make up its framework. All authors and editors are African, as is the publisher. The only exception is Göran Therborn whose recent book, *Cities of Power*, served as motivation for this volume. Accordingly, the issue common to all case studies is the often conflictual powers that are exercised by national, global and popular forces in the development of these African cities.

Rather than locating the case studies in an exclusively African historical context, the focus is on the trajectories of the postcolonial city (with the important exception of Addis Ababa with a non-colonial history that has granted it a special place in African consciousness). These trajectories enable comparisons with those of postcolonial cities on other continents. This, in turn, highlights the fact that Africa – today, the least urbanised continent on an increasingly urbanised globe – is in the thick of processes of large-scale urban transformation, illustrated in diverse ways by the case studies that make up the foundation of this publication.

3.14 September 2020

3.14.1 Situating Open Data: Global Trends in Local Contexts

Editor: Danny Lämmerhirt

Editor: Ana Brandusescu

Editor: Natali a Domagala

Editor: Patrick Enaholo

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2020

<https://doi.org/10.47622/978-1-928502-12-8>

3.14.2 From Memory to Marble Vol 2

Cape Town: African Minds, 2020

From Memory to Marble: The Historical Frieze of the Voortrekker Monument, Part II: The Scenes By Elizabeth Rankin and Rolf Michael Schneider

The Voortrekker Monumentality digital archive hosted by Stanford University Libraries is based on the eight-hundred-and-four illustrations from the two-volume book *From Memory to Marble: The historical frieze of the Voortrekker Monument*. It includes not only images of the monument and the frieze but also many related documents and artworks. The corpus aims to promote studies of controversial monuments, with a focus on visual interpretation.

For the first time the 92-metre frieze of the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria, one of the largest historical narratives in marble, has been made the subject of a book.

The pictorial narrative of the Boer pioneers who conquered South Africa's interior during the 'Great Trek' (1835-52) represents a crucial period of South Africa's past. Forming the concept of the frieze both reflected on and contributed to the country's socio-political debates in the 1930s and 1940s when it was made. The frieze is unique in that it provides rare evidence of the complex processes followed in creating a major monument.

Based on unpublished documents, drawings and models, these processes are unfolded step by step, from the earliest discussions of the purpose and content of the frieze through all the stages of its design to its shipping to post-war Italy to be copied into marble and final installation in the Monument. The book examines how visual representation transforms historical memory in what it chooses to recount, and the forms in which it depicts this. It also investigates the active role the Monument played in the development of apartheid, and its place in post-apartheid heritage.

This second volume expands on the first, considering each of the 27 scenes in depth, providing new insights into not only the frieze, but also South Africa's history.

3.14.3 From Memory to marble Vol 1

Cape Town: African Minds, 2020

3.15 June 2020

3.15.1 The Artistry of Bheki Mseleku

Cape Town: African Minds, 2020

The Artistry of Bheki Mseleku By Andrew Lilley

Bheki Mseleku is widely regarded as one of the most gifted, technically accomplished and emotionally expressive jazz musicians to have emerged from South Africa. His individualistic and eclectic sound draws on American, classical and township influences. He had no apparent formal music training and grew up in a poor village on the outskirts of Durban where, at the fairly late age of seventeen, he discovered that he had an innate ability to play. He has become a key inspiration for aspiring young South African jazz musicians and has left an infinite source of knowledge to draw on.

The Artistry of Bheki Mseleku is an in-depth study of the Mseleku's compositional works and improvisational style. The annotated transcriptions and analysis bring into focus the exquisite skill and artistry that ultimately caught the eye of some of the most celebrated international jazz musicians in the world.

“Despite being entirely self-taught, Mseleku was the most technically sophisticated of jazz musicians, though the abiding experience of hearing him play was one of an unjazzlike simplicity.”
– John Fordham, The Guardian

3.16 May 2020

3.16.1 The Politic of Housing in Post Colonial Africa

Cape town: African Minds, 2020

The Politics of Housing in (Post-)Colonial Africa: Accommodating Workers & Urban Residents
Edited by Kirsten Rüther, Martina Barker-Ciganikova, Daniela Waldburger and Carl-Philipp Bodenstein

Housing matters, no matter when or where. This volume of collected essays on housing in colonial and postcolonial Africa seeks to elaborate how and why housing is much more than an everyday practice. The politics of housing unfold in disparate dimensions of time, space and agency. Depending on context, they acquire diverse, often ambivalent, meanings. Housing can be a promise, an unfulfilled dream, a tool of self- and class-assertion, a negotiation process, or a means to achieve other ends. This volume analyzes housing in its multifacetedness, be it a lens to offer insights into complex processes that shape societies; be it a tool of empire to exercise control over private relations of inhabitants; or be it a means to create good, obedient and productive citizens.

Contributions to this volume range from the field of history, to architecture and urban planning, African studies, linguistics, and literature. The individual case studies home in on specific aspects and dimensions of housing and seek to bring them into dialogue with each other. By doing so, the volume aims to add to the debate on studying urban practices and their significance for current social change.

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3.17 March 2020

3.17.1 Reflections of South African Student Leaders: 1994 to 2017

Editor: Thierry Luescher

Editor: Denyse Webbstock

Editor: Ntokozo Bhengu

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2020

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3.17.2 Reflections of South African Leaders

CapeTown: African Minds, 2020

3.18 January 2020

3.18.1 Transforming Research Excellence: New Ideas from the Global South

Editor: Erika Kraemer-Mbula

Editor: Robert Tijssen

Editor: Matthew Wallace

Editor: Robert McLean

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2020

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3.19 November 2019

3.19.1 Science Communication in South Africa: Reflections on Current Issues

Editor: Peter Weingart

Editor: Marina Joubert

Editor: Bankole Falade

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2019

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3.20 October 2019

3.20.1 Sharing Knowledge, Transforming Societies: The Norhed Programme 2013-2020

Editor: Tor Halvorsen

Editor: Kristin Orgeret

Editor: Roy Krøvel

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2019

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3.20.2 Ubushakashatsi

Cape Town: African Minds, 2019

Ubushakashatsi mu Bumenyi Nyamuntu n'Imibanire y'Abantu By Evode Mukama & Laurent Nkusi (eds)

Mu bihugu byakataje mu majyambere, usanga ubushakashatsi ari itara rimurikira ibikorwa by'amajyambere kandi bukaba n'umuyoboro w'iterambere rirambye haba mu bukungu, ubumenyi n'ikoranabuhanga, imibereho myiza y'abaturage, imiyoborere y'igihugu, umutekano n'ibindi.

Kuba abashakashatsi bo mu bihugu bikiri mu nzira y'amajyamberere badakoresha cyane indimi zabo kavukire mu gukora ubushakashatsi no mu guhererekanya n'abandi ubumenyi bwavumbuwe hirya no hino ku isi bishobora kuba biri ku isonga mu bibangamira iterambere rirambye, ryihuta kandi rigera kuri benshi. Gukoresha ururimi abenegihugu bahuriyeho mu nzego zose – abashakashatsi, abanyeshuri n'abarimu, abafata ibyemezo, abaturage n'abandi bakenera ubushakashatsi cyangwa ibyabuvuyemo – bishobora gutuma hahangwa ubumenyi bwegereye abagenerwabikorwa, bakabugira ubwabo, bakabusangira kandi bakabusi-gasira. Ngicyo icyatumwe twandika iki gitabo mu Kinyarwanda. Tugamije kuzamura ireme ry'ubushakashatsi mu bumenyi nyamuntu n'imibanire y'abantu. Tugamije kandi kwimakaza ubwumvane hagati y'abafatanyabikorwa bose haba mu gutegura umushinga w'ubushakashatsi, kuwushyira mu bikorwa, gusesengura, kugenzura ndetse no gusuzuma uko ubushakashatsi bwagenze n'umusaruro bwatanze.

Research Methods in the Social Sciences and Humanities Research in developed countries is often considered as a means to pave the way towards sustainable development in different areas of the society including science and technology, the economy, governance and security.

Researchers in developing countries rarely have the opportunity to use their indigenous languages to design, plan and conduct research. Nor do they communicate in their indigenous languages to share their insights and learnings from other parts of the world with colleagues or students.

Utilising the languages that researchers, students and teachers, policymakers, the community, and others interested in research understand better can help to generate new knowledge embedded in local realities where sustainable development needs to take root. That is why this book is in Kinyarwanda.

The authors hope that writing this book in Kinyarwanda will increase research capacity in the humanities and social sciences in Rwanda and in the region. And that it will increase interaction between all key stakeholders in the planning and conducting of research as well as in analysing, monitoring and evaluating the research process and its outputs.

3.20.3 Ubushakashatsi mu Bumenyi Nyamuntu n'Imibanire y'Abantu

Editor: Evode Mukama

Editor: Laurent Nkusi

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2019

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3.21 May 2019

3.21.1 State of Open Data

Cape Town: African Minds, 2019

State of Open Data Edited by Tim Davies, Stephen B. Walker, Mor Rubinstein and Fernando Perini

It's been ten years since open data first broke onto the global stage. Over the past decade, thousands of programmes and projects around the world have worked to open data and use it to address a myriad of social and economic challenges. Meanwhile, issues related to data rights and privacy have moved to the centre of public and political discourse. As the open data movement enters a new phase in its evolution, shifting to target real-world problems and embed open data thinking into other existing or emerging communities of practice, big questions still remain. How will open data initiatives respond to new concerns about privacy, inclusion, and artificial intelligence? And what can we learn from the last decade in order to deliver impact where it is most needed? The State of Open Data brings together over 60 authors from around the world to address these questions and to take stock of the real progress made to date across sectors and around the world, uncovering the issues that will shape the future of open data in the years to come.

Website Visit the State of Open Data website to read the book online, download individual chapters and to read blog posts about the book.

3.21.2 The State of Open Data: Histories and Horizons

Editor: Tim Davies

Editor: Mor Rubinstein

Editor: Fernando Perini

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2019

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3.22 December 2018

3.22.1 Higher Education Pathways

Cape Town: African Minds, 2018

3.23 November 2018

3.23.1 Research Universities in Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2018

3.23.2 The Next Generation of Scientists in Africa

Author: Catherine Beaudry

Author: Johann Mouton

Author: Heidi Prozesky

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2018

<https://doi.org/10.47622/978-1-928331-93-3>

3.23.3 Research Universities in Africa

Author: Nico Cloete

Author: Ian Bunting

Author: Francois van Schalkwyk

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2018

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928331872>

3.24 October 2018

3.24.1 Anchored in Place: Rethinking the university and development in South Africa

Editor: Nico Cloete

Editor: Francois van Schalkwyk

Editor: Leslie Bank

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2018

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3.25 February 2018

3.25.1 Going to University: The Influence of Higher Education on the Lives of Young South Africans

Author: Sioux McKenna

Author: Disaapele Mogashana

Author: Jennifer Case

Author: Delia Marshall

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2018

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928331698>

3.25.2 Going to University

Cape Town: African Minds, 2018

Going to University: The Influence of Higher Education on the Lives of Young South Africans
By Jennifer M. Case, Delia Marshall, Sioux McKenna, Disaapele Mogashana

Around the world, more young people than ever before are attending university. Student numbers in South Africa have doubled since democracy and for many families, higher education is a route to a better future for their children. But alongside the overwhelming demand for higher education, questions about its purposes have intensified. Deliberations about the curriculum, culture and costing of public higher education abound from student activists, academics, parents, civil society and policy-makers. We know, from macro research, that South African graduates generally have good employment prospects. But little is known at

a detailed level about how young people actually make use of their university experiences to craft their life courses. And even less is known about what happens to those who drop out. This accessible book brings together the rich life stories of 73 young people, six years after they began their university studies. It traces how going to university influences not only their employment options, but also nurtures the agency needed to chart their own way and to engage critically with the world around them. The book offers deep insights into the ways in which public higher education is both a private and public good, and it provides significant conclusions pertinent to anyone who works in – and cares about – universities.

3.26 December 2017

3.26.1 The Social Dynamics of Open Data

Editor: Francois Van Schalkwyk

Editor: Stefaan Verhulst

Editor: Gustavo Magalhaes

Editor: Juan Pane

Editor: Johanna Walker

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2017

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3.27 September 2017

3.27.1 The Future of Scholarly Publishing: Open Access and the Economics of Digitisation

Editor: Peter Weingart

Editor: Niels Taubert

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2017

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928331537>

3.28 October 2016

3.28.1 The Delusion of Knowledge Transfer: The Impact of Foreign Aid Experts on Policy-making in South Africa and Tanzania

Author: Susanne Koch

Author: Peter Weingart

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

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3.29 June 2016

3.29.1 Change Management in TVET Colleges: Lessons Learnt from the Field of Practice

Editor: André Kraak

Editor: Andrew Paterson

Editor: Kedibone Bok

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

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3.30 May 2016

3.30.1 Election Management Bodies in West Africa: A comparative study of the contribution of electoral commissions to the strengthen

Author: Ismaila Fall

Author: Mathias Hounkpe

Author: Adele Jinadu

Author: Pascal Kambale

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920489168>

3.30.2 Election Management Bodies in West Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

3.30.3 One World Many Knowlegdes

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

3.30.4 One World, Many Knowledges: Regional experiences and cross-regional links in higher education

Editor: Peter Vale

Editor: Tor Halvorsen

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/978-0-620-55789-4>

3.30.5 Castells in Africa: Universities and Development

Author: Nico Cloete

Author: Johan Muller

Author: Francois Van Schalkwyk

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920677923>

3.31 March 2016

3.31.1 Student Politics in Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

Student Politics in Africa: Representation and Activism By Thierry M Luescher, Manja Klemenčič & James Otieno Jowi

The second volume of the African Higher Education Dynamics Series brings together the research of an international network of higher education scholars with interest in higher education and student politics in Africa. Most authors are early career academics who teach and conduct research in universities across the continent and came together for a research project,

and related workshops and a symposium on student representation in African higher education governance.

The book includes theoretical chapters on student organising, student activism and representation; chapters on historical and current developments in student politics in Anglophone and Francophone Africa, and in-depth case studies on student representation and activism in a cross-section of universities and countries.

The book provides a unique resource for academics, university leaders and student affairs professionals as well as student leaders and policy-makers in Africa and elsewhere.

3.32 February 2016

3.32.1 Election Management Bodies in East Africa

Author: Alexander Makulilo

Author: Eugène Ntaganda

Author: Francis Away

Author: Margaret Sekaggya

Author: Patrick Osodo

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920677978>

3.32.2 Election Management Bodies in East Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

3.33 January 2016

3.33.1 Citizenship Law in Africa: A Comparative Study

Author: Bronwyn Manby

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928331087>

3.33.2 The Civil Society Guide to Regional Economic Communities in Africa

Author: Morris Odhiambo

Author: Rudy Chitiga

Author: Solomon Ebobrah

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920677961>

3.33.3 Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Agencies in East Africa: Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

Author: Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA)

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928331148>

3.33.4 Doctoral Education in South Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

3.33.5 Doctoral Education in South Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

Doctoral Education in South Africa By Nico Cloete, Johann Mouton & Charles Sheppard

Worldwide, in Africa and in South Africa, the importance of the doctorate has increased disproportionately in relation to its share of the overall graduate output over the last decade. This heightened attention has not only been concerned with the traditional role of the PhD, namely the provision of a future supply of academics. Rather, it has focused on the increasingly important role that higher education – particularly high-level skills – is perceived to play in national development and the knowledge economy.

This book is unique in the area of research into doctoral studies because it draws on a large number of studies conducted by the Centre of Higher Education Trust (CHET) and the Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST) over the past decade. In addition to these historical studies, new quantitative and qualitative research was undertaken to produce the evidence base for the analyses presented in the book. The studies focused on a range of issues related to the growth, efficiency, quality and transformation of doctoral

education, doctoral supervision, doctoral tracer studies as well as drawing on studies from the rest of Africa and the world.

The book makes recommendations about strengthening traditional doctoral education, and proposes a paradigm shift. It concludes by raising three policy issues: reaching the National Development Plan 2030 target of 5 000 graduates per annum, South Africa as a PhD hub for Africa and differentiation among different groups of doctorate-producing institutions.

3.34 November 2015

3.34.1 Knowledge for a Sustainable World: A Southern African-Nordic contribution

Editor: Tor Halvorsen

Editor: Hilde Ibsen

Editor: Vyvienne M'kumbuzi

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2015

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781928331049>

3.35 October 2015

3.35.1 Boundaries of the Educational Imagination

Author: Wayne Hugo

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2015

<https://doi.org/10.47622/978-1-928331-01-8>

3.36 May 2015

3.36.1 Twenty Years of Transformation

Cape Town: African Minds, 2015

Twenty Years of Education Transformation in Gauteng 1994 to 2014 By Felix Maringe and Martin Prew (eds)

Twenty Years of Education Transformation in Gauteng 1994 to 2014: An Independent Review presents a collection of 15 important essays on different aspects of education in Gauteng since the advent of democracy in 1994. These essays talk to what a provincial education department does and how and why it does these things – whether it be about policy, resourcing or implementing projects. Each essay is written by one or more specialist in the relevant focus area.

The book is written to be accessible to the general reader as well as being informative and an essential resource for the specialist reader. It sheds light on aspects of how a provincial department operates and why and with what consequences certain decisions have been made in education over the last 20 turbulent years, both nationally and provincially.

There has been no attempt to fit the book's chapters into a particular ideological or educational paradigm, and as a result the reader will find differing views on various aspects of the Gauteng Department of Education's present and past. We leave the reader to decide to what extent the GDE has fulfilled its educational mandate over the last 20 years.

3.36.2 Leadership and Management

Cape Town: African Minds, 2015

3.37 October 2014

3.37.1 Higher Education in Portuguese Speaking African Countries

Author: Patrício Langa

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2014

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920677039>

3.38 June 2014

3.38.1 Perspective of Students Affairs

Cape Town: African Minds, 2014

Perspectives on Student Affairs By M Speckman & M Mandew (eds)

The goal of Perspectives on Student Affairs in South Africa is to generate interest in student affairs in South Africa. The papers contained herein are based on best practice, local experience and well-researched international and local theories.

The papers in this book deal with matters pertaining to international and national trends in student affairs: academic development, access and retention, counselling, and material support for students coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. They are linked to national and international developments, as described in the first two papers.

This publication will assist both young and experienced practitioners as they grow into their task of developing the students entrusted to them.

All contributors are South Africans with a great deal of experience in student affairs, and all are committed to the advancement of student affairs in South Africa. The editors are former heads of student affairs portfolios at two leading South African universities.

3.38.2 Systemic School Improvement Intervention

Cape Town: African Minds, 2014

Systemic School Improvement Interventions in South Africa: Some Practical Lessons from Development Practitioners By Godwin Khosa (ed.)

Looking at two smaller-scale systemic school improvement projects implemented in selected district circuits in the North West and Eastern Cape by partnerships between government, JET Education Services, and private sector organisations, this book captures and reflects on the experiences of the practitioners involved.

The Systemic School Improvement Model developed by JET to address an identified range of interconnected challenges at district, school, classroom and household level, is made up of seven components. In reflecting on what worked and what did not in the implementation of these different components, the different chapters set out some of the practical lessons learnt, which could be used to improve the design and implementation of similar education improvement projects.

Many of the lessons in this field that remain under-recorded to date relate to the step-by-step processes followed, the relationship dynamics encountered at different levels of the education system, and the local realities confronting schools and districts in South Africa's rural areas. Drawing on field data that is often not available to researchers, the book endeavours to address this gap and record these lessons.

It is not intended to provide an academic review of the systemic school improvement projects. It is presented rather to offer other development practitioners working to improve the quality of education in South African schools, an understanding of some of the real practical and logistical challenges that arise and how these may be resolved to take further school improvement projects forward at a wider district, provincial and national scale.

3.38.3 Systemic School Improvement Interventions in South Africa: Some Practical Lessons from Development Practitioners

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2014

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3.39 May 2014

3.39.1 Driving Change: The Story of the South Africa Norway Tertiary Education Development Programme

Editor: Trish Gibbon

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2014

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3.39.2 Driving Change

Cape Town: African Minds, 2014

Driving Change: The Story of the South Africa Norway Tertiary Education Development Programme By Trish Gibbon (ed.)

Driving Change tells a story that exemplifies a basic law of physics, known to all – the application of a relatively small lever can shift weight, create movement and initiate change far in excess of its own size.

It tells a story about a particular instance of development co-operation, relatively modest in scope and aim that has nonetheless achieved remarkable things and has been held up as an exemplar of its kind.

It does not tell a story of flawless execution and perfectly achieved outcomes: it is instead a narrative that gives some insight into the structural and organisational arrangements, the institutional and individual commitments, and above all, the work, intelligence and passion of its participants, which made the South Africa Norway Tertiary Education Development (SANTED) Programme a noteworthy success.

3.39.3 Seeking Impact and Visibility: Scholarly Communication in Southern Africa

Author: Henry Trotter

Author: Catherine Kell

Author: Michelle Willmers

Author: Eve Gray

Author: Thomas King

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2014

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3.39.4 Seeking Impact And Visibility

Cape Town: African Minds, 2014

Seeking Impact and Visibility: Scholarly Communication in Southern Africa By Henry Trotter, Catherine Kell, Michelle Willmers, Eve Gray and Thomas King

African scholarly research is relatively invisible globally because even though research production on the continent is growing in absolute terms, it is falling in comparative terms. In addition, traditional metrics of visibility, such as the Impact Factor, fail to make legible all African scholarly production. Many African universities also do not take a strategic approach to scholarly communication to broaden the reach of their scholars' work.

To address this challenge, the Scholarly Communication in Africa Programme (SCAP) was established to help raise the visibility of African scholarship by mapping current research and communication practices in Southern African universities and by recommending and piloting technical and administrative innovations based on open access dissemination principles. To do this, SCAP conducted extensive research in four faculties at the Universities of Botswana, Cape Town, Mauritius and Namibia. SCAP found that scholars:

carry heavy teaching and administrative loads which hinder their research productivity remain unconvinced by open access dissemination find it easier to collaborate with scholars in the global North than in the rest of Africa rarely communicate their research with government engage in small, locally-based research projects that are either unfunded or funded by their universities produce outputs that are often interpretive, derivative or applied due, in part, to institutional rewards structures and funding challenges do not utilise social media technologies to disseminate their work or seek new collaborative opportunities. All of these factors impact Africa's research in/visibility at a time when scholarly communication is going through dramatic technical, legal, social and ethical changes.

Seeking Impact and Visibility shares the results of SCAP's research and advocacy efforts. It not only analyses these four universities' scholarly communication ecosystems, but illuminates the opportunities available for raising the visibility of their scholarship. It concludes with a series of recommendations that would enhance the communicative and developmental potential of African research.

This study will be of interest for scholars of African higher education, academically-linked civil society organisations, educationally affiliated government personnel and university researchers and managers.

3.40 November 2013

3.40.1 Trading Places: Accessing land in African cities

Author: Mark Napier

Author: Stephen Berrisford

Author: Caroline Kihato

Author: Rod McGaffin

Author: Lauren Royston

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3.41 October 2013

3.41.1 Trading Places

Cape Town: African Minds, 2013

Trading Places: Accessing Land in African Cities By Mark Napier, Stephen Berrisford, Caroline Wanjiku Kihato, Rod McGaffin and Lauren Royston

Trading Places is about urban land markets in African cities. It explores how local practice, land governance and markets interact to shape the ways that people at society's margins access land to build their livelihoods.

The authors argue that the problem is not with markets per se, but in the unequal ways in which market access is structured. They make the case for more equal access to urban land markets, not only for ethical reasons, but because it makes economic sense for growing cities and towns.

If we are to have any chance of understanding and intervening in predominantly poor and very unequal African cities, we need to see land and markets differently. New migrants to the city and communities living in slums are as much a part of the real estate market as anyone else; they're just not registered or officially recognised.

Trading Places highlights the land practices of those living on the city's margins, and explores the nature and character of their participation in the urban land market.

It details how the urban poor access, hold and trade land in the city, and how local practices shape the city, and reconfigures how we understand land markets in rapidly urbanising contexts. Rather than developing new policies which aim to supply land and housing formally but with little effect on the scale of the need, it advocates an alternative approach which recognises the local practices that already exist in land access and management. In this way, the agency of the poor is strengthened, and households and communities are better able to integrate into urban economies.

3.42 May 2013

3.42.1 Origins of War in Mozambique

Cape Town: African Minds, 2013

3.42.2 The Origins of War in Mozambique: A History of Unity and Division

Author: Sayaka Funada-Classen

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2013

<https://doi.org/10.47622/978-1-920489-97-7>

3.42.3 Sounding the Cape

Cape Town: African Minds, 2013

Sounding the Cape: Music, Identity and Politics in South Africa By Denis-Constant Martin

For several centuries Cape Town has accommodated a great variety of musical genres which have usually been associated with specific population groups living in and around the city. Musical styles and genres produced in Cape Town have therefore been assigned an "identity" which is first and foremost social. This volume tries to question the relationship established between musical styles and genres, and social – in this case pseudo-racial – identities. In *Sounding the Cape*, Denis-Constant Martin recomposes and examines through the theoretical prism of creolisation the history of music in Cape Town, deploying analytical tools borrowed

from the most recent studies of identity configurations. He demonstrates that musical creation in the Mother City, and in South Africa, has always been nurtured by contacts, exchanges and innovations made possible by exchanges, whatever the efforts made by racist powers to separate and divide people according to their origin. Musicians interviewed at the dawn of the 21st century confirm that mixture and blending characterise all Cape Town's musics. They also emphasise the importance of a rhythmic pattern particular to Cape Town, the ghoema beat, whose origins are obviously mixed. The study of music demonstrates that the history of Cape Town, and of South Africa as a whole, undeniably fostered creole societies. Yet, twenty years after the collapse of apartheid, these societies are still divided along lines that combine economic factors and "racial" categorisations.

Martin concludes that, were music given a greater importance in educational and cultural policies, it could contribute to fighting these divisions, and promote the notion of a nation that, in spite of the violence of racism and apartheid, has managed to invent a unique common culture.

3.42.4 Sounding the Cape: Music, Identity and Politics in South Africa

Author: Denis-Constant Martin

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2013

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3.43 December 2012

3.43.1 Career choices

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

3.44 August 2012

3.44.1 Public Broadcasting in Africa Series: Uganda

Author: George Lugalambi

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2012

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920355401>

3.44.2 Towards a People-Driven African Union: Current Obstacles and New Opportunities

Editor: AfriMAP

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2012

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920051839>

3.45 May 2012

3.45.1 Higher Education Financing in East and Southern Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

Higher Education Financing in East and Southern Africa By Pundy Pillay

This nine-country study of higher education financing in Africa includes three East African states (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), five countries in southern Africa (Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa), and an Indian Ocean island state (Mauritius). Higher Education Financing in East and Southern Africa explores trends in financing policies, paying particular attention to the nature and extent of public sector funding of higher education, the growth of private financing (including both household financing and the growth of private higher education institutions) and the changing mix of financing instruments that these countries are developing in response to public sector financial constraints. This unique collection of African-country case studies draws attention to the remaining challenges around the financing of higher education in Africa, but also identifies good practices, lessons and common themes.

3.45.2 The University in Africa and Democratic Citizenship: Hothouse or Training Ground?

Author: Thierry Luescher-Mamashela

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2012

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920355678>

3.45.3 Reflections on Identity in Four African Cities

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

3.45.4 Wildland Fire Management Handbook

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

Wildland Fire Management Handbook for Sub-Sahara Africa By JG Goldammer and C De Ronde

Fire has been used as a land-use tool for controlling the environment since the early evolution of humanity. Fire continues to be used as such by people living in different ecosystems across sub-Saharan Africa. Consequently, the rich biodiversity of tropical and subtropical savannas, grasslands and fire ecosystems is attributed to the regular occurrence and influence of fire. However, wildfires have been harmful to ecosystems, economies and human security. This is due to increasing population pressure as well as increased vulnerability of agricultural and residential lands.

The Wildland Fire Management Handbook provides scientific guidelines for maintaining and stabilising ecosystems and for state-of-the art fire prevention and control. The handbook features contributors from diverse backgrounds in wildland fire science and fire management. It deals with topics ranging from fire behaviour and controlled burning to fire ecology and the effects of burning on Cape fynbos. In addition the Wildland Fire Management Handbook includes fire regimes and fire history in West Africa. Thus, the handbook is groundbreaking in its furthering of sub-Saharan Africa's capacity for fire management and consequent preservation of the environment. The Wildland Fire Management Handbook is an important resource for strategic sustainable land-use planning, disaster management and land security. The handbook is well suited to the needs of wildland fire management practitioners, scientists, academics, and students of universities and technical schools. Thus, environmental consultants, conservationists, ecologists and those dealing with wildland fire disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation will be interested in the book.

3.45.5 Reflections on Identity in Four African Cities

Editor: Simon Bekker

Editor: Anne Leilde

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2012

<https://doi.org/10.47622/9781920051402>

3.45.6 Educational Challenges in Multilingual Societies

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

Educational Challenges in Multilingual Societies By Z Desai, M Qorro & B Brock-Utne

This book is the sixth in a series of books from the LOITASA (Language of Instruction in Tanzania and South Africa) project and reflects the work done in the sixth year of the project. This book has its main focus research carried out in South Africa and Tanzania on the language of instruction issue.

3.45.7 University and Economic Development in Africa

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

Universities and Economic Development in Africa: Key Findings By Nico Cloete, Tracy Bailey, Pundy Pillay, Ian Bunting and Peter Maassen

Universities and economic development in Africa presents the synthesis and includes the key findings of case studies of eight African countries and universities. The analysis and discussion presented in the book draw three main conclusions.

First, there was a lack of clarity and agreement (pact) about a development model and the role of higher education in economic development, at both national and university levels, in all eight cases. There was, however, an increasing awareness, particularly at government level, of the importance of universities in the global context of the knowledge economy.

Second, research production at the eight African universities was not strong enough to enable them to build on their traditional undergraduate teaching roles and make a sustained contribution to development via new knowledge production. A number of the universities had manageable student-staff ratios and adequately qualified staff, but inadequate funds for staff to engage in research. In addition, the incentive regimes did not support knowledge production.

Third, in none of the countries in the sample was there a coordinated effort between government, external stakeholders and the university to systematically strengthen the contribution that the university can make to development. While at each of the universities there were exemplary development projects that connected strongly to external stakeholders and strengthened the academic core, the challenge remains how to increase the number of these projects.

The study on which this book is based forms part of a larger study on higher education and economic development in Africa, undertaken by the Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA). HERANA is coordinated by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET) in South Africa.

3.45.8 Universities in Africa and Democratic Citizenship

Cape Town: African Minds, 2012

The University in Africa and Democratic Citizenship By Thierry M Luescher-Mamashela with Sam Kiiru, Robert Mattes, Angolwisye Mwollo-ntallima, Njuguna Ng'ethe and Michelle Romo

Whether and how higher education in Africa contributes to democratisation beyond producing the professionals that are necessary for developing and sustaining a modern political system, remains an unresolved question. This report, then, represents an attempt to address the question of whether there are university-specific mechanisms or pathways by which higher education contributes to the development of democratic attitudes and behaviours among students, and how these mechanisms operate and relate to politics both on and off campus.

The research shows that the potential of a university to act as training ground for democratic citizenship is best realised by supporting students' exercise of democratic leadership on campus. This, in turn, develops and fosters democratic leadership in civil society. Thus, the university's response to student political activity, student representation in university governance and other aspects of extra-curricular student life needs to be examined for ways in which African universities can instil and support democratic values and practices. Encouraging and facilitating student leadership in various forms of on-campus political activity and in a range of student organisations emerges as one of the most promising ways in which African universities can act as training grounds for democratic citizenship.

The following implications for African universities can be derived from the research findings and conclusions:

It is necessary to stimulate a series of dialogues between key stakeholders on student development as a pathway to democratic citizenship development in Africa. In-depth investigations into democratic best practice of student development and student leadership development should be conducted and the findings published in a series of handbooks for use by student development professionals in African universities. Further surveys should be conducted at other African universities to corroborate the findings and conclusions of this study. A study of the role of students and faculty in the current political transitions in West and North Africa (e.g. Egypt, Ivory Coast, South Sudan, Tunisia) should be conducted.

3.46 April 2011

3.46.1 Universities and Economic Development in Africa: Pact, academic core and coordination

Author: Pundy Pillay

Author: Nico Cloete

Author: Tracy Bailey

Author: Ian Bunting

Author: Peter Maassen

Cape Town, South Africa: African Minds, 2011

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3.47 January 2010

3.47.1 Linking Higher Education & Economic Development

Cape Town: African Minds, 2010

Tertiary education contributes to social and economic development through four major missions: the formation of human capital, the building of knowledge bases (primarily through research and knowledge development), the dissemination and use of knowledge (primarily through interactions with knowledge users) and the .

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4.0.1 The Ethnographic Case

Editor: Christine Labuski

Editor: Emily Yates-Doerr

Manchester: Mattering Press, 2023

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In 26 gripping and provocative installations, the new and updated volume showcases research from influential feminist and decolonial scholars. Where anthropology has long sought to identify patterns in culture, this volume makes space for inquiry focused on particularities and advocates for an intellectual politics where that which seemingly doesn't fit is still allowed to matter.

4.1 May 2022

4.1.1 Democratic Situations

Editor: Andreas Birkbak

Editor: Irina Papazu

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9781912729302>

Democratic Situations places the making and doing of democratic politics at the centre of relational research. The book turns the well-known sites of contemporary Euro-American

democracy – elections, bureaucracies, public debates and citizen participation – into fluctuating democratic situations where supposedly untouchable democratic ideals are contested and warped in practice. The empirical cases demonstrate that democracy cannot be reduced to theoretical schemes of conflict, institutions or deliberation. Instead, they offer an urgently needed renewal of our understanding of democratic politics at a time when conventional ideas increasingly fail to capture current events such as Brexit, Trump and Covid19.

4.2 April 2022

4.2.1 Concealing for Freedom: The Making of Encryption, Secure Messaging and Digital Liberties

Author: Francesca Musiani

Author: Ksenia Ermoshina

Foreword by: Laura DeNardis

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9781912729227>

Concealing for Freedom: The Making of Encryption, Secure Messaging and Digital Liberties sets out to explore one of the core battlegrounds of Internet governance: the encryption of online communications. Current debates around encryption have fundamental implications for our individual liberties and collective presence on the Internet. Encryption of communications at scale and in increasingly usable ways has become a matter of public concern, especially since Edward Snowden’s 2013 revelations. A new cryptographic imaginary is taking hold, which sees encryption as a necessary precondition for the formation of networked publics. At the same time, there have been major evolutions and accelerations in the field of secure communications, prompted in part by the cryptography community’s renewed efforts to create next-generation secure messaging protocols and applications. The book explores developers’ actions and their interactions with other stakeholders, for instance users, security trainers, standardising bodies, and funding organizations. It also examines their interactions with the technical artifacts they develop, in which a core common objective is to create tools that “conceal for freedom” even as how this objective is met differs according to technical architectures, the user publics being targeted and the tools’ underlying values and business models.

4.3 November 2021

4.3.1 Engineering the Climate: Science, Politics and Visions of Control

Author: Julia Schubert

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2021

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9781912729265>

Notions of the impending climate crisis have pushed a set of highly contested techno-scientific measures onto policy agendas around the world. Suggestions to deliberately alter, to engineer, the Earth's climate have gained political currency in recent years not as a positive vision of techno-scientific innovation, but as a daunting measure of last resort. The controversial status of various so-called climate engineering proposals raises a simple, yet pressing question: How has it come to this? And, more specifically, how did such contested measures earn their place on policy agendas, despite enormous scientific complexities and fierce political contestation?

4.4 October 2021

4.4.1 With Microbes

Author: Matthäus Rest

Editor: Salla Sariola

Editor: Charlotte Brives

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2021

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Without microbes, no other forms of life would be possible. But what does it mean to be with microbes? *With Microbes* sets microbes and the multiple ways they exist around, in and on humans at center stage. In this book, 24 social scientists and artists attune to microbes and describe their complicated relationships with humans and other beings. The book shows the multiplicity of these relationships and their dynamism, through detailed ethnographies of the relationships between humans, animals, plants, and microbes. Ethnographic explorations with fermented foods, waste, faecal matter, immunity, antimicrobial resistance, phages, as well as indigenous and scientific understandings of microbes challenge ideas of them being simple entities: not just pathogenic foes, old friends or good fermentation minions, but so much more. By describing these complex, dynamic, and ever-changing entanglements between humans and microbes, the chapters raise crucial points about how microbes are 'known' and how social scientists can study microbes with ethnographic methods, more often than not in the absence

of microscopes, models, and computations. Following these various entanglements, the book tells how these relations transform both humans and microbes in the process.

4.5 August 2021

4.5.1 Sensing In/Security: Sensors as Transnational Security Infrastructures

Editor: Nina Klimburg-Witjes

Editor: Nikolaus Poechhacker

Editor: Geoffrey C. Bowker

Foreword by: Lucy Suchman

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2021

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Sensing In/Security: Sensors as Transnational Security Infrastructures investigates how sensors and sensing practices enact regimes of security and insecurity. It extends long-standing concerns with infrastructuring to emergent modes of surveillance and control by exploring how digitally networked sensors shape securitisation practices. Contributions in this volume examine how sensing devices gain political and epistemic relevance in various forms of in/security, from border control, regulation, and epidemiological tracking, to aerial surveillance and hacking. Instead of focusing on specific sensory devices and their consequences, this volume explores the complex and sometimes invisible political, cultural and ethical processes of infrastructuring in/security.

4.6 May 2021

4.6.1 Energy Worlds in Experiment

Editor: Laura Watts

Editor: James Maguire

Editor: Brit Ross Winthereik

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2021

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9781912729098>

Energy Worlds in Experiment is an experiment in writing about energy and an exploration of energy infrastructures as experiments. Twenty authors have written collaborative chapters

that examine energy politics and practices, from electricity cables and energy monitors to swamps and estuaries.

4.7 August 2020

4.7.1 Boxes: A Field Guide

Editor: Susanne Bauer

Editor: Maria Rentetzi

Editor: Martina Schlünder

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2020

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A book full of boxes. A box in itself. An unboxing. This book explores boxes in their broadest sense and size. It invites us to step into the field, unravel how and why things are contained and how it might be otherwise. By turning the focus of Science and Technology Studies (STS) to boxing practices, this collation of essays examines boxes as world-making devices.

4.8 July 2018

4.8.1 Ghost-Managed Medicine: Big Pharma's Invisible Hands

Author: Sergio Sismondo

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2018

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9780995527775>

Ghost-Managed Medicine by Sergio Sismondo explores a spectral side of medical knowledge, based in pharmaceutical industry tactics and practices.

4.8.2 An Anthropology of Common Ground: Awkward Encounters in Heritage Work

Author: Nathalia Brichet

Manchester: Mattering Press, 2018

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9780995527799>

Paying attention to details and ‘small stories’ as that which make worlds (heritage projects as well as ethnography), the book proposes a kind of postcolonial scholarship. Rather than uncovering or building up one story about the Danish-Ghanaian past, the work insists on providing ‘inconclusive’ analyses, collaboratively generated in the course of the project work and in the process of writing ethnographically about it. The ambition is to nurture fieldwork as an opportunity for creating a common ground, on which to think about what heritage and ethnography could be. Common ground, then, is not only an ideal of the joint heritage project, but an expression of an anthropological ambition. In consequence, the book is an account of a particular ethnographic research project – the ‘methods story’ being about how post-colonial relations might be noticed and supported and about how empirical research is done as relations between what is going on in the field and the way that the ethnographer chooses to tell the story of the field in the text.

4.8.3 Inventing the Social

Editor: Noortje Marres

Editor: Michael Guggenheim

Editor: Alex Wilkie

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2018

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9780995527768>

Inventing the Social, edited by Noortje Marres, Michael Guggenheim and Alex Wilkie, showcases recent efforts to develop new ways of knowing society that combine social research with creative practice. With contributions from leading figures in sociology, architecture, geography, design, anthropology, and digital media, the book provides practical and conceptual pointers on how to move beyond the customary distinctions between knowledge and art, and on how to connect the doing, researching and making of social life in potentially new ways.

Presenting concrete projects with a creative approach to researching social life as well as reflections on the wider contexts from which these projects emerge, this collection shows how collaboration across social science, digital media and the arts opens up timely alternatives to narrow, instrumentalist proposals that seek to engineer behaviour and to design community from scratch. To invent the social is to recognise that social life is always already creative in

itself and to take this as a starting point for developing different ways of combining representation and intervention in social life.

4.9 January 2017

4.9.1 The Ethnographic Case

Editor: Emily Yates-Doerr

Editor: Christine Labuski

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The Ethnographic Case challenges a widespread academic inclination to treat concepts as immutable mobiles. The contributions to this volume develop “ethnographic casing” as a technique of attending to heterogeneities in systems of thought. Medical cases. Legal cases. Briefcases. Detective cases. Some cases featured are violent, others compassionate; some set stereotypes in motion, others break them down. Connected more by difference than similarity, the “cases” in this volume make a case for the virtue of relational science. This is a science that is not beholden to the masters’ narratives, but which embraces the double-work of caring for detail, while caring for the practices through which one learns to care. In 26 gripping and provocative installations, the volume showcases research from numerous influential feminist and decolonial scholars. Where anthropology has long sought to identify patterns in culture, this volume makes space for inquiry focused on particularities and advocates for an intellectual politics where that which doesn’t fit is still allowed to matter.

4.10 July 2016

4.10.1 Modes of Knowing: Resources from the Baroque

Editor: John Law

Editor: Evelyn Ruppert

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9780993144981>

How might we think differently? This book is an attempt to respond to this question. Its contributors are all interested in non-standard modes of knowing. They are all more or less uneasy with the restrictions or the agendas implied by academic modes of knowing, and they have chosen to do this by working with, through, or against one important Western alternative — that of the baroque.

4.10.2 Imagining Classrooms: Stories of children, teaching, and ethnography

Author: Vicki Macknight

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2016

<https://doi.org/10.28938/9780993144967>

4.10.3 Practising Comparison: Logics, Relations, Collaborations

Editor: Michael Guggenheim

Editor: Joe Deville

Editor: Zuzana Hrdličková

Manchester, UK: Mattering Press, 2016

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This book compares things, objects, concepts, and ideas. It is also about the practical acts of doing comparison. Comparison is not something that exists in the world, but a particular kind of activity.

Agents of various kinds compare by placing things next to one another, by using software programs and other tools, and by simply looking in certain ways. Comparing like this is an everyday practice. But in the social sciences, comparing often becomes more burdensome, more complex, and more questions are asked of it.

How, then, do social scientists compare? What role do funders, their tools, and databases play in social scientific comparisons? Which sorts of objects do they choose to compare and how do they decide which comparisons are meaningful? Doing comparison in the social sciences, it emerges, is a practice weighed down by a history in which comparison was seen as problematic. As it plays out in the present, this history encounters a range of other agents also involved in doing comparison who may challenge the comparisons of social scientists themselves.

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5.0.1 Killer Fandom: Fan Studies and the Celebrity Serial Killer

Author: Judith May Fathallah

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Killer Fandom, in the first long-form treatment, examines serial killer fandom through the lens of textual poaching, affective community, subcultural capital, and play—with close readings of fan posts, comments, and mashups on Tumblr, TikTok, and YouTube.

5.1 July 2023

5.1.1 Franklin Ford Collection

Editor: Dominique Trudel

Editor: Juliette De Maeyer

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.80aee30a>

The Franklin Ford Collection, curated and introduced by Dominique Trudel and Juliette De Maeyer, includes letters, leaflets, editorials, and treatises by the American journalist Franklin Ford (1849–1918).

5.2 January 2023

5.2.1 Creativity: Process and Personality

Author: Larry Gross

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.60b97b6f>

Creativity: Process and Personality, a 1964 thesis published for the first time, features interviews on creativity with prominent psychologists, including B. F. Skinner, Herbert Simon, Abraham Maslow, David McClelland, Jerome Bruner, and Milton Rokeach.

5.3 December 2022

5.3.1 Communication Conduct in an Island Community

Author: Erving Goffman

Introduction by: Yves Winkin

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.baaa50af>

Erving Goffman's 1953 dissertation, published here for the first time on the hundredth anniversary of his birth.

5.4 April 2022

5.4.1 What Was Artificial Intelligence?

Author: Sue Curry Jansen

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.0cc62523>

Sue Curry Jansen's classic critique of AI rhetoric, republished open access with a new introduction by Jansen.

5.5 July 2021

5.5.1 Social Media & the Self: An Open Reader

Editor: Jefferson Pooley

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2021

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.1fc3f80a>

A web-only reader on social media and the self, selected and ordered with university courses in mind. Each of its component works already carries an open access license, or—in the case of copyrighted items—links to a web version. With a preface and introduction by Jefferson Pooley.

5.6 November 2020

5.6.1 Liberty and the News

Author: Walter Lippmann

Introduction by: Sue Curry Jansen

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2020

<https://doi.org/10.32376/3f8575cb.2e69e142>

Published a century ago as the young Walter Lippmann's fifth book, the slim volume merits a fresh read in our post-truth moment. Republished in this mediastudies.press edition with a new introduction by Sue Curry Jansen.

5.7 October 2020

5.7.1 Our Master's Voice: Advertising

Author: James Rorty

Introduction by: Jefferson Pooley

Bethlehem, PA: mediastudies.press, 2020

<https://doi.org/10.21428/3f8575cb.dbba9917>

“I was an ad-man once,” James Rorty writes in this classic dissection of the advertising industry. A neglected masterpiece, the book is republished in this mediastudies.press edition with a new introduction by Jefferson Pooley.

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6.0.1 Frictions: Inquiries into Cybernetic Thinking and Its Attempts towards Mate[real]ization

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Frictions is a collective invitation to embrace the space of difference that both connects and separates techno-scientific discourses from their actual implementations—or even, from their non-implementations. Through a series of case studies focused on cybernetics, systems research, and some of their more contemporary inheritors, this book argues that such a middle space, the topology of frictions, offers significant insights to assess the historical and epistemological relevance of these interconnected fields. Characterized here as cybernetic thinking,

this broad area of theoretical and applied projects would conceal, precisely within its frictions, the operational principles of our present.

6.1 August 2023

6.1.1 Mediale Teilhabe: Partizipation zwischen Anspruch und Inanspruchnahme

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Gesellschaftliche, politische und wissenschaftliche Forderungen nach mehr Beteiligung, Zugang und Mitwirkung sind ebenso allgegenwärtig wie spannungsgeladen und durchzogen von Ambivalenzen. Mediale Teilhabe fragt nach den medialen Ermöglichungs- und Austauschprozessen, als deren Effekt Teilhabe/Nicht-Teilhabe entsteht. Entlang der Modalitäten Verschalten, Temporalisieren und Teilhabende Kritik entwickeln die Beiträge einen differenzierten Blick auf Teilhabe im Spannungsfeld von Anspruch und Inanspruchnahme.

6.1.2 Digital Energetics

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Media and energy require joint theorization as they are bound together across contemporary informational and fossil regimes. Digital Energetics traces the contours of a media analytic of energy and an energy analytic of media across the cultural, environmental, and labor relations they subtend. Focusing specifically on digital operations, its authors analyze how data and energy have jointly modulated the character of data work and politics in a warming world.

6.2 July 2023

6.2.1 Algorithmic Authenticity: An Overview

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What makes information feel true or compelling in our contemporary digital societies? This book brings together different disciplinary understandings of “authenticity” in order to find alternative ways to approach mis- and disinformation that go beyond contemporary fact-checking and its search for the “authentic” truth. Patterned under the algorithmic flows of digital capitalism, authenticity itself is subject to variation, iteration, and outside influence. Linking cross-disciplinary research on the history and practices of algorithmic authenticity points to new research questions to understand the impact of algorithmic authenticity on social life and its role in contemporary information disorder.

6.3 June 2023

6.3.1 Post-Cinematic Bodies

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How is human embodiment transformed in an age of algorithms? How do post-cinematic media technologies such as AI, VR, and robotics target and re-shape our bodies? Post-Cinematic Bodies grapples with these questions by attending both to mundane devices—such as smartphones, networked exercise machines, and smart watches and other wearables equipped with heartrate sensors—as well as to new media artworks that rework such equipment to reveal to us the ways that our fleshly existences are increasingly up for grabs. Through an equally philosophical and interpretive analysis, the book aims to develop a new aesthetics of embodied experience that is attuned to a new age of predictive technology and metabolic capitalism.

6.4 March 2023

6.4.1 Counter-Dancing Digitality: On Commoning and Computation

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Digitality is imposed upon us! To change this, we should not turn away from it, but look carefully into its transformative power and make operable alternatives such as counter-algorithms

and solidarity-oriented commoning. The aim is a world where profit and property no longer exist, but instead where a cooperative dance – between all the needs posed by our ecosystems, and all the needs of people – becomes practicable. This book is a critical media theory of future-building, modulated by a focus on the potentials of counter-dancing as providing ways to unfold fugitive practices.

6.5 February 2023

6.5.1 Preferable Futures

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Preferable Futures delves into the question of possible, probable, and desirable futures amidst the pressures of climate change and digitalization. Through a diverse range of perspectives, the book explores ways to negotiate and create desirable futures using the concept of transformation design in theory and practice, economic business simulations, and recent humanistic theories. This thought-provoking read challenges us to imagine and (re)shape a future we cannot predict and find ways to make a difference right now.

6.5.2 Kritik postdigital

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Die realpolitische Affirmation der Universalität des Digitalen geht mit einer regelrechten Abwehr der kritischen Reflexion seiner scheinbaren Axiome einher. Umso dringlicher ist es zu fragen: Was sind die Bedingungen und Möglichkeiten von Kritik am Digitalen und seiner Kulturen? Wie lässt sich die drängende Notwendigkeit politischer Haltung und kritischer Praxis mit einem wissenschaftlichen Einsatz verbinden, der die Eigengesetzlichkeiten des Digitalen ernst nimmt? Die Beiträge in Kritik postdigital begegnen diesen Herausforderungen aus sozial-, medienwissenschaftlicher und philosophischer Perspektive.

6.6 October 2022

6.6.1 Records of Disaster: Media Infrastructures and Climate Change

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Records of Disasters: Media Infrastructures and Climate Change explores how environmental disasters manifest and inscribe themselves in infrastructures. By turning to infrastructures, their logic and functioning, collapse and malfunction, the volume reveals their potential as fragile material witnesses to and of disasters. As climate change is unequally distributed across continuous dynamics and events, time scales and spatial registers, infrastructures can be understood as proxies or seismographs mediating different spatio-temporal layers that make these dynamics tangible. Disaster is made operational by negotiating what is defined as such, and under which geopolitical conditions. What connects melting glaciers and the knowledge from ice cores to the mapping of the ocean floor and the extraction of resources in the deep-sea? How can infrastructures be thought in time and “critical proximity”, and how do they bear witness to colonial pasts and presents? The volume proposes an analytical perspective on infrastructures as multi-layered witnesses to climate change, bringing together scientific and artistic approaches, students and scholars from different disciplines.

6.7 September 2022

6.7.1 Guantánamo Frames

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For the last twenty years, the Guantánamo Bay detention camp has not just been a military prison and security facility, but also a site of media production. Films, photographs, and documents have continued to emerge from the camp and become the focus of fierce legal and political battles, as well as intense moral anguish. This book looks at how the US Department of Defense has struggled, and often failed, to control the public perception of these media objects through complex, layered framing devices. It traces how small ruptures in the Department's framings have provided openings for critical interventions from various fields – ranging from journalism and human rights law to the arts. Guantánamo Frames thus lays the groundwork for a critical reappraisal of the entanglement of media, violence, and the security state in a broader sense.

6.7.2 Nonconscious: On the Affective Synching of Mind and Machine

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Growing numbers of nonhuman companions are creating affective synching between human and nonhuman agency. Unlike the unconscious of psychoanalysis, this book argues, the resulting nonconscious is no longer coupled to a subject grounded in language, instead acting as an affective link between technical, mental, and physical processes.

6.8 August 2022

6.8.1 Technopharmacology

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Technopharmacology is a modest call to expand media theoretical inquiry by attending to the biological, neurological, and pharmacological dimensions of media and centers on emergent affinities between big data and big pharma.

6.9 June 2022

6.9.1 Fahrradutopien: Medien, Ästhetiken und Aktivismus

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Das Fahrrad ist ein Medium sozialer Veränderung. Seine vielfältigen utopischen Potenziale ergeben sich nicht zuletzt aus seinen ebenso vielfältigen und häufig übersehenen medialen Qualitäten: Es vermittelt, es verbindet, es übersetzt; es modifiziert Wahrnehmung und Organisation von Raum und Zeit, von Körpern und von Sozialität. Umgekehrt kann auch das medienwissenschaftliche Denken fahrradmedial verändert werden. Das Fahrrad ist nicht nur Medium des sozialen und ökologischen Wandels: Radfahren eröffnet Perspektiven, verändert Räume, lässt neue Relationen entstehen und teilt Handlungsmacht neu auf.

Fahrradutopien denkt vom Fahrrad aus und ergänzt dabei bestehende Ansätze zur Mobilitätsforschung um medienkulturwissenschaftliche Perspektiven. Die Beiträge verbinden Medienwissenschaften und Forschungen zu Fahrradaktivismus mit der Liebe zum Radfahren. Fokussiert werden Fahrradfilme und -vlogs, Verkehr und Infrastrukturen, Virtuelle Realität und Fahrrad, Fahrradkollektive und Fahrradfeminismus.

6.10 April 2022

6.10.1 Foucault, digital

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Mitte der 1960er Jahre hat Michel Foucault die Methode der „Diskursanalyse“ in die Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften eingeführt. Besonders in der Archäologie des Wissens hat er dafür plädiert, die Geschichte des Wissens und der Wissenschaften zum Gegenstand diskursanalytischer Untersuchungen zu machen. Über ein halbes Jahrhundert später ist im Bereich der Informatik ein zunehmendes Interesse an der Diskursanalyse zu verzeichnen. In der Regel spielt Foucault dabei aber keine Rolle. Fern von jeder Archäologie setzen auch die Digital Humanities vermehrt auf die Analyse von historischen und gegenwärtigen Diskursen. Angesichts dieser Konjunkturen ist es an der Zeit, die Archäologie des Wissens neu zu lesen. Denn schon 1968 behauptete der französische Historiker Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie „Der zukünftige Historiker wird Programmierer sein, oder er wird nicht sein.“ Ein Jahr später gibt Foucault mit seinem Buch auf eben diese Herausforderung eine ebenso informierte wie nuancierte Antwort. Diese Antwort ist in ihrer Aktualität und Relevanz erst noch zu entdecken.

6.11 March 2022

6.11.1 Uexküll's Surroundings: Umwelt Theory and Right-Wing Thought

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With its diversity of possible Umwelten or environments for living things, Jakob von Uexküll's Umwelt theory has been hailed by many readers as the first step toward an innovative, pluralistic conception of nonhuman life. But what is generally ignored is its structural conservatism, its identitarian logic in which everything should remain in its place and nothing should mix,

and its proximity to Nazi ideology and politics. By turning the spotlight on these neglected aspects, Uexküll's Surroundings opens up a new perspective on Uexküll's Umwelt theory.

6.12 December 2021

6.12.1 Who Owns the Images? The Paradox of Archives, between Commercialization, Free Circulation and Respect

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Digitization carries the utopian promise of archival access unlimited by constraints of space and time, and with it, of new forms of research and historiographies. In reality, digital image archives pose a complex set of technical, legal, ethical and methodological challenges, particularly for film and media studies and adjacent fields. In a series of studies and interviews with practitioners, scholars and theorists, this volume draws a detailed map of these challenges and offers perspectives for further research and creative practice.

6.13 October 2021

6.13.1 Uexkülls Umgebungen: Umweltlehre und rechtes Denken

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Die Lehre Jakob von Uexkülls wird oft mit anerkennendem Blick auf die Vielfalt möglicher Umwelten und als erster Schritt zu einem anderen, pluralen Nachdenken über nicht-menschliche Lebensformen gelesen. Ihr struktureller Konservatismus, ihre identitäre Logik, nach welcher alles an seinem Platz bleiben und sich nichts vermischen soll, und ihre Nähe zum Nationalsozialismus bleiben dabei in aller Regel außen vor. Uexkülls Umgebungen stellt diese Fragen ins Zentrum und eröffnet damit einen neuen Blick auf Uexkülls Umweltlehre.

6.13.2 Media and Management

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Management is enabled by media, just as media give life to management. Studying the management innovations learned through media uncovers the evolving relationship between workers and employers. With a view to history, Media and Management shows the interdependence of hardware, software, and human experience adjusting to algorithmically defined rhythms.

6.14 July 2021

6.14.1 Really Fake

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With anchors in feminist theory, queer discourse, and digital politics, Really Fake rescues “fakeness” from the morass of “fake news” and rejuvenates “fake” as a material and tactical reality. This book treats fakeness as a media object itself: “Fakes” are things that travel and circulate through our bodies, sociality, and the technologies that envelop them. Punctuated with anecdotes, experiences, poetry, stories, and a strong feminist ethic and ethos of care, intimacy, and collectivity, Really Fake offers a series of entry points into reframing the debates of fakeness beyond polarized positions of performative outrage.

6.15 June 2021

6.15.1 Tactical Entanglements: AI Art, Creative Agency, and the Limits of Intellectual Property

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How do artistic experiments with artificial intelligence problematize human-centered notions of creative agency, authorship, and ownership? Offering a wide-ranging discussion of contemporary digital art practices, philosophical and technical considerations of AI, posthumanist thought, and emerging issues of intellectual property and the commons, this book is firmly positioned against the anthropomorphic spectacle of “creative AI.” It proposes instead the concept of the posthumanist agential assemblage, and invites readers to consider what new types of creative practice, what reconfigurations of the author function, and what critical interventions become possible when AI art provokes tactical entanglements between aesthetics, law, and capital.

6.15.2 Undoing Networks

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How do we think beyond the dominant images and imaginaries of connectivity? Undoing Networks enables a different connectivity: “digital detox” is a luxury for stressed urbanites wishing to lead a mindful life. Self-help books advocate “digital minimalism” to recover authentic experiences of the offline. Artists envision a world without the internet. Activists mobilize against the expansion of the 5G network.

If connectivity brought us virtual communities, information superhighways, and participatory culture, disconnection comes with privacy tools, Faraday shields, and figures of the shy. This book explores non-usage and the “right to disconnect” from work and from the excessive demands of digital capitalism.

6.16 May 2021

6.16.1 Touchscreen Archaeology: Tracing Histories of Hands-On Media Practices

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The touchscreen belongs to a century-long history of hands-on media practices and touchable art objects. This media-archaeological excavation examines the nature of our sensual involvement with media and invites the reader to think about the touchscreen beyond its technological implications. In six chapters, the book questions and historicizes both aspects of the touchscreen, considering “touch” as a media practice and “screen” as a touchable object.

6.17 March 2021

6.17.1 Aesthetic Experience of Metabolic Processes

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Simultaneously speculative and inspired by everyday experiences, this volume develops an aesthetics of metabolism that offers a new perspective on the human-environment relation, one that is processual, relational, and not dependent on conscious thought. In art installations, design prototypes, and research-creation projects that utilize air, light, or temperature to impact subjective experience the author finds aesthetic milieus that shift our awareness to the role of different sense modalities in aesthetic experience. Metabolic and atmospheric processes allow for an aesthetics besides and beyond the usually dominant visual sense.

Aesthetic Experience of Metabolic Processes is part of the series Future Ecologies dedicated to rethink the multiple ecologies that flourish and struggle on Earth and beyond.

6.17.2 Earth and Beyond in Tumultuous Times: A Critical Atlas of the Anthropocene

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Earth and Beyond in Tumultuous Times offers a critical exploration of the Anthropocene concept. It addresses the urgent geopolitical and environmental questions raised by the new geological epoch. How are we to rethink landscapes, such as river deltas, oceans, or outer space? How can we create spaces for resistance and utopic dreaming? This volume confronts these questions by charting how space and place are constructed, deconstructed, and negotiated by humans and non-humans under conditions of globally entangled consumption, movement, and contamination. The essays in this volume are complemented by artistic interventions that offer a poetics for a harmed planet and the numerous worlds it contains.

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6.18 December 2020

6.18.1 Pandemic Media: Preliminary Notes Toward an Inventory

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With its unprecedented scale and consequences the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a variety of new configurations of media. Responding to demands for information, synchronization, regulation, and containment, these “pandemic media” reorder social interactions, spaces, and temporalities, thus contributing to a reconfiguration of media technologies and the cultures and politics with which they are entangled. Highlighting media’s adaptability, malleability, and scalability under the conditions of a pandemic, the contributions to this volume track and analyze how media emerge, operate, and change in response to the global crisis and provide elements toward an understanding of the post-pandemic world to come.

6.18.2 Ein Medium namens McLuhan: 37 Befragungen eines Klassikers

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„If you don't like my arguments, I've got some more.“ (Marshall McLuhan) Wie aber steht es um den Klassiker der Medienwissenschaften im 21. Jahrhundert? Diese Frage diskutieren 37 zeitgenössische Medienwissenschaftler_innen. Ihre Antworten stehen in einem reizvollen Kontrast zu Interviews, die 2007 entstanden und jetzt online zugänglich gemacht worden sind. Viele der ursprünglich Befragten sind erneut beteiligt, neue Stimmen kamen hinzu. Dabei zeigt sich im Vergleich: Die Medienwissenschaften sind diverser geworden, und manche Zukunftserwartung wurde drastisch revidiert.

6.18.3 High Definition: Medienphilosophisches Image Processing

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Dieses Buch zoomt in informationsreiche und pixeldichte Welten in HD. Digitalbildliche Hochauflösung ist hier ein Potenzial, das es ermöglicht, mit und an Bildern Wirklichkeit zu erforschen und zu befragen. Dokumentarfilme, Videokunstarbeiten, Galaxiefotografien, Blockbuster, Pressebilder und Netflix-Serien bestellen diese visuelle Kultur in HD und zeigen auf, dass Bilder und Wirklichkeit nicht in fixierten Rahmen sitzen, sondern im Prozess werden. HD heißt Image Processing. Lässt man sich darauf ein, entfaltet sich das Angebot, mit HD zu denken und sich vom Denken der Bildprozesse mitreißen zu lassen.

6.19 November 2020

6.19.1 Affective Transformations: Politics – Algorithms – Media

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The Affective Turn has lost its former innocence and euphoria. Affect Studies and its adjacent disciplines have now to prove that they can cope with the return of the affective real that technology, economy, and politics entail.

Two seemingly contradictory developments serve as starting points for this volume. First, technological innovations such as affective computing, mood tracking, sentiment analysis, and social robotics all share a focus on the recognition and modulation of human affectivity. Affect gets measured, calculated, controlled. Secondly, recent developments in politics, social media usage, and right-wing journalism have contributed to a conspicuous rise of hate speech, cybermobbing, public shaming, “felt truths,” and resentful populisms. In a very specific way, politics as well as power have become affective.

Affect gets mobilized, fomented, unleashed. When the ways we deal with our affectivity get unsettled in such a dramatic fashion, we have to rethink our ethical, aesthetical, political as well as legal regimes of affect organization.

6.20 August 2020

6.20.1 Action at a Distance

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The mediality of transmission and the materiality of communication result today more than ever in “acting at a distance” – an action whose agency lies in a medium. This book provides an overview into this crucial phenomenon, thereby introducing urgent questions of human interaction, the binding and breaking of time and space, and the entanglement of the material

and the immaterial. Three vivid inquiries deal with histories and theories of mediality and materiality.

6.21 February 2020

6.21.1 Format Matters: Standards, Practices, and Politics in Media Cultures

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From TIFF files to TED talks, from book sizes to blues stations—the term “format” circulates in a staggering array of contexts and applies to entirely dissimilar objects and practices. How can such a pliable notion meaningfully function as an instrument of classification in so many industries and scientific communities? Comprising a wide range of case studies on the standards, practices, and politics of formats from scholars of photography, film, radio, television, and the Internet, *Format Matters* charts the many ways in which formats shape and are shaped by past and present media cultures. This volume represents the first sustained collaborative effort to advance the emerging field of format studies.

6.22 December 2019

6.22.1 Medium, Format, Configuration: The Displacements of Film

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In contrast with media constructed as vast, ontologically homogeneous, non-localized systems, formats show material networks of interoperability and exclusions, inscribed in local specificities, and involving precise conditions for the circulation of images and sounds. Formats, institutionalized as standards, frame the “technical networks” defined by Gilbert Simondon, that unfold technical objects into economically and politically structured webs that cover the world. Media are always formatted and, as such, do not flow: they are displaced.

6.23 November 2019

6.23.1 Organize

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Digital media technologies re-pose the question of organization—and thus of power and domination, control and surveillance, disruption and emancipation. This book interrogates organization as effect and condition of media. How can we understand the recursive relationship between media and organization? How can we think, explore, critique—and perhaps alter—the organizational bodies and scripts that shape contemporary life?

6.24 September 2019

6.24.1 Tracks from the Crypt

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David Bowie's 2015 *Blackstar* has been understood by critics and fans alike to have a certain valedictory status. For them, perhaps for us, it is a 39-minute and 13-second farewell. A long goodbye. My angle is different. By situating the Bowie/Renck collaboration on "Lazarus" in the context of a meditation on the question once posed by Georg Stanitzek, "Was ist Kommunikation?" I consider the CD and the video as experiments in re-configuration. More specifically, by thinking about the distinctly cinematic iteration of the question of communication (citing here Captain's "what we have here is ... failure to communicate" from *Cool Hand Luke*) I propose that mediated communication embodies the Ich/Es modality of dialogue disparaged by Martin Buber. What this invites us to consider is whether "Lazarus" in particular isn't the generation of an audiovisual tombeau from which or out of which communication strains are to be heard. Is it "saying" farewell? Is it "saying" anything? By drawing on Jacques Derrida's appropriation of the crypt in the work of Abraham and Torok, I propose that "Lazarus" manages (and the feat is neither small nor insignificant) to communicate nothing. In effect, "Lazarus" is the very sound, not of a failure to communicate, but of a "speaking" emptied of what protects it from mediation. Here, Bowie's gnomic persona assumes a political valence not typically ascribed to it.

6.24.2 Beyond the Flow: Scholarly Publications During and After the Digital

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In the wake of the so-called digital revolution numerous attempts have been made to rethink and redesign what scholarly publications can or should be. *Beyond the Flow* examines the technologies as well as narratives driving this unfolding transformation. By unpacking the confusion, heterogeneity and uncertainty that is surrounding scholarly publishing today the book asks for how a sustainable post-digital publishing ecology can be imagined.

6.25 August 2019

6.25.1 Archives

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Archives have become a nexus in the wake of the digital turn. This book sets out to show how expanded archival practices can challenge contemporary conceptions and inform the redistribution of power and resources. Calling for the necessity to reimagine the potentials of archives in practice, the three contributions ask: Can archives fulfill their paradoxical potential as utopian sites in which the analog and the digital, the past and future, and remembrance and forgetting commingle?

6.26 April 2019

6.26.1 Remain

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In a world undergoing constant media-driven change, the infrastructures, materialities, and temporalities of remains have become urgent. This book engages with the remains and remainders of media cultures through the lens both of theater and performance studies and of media archaeology. By taking “remain” as a verb, noun, state, and process of becoming, the authors explore the epistemological, social, and political implications.

6.27 January 2019

6.27.1 Markets

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Markets abound in media—but a media theory of markets is still emerging. Anthropology offers media archaeologies of markets, and the sociology of markets and finance unravels how contemporary financial markets have witnessed a media technological arms race. Building on such work, this volume brings together key thinkers of economic studies with German media theory, describes the central role of the media specificity of markets in new detail and inflects them in three distinct ways. Nik-Khah and Mirowski show how the denigration of human cognition and the concomitant faith in computation prevalent in contemporary market-design practices rely on neoliberal conceptions of information in markets. Schröter confronts the asymmetries and abstractions that characterize money as a medium and explores the absence of money in media. Beverungen situates these inflections and gathers further elements for a politically and historically attuned media theory of markets concerned with contemporary phenomena such as high-frequency trading and cryptocurrencies.

6.27.2 Communication

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Contemporary communication puts us not only in conversation with one another but also with our machinery. Machine communication—to communicate not just via but also with machines—is therefore the focus of this volume. Diving into digital communications history, Finn Brunton brings to the fore the alienness of computational communication by looking at network timekeeping, automated trolling, and early attempts at communication with extraterrestrial life. Picking up this fascination with inhuman communication, Mercedes Bunz then

performs a close reading of interaction design and interfaces to show how technology addresses humans (as very young children). Finally, Paula Bialski shares her findings from a field study of software development, analyzing the communicative forms that occur when code is written by separate people. Today, communication unfolds merely between two or more conscious entities but often includes an invisible third party. Inspired by this drastic shift, this volume uncovers new meanings of what it means “to communicate.”

6.27.3 Machine

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In contrast with media constructed as vast, ontologically homogeneous, non-localized systems, formats show material networks of interoperability and exclusions, inscribed in local specificities, and involving precise conditions for the circulation of images and sounds. Formats, institutionalized as standards, frame the “technical networks” defined by Gilbert Simondon, that unfold technical objects into economically and politically structured webs that cover the world. Media are always formatted and, as such, do not flow: they are displaced.

6.28 November 2018

6.28.1 Ferocious Logics: Unmaking the Algorithm

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Contemporary power manifests in the algorithmic. And yet this power seems incomprehensible: understood as code, it becomes apolitical; understood as a totality, it becomes overwhelming. This book takes an alternate approach, using it to unravel the operations of Uber and Palantir, Airbnb and Amazon Alexa. Moving off the whiteboard and into the world, the algorithmic must negotiate with frictions—the ‘merely’ technical routines of distributing data and running tasks coming together into broader social forces that shape subjectivities, steer bodies, and calibrate relationships. Driven by the imperatives of capital, the algorithmic exhausts subjects and spaces, a double move seeking to both exhaustively apprehend them and exhaust

away their productivities. But these on-the-ground encounters also reveal that force is never guaranteed. The irreducibility of the world renders logic inadequate and control gives way to contingency.

6.28.2 Pattern Discrimination

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Algorithmic identity politics reinstate old forms of social segregation—in a digital world, identity politics is pattern discrimination. It is by recognizing patterns in input data that Artificial Intelligence algorithms create bias and practice racial exclusions thereby inscribing power relations into media. How can we filter information out of data without reinserting racist, sexist, and classist beliefs?

6.29 April 2018

6.29.1 Non-Knowledge and Digital Cultures

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Making available massive amounts of data that are generated, distributed, and modeled, digital media provide us with the possibility of abundant information and knowledge. This possibility has been attracting various scenarios in which technology either eliminates non-knowledge or plants it deep within contemporary cultures through the universal power and opacity of algorithms. This volume comprises contributions from media studies, literary studies, sociology, ethnography, anthropology, and philosophy to discuss non-knowledge as an important concept for understanding contemporary digital cultures.

6.29.2 Ökologien der Erde: Zur Wissensgeschichte und Aktualität der Gaia-Hypothese

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Ökologien der Erde bestimmen die Gegenwart. Dabei gewinnt die in den 1970er Jahren von James Lovelock gemeinsam mit Lynn Margulis entwickelte Gaia-Theorie heute neue Erklärungskraft. Wenn Gaia bei Bruno Latour sogar zum allgemeinen Modell der Welterklärung im 21. Jahrhundert wird, gilt es, nach der Plausibilität zu fragen, die die Rede von Gaia aktuell entwickelt. Die vier Beiträge des Bandes geben hierauf eine Antwort, indem sie die metaphorologischen und begriffshistorischen Linien der Gaia-Theorie nachzeichnen und ihren Bezug auf zeitgenössische Computersimulationen in den Blick nehmen. So wird der gegenwärtige Ort des Wiederauflebens Gaias deutlich – und damit die Verschränkung von kybernetischen und organizistischen Ökologien mit der Annahme einer Programmierbarkeit von Umgebungen.

6.29.3 Unterwachen und Schlafen: Anthropophile Medien nach dem Interface

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Anthropophile Medien durchdringen zunehmend unsere lebensweltliche Realität, sei es im Ambient Assisted Living, als Pflegeassistenzsysteme, in den Arbeitsszenarien einer Industrie 4.0, als behagliche Interfaces des Affective Computing oder als Lifetracker der Quantified-Self-Bewegung. Verbunden ist damit der Einzug menschlicher Befindlichkeiten, Werte und sozialer Routinen in das Design medialer Agencies. Über 40 Jahre nach dem Erscheinen von Michel Foucaults "Surveiller et punir" gerät damit auch dessen Kritikbegriff ins Wanken. An die Stelle von "Überwachen und Strafen" tritt "Unterwachen und Schlafen". Unterwachen und Schlafen stellt nicht das theoretische Programm einer vollautomatisierten Lebenswelt in Aussicht, sondern das Konstrukt einer nunmehr medialen Umsetzung anthropologischer Grundelemente wie Autonomie, Freiheit oder Vertrauen.

6.30 January 2018

6.30.1 Von Open Access zu Open Science: Zum Wandel digitaler Kulturen der wissenschaftlichen Kommunikation

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Mit der Digitalisierung geht der Ruf nach freiem Zugang zu wissenschaftlichen Forschungsergebnissen und einer Öffnung des Forschungsprozesses einher. Open Access und Open Science sind die Leitbegriffe dieses Transformationsprozesses, der von den einen euphorisch begrüßt und von den anderen heftig abgelehnt wird. Auf der Grundlage einer quantitativen Erhebung und eines reflexiven Experiments gibt das Buch Einblick in die aktuellen Debatten über die Chancen aber auch Hindernisse der Öffnung der Wissenschaften.

6.31 November 2017

6.31.1 Interventions in Digital Cultures: Technology, the Political, Methods

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How to intervene? Interventions are in vogue in digital cultures as forms of critique or political actions into public spheres. By engaging in social, political, and economic contexts, interventions attempt to interrupt and change situations—often with artistic means. This volume maps methods of interventions under the specific conditions of the digital. How are interventions shaped by these conditions? And how can they contribute to altering them? In essays and interviews, this book interrogates modes of intervening in and through art, infrastructures, techno-ecological environments, bio-technology, and political protests to highlight their potentials as well as their ambivalences.

6.32 October 2017

6.32.1 Medien verstehen: Marshall McLuhans Understanding Media

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Medien in ihrer historischen und technischen Vielfalt zu verstehen, das war das Versprechen, das Marshall McLuhan vor über fünfzig Jahren mit *Understanding Media* gegeben hatte. Unsere digital veränderte Gegenwart erfordert, das Buch heute erneut zu lesen und vor dem Hintergrund aktueller technischer Entwicklungen zu hinterfragen. Gegenstand des Sammelbandes sind u. a. McLuhans Idee von Medien als „Umwelten“, seine eigenwillige Sprache und Argumentation sowie seine Annahme der technischen Verfasstheit von Wahrnehmung.

6.32.2 Interferences and Events: On Epistemic Shifts in Physics through Computer Simulations

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Computer simulations are omnipresent media in today's knowledge production. For scientific endeavors such as the detection of gravitational waves and the exploration of subatomic worlds, simulations are essential; however, the epistemic status of computer simulations is rather controversial as they are neither just theory nor just experiment. Therefore, computer simulations have challenged well-established insights and common scientific practices as well as our very understanding of knowledge. This volume contributes to the ongoing discussion on the epistemic position of computer simulations in a variety of physical disciplines, such as quantum optics, quantum mechanics, and computational physics. Originating from an interdisciplinary event, it shows that accounts of contemporary physics can constructively interfere with media theory, philosophy, and the history of science.

6.33 August 2017

6.33.1 Profile: Interdisziplinäre Beiträge

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Profile haben Konjunktur. Seit der Verbreitung von Social Networking Sites sind sie alltäglicher Ort der Selbstdarstellung. Doch die Praktiken und Techniken der Profilierung sind keineswegs neu. Schon lange beschreiben Profile potentielle StraftäterInnen. Nun bestimmen sie auch die potentielle Kreditwürdigkeit.

Im Spannungsfeld zwischen Profil und Profilierung nehmen die Beiträge aus Medienwissenschaft, Soziologie, Geschichtswissenschaft und Informatik die vielschichtigen Dimensionen dieses zentralen Phänomens der digitalen Medienkultur in den Blick: Wie verändern sich Bedeutung und Bewertung des Profil-Begriffs? Wie stehen Profile in Zusammenhang mit Subjektivierung und Machtkonstellationen? Welche Wechselwirkungen zwischen Profilen und Privatheit sind gegenwärtig relevant?

6.34 May 2017

6.34.1 Affektökologie: Intensive Milieus und zufällige Begegnungen

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Das Denken des Humanen wird in besonderer Weise von den medientechnologischen Verschiebungen des 20. Jahrhunderts berührt. Affekt wird hier zu einem neuen Schwellenbegriff, der den Körper medientechnisch und politisch auf neue Weise anschlussfähig macht. In einer relationalen Neu-Organisation verdichtet sich das organische und technische Leben auf neue, intensive Weise zu einer Ökologie des Affektiven.

6.34.2 Ecology of Affect: Intensive Milieus and Contingent Encounters

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The way we conceive the human today is particularly affected by the shifts in media technology during the 20th century. Affect emerges as the new liminal concept that renders the body compatible in novel ways with the technology and politics of media. By ways of a relational reorganization the organic and technological life is condensed in a new, intense way to an ecology of affects.

6.35 January 2017

6.35.1 Symptoms of the Planetary Condition: A Critical Vocabulary

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Author: Leonard Lawlor

Author: Jacques Lezra

Author: Kiene Brillenburg Wurth

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This book explores the future of critique in view of our planetary condition. How are we to intervene in contemporary constellations of finance capitalism, climate change and neoliberalism? Think we must! To get to the symptoms, the book’s 38 terms ranging from affect and affirmation to world and work provide the reader with a critical toolbox to be continued. Negativity, judgment and opposition as modes of critique have run out of steam. Critique as an attitude and a manner of enquiry has not.

6.36 July 2016

6.36.1 Trick 17: Mediengeschichten zwischen Zauberkunst und Wissenschaft

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Der Zauber der Medien speist sich aus ihrem Geheimnis: Den Usern von heute sind Laptop, Smartphone oder Tablet eine Blackbox, die ihre Sinne im Bann hält und die Techniktricks im Inneren hinter einer opaken Oberfläche verbirgt. Doch solche Verzauberung ist nicht neu. Um ihr auf die Spur zu kommen, nähert sich dieses Buch der Mediengeschichte der Zauberei an der Schwelle zwischen magischem Moment und Ent-Täuschung. Nicht selten folgt einer geradezu übernatürlich wirkenden Zaubervorführung die wissenschaftliche Erklärung und Offenlegung ihrer Tricks. Ein solcher Akt der Entzauberung mag zwar magische Momente als faulen Zauber demaskieren. Er rückt dafür jedoch die Technologien der Täuschung ins Rampenlicht: Erst die Ausnutzung physikalischer Gesetze, das Konstruieren mechanischer Zauberapparate und das Spiel mit der Wahrnehmung der Zuschauer machen deren ‚Verzauberung‘ möglich. Sie erlaubt, die Frage nach Wissen, dem medialen Zugriff auf unsere Sinne und dem sinnlichen Zugriff auf unsere Welt erneut zu stellen.

6.37 October 2015

6.37.1 Citizen Lobby: From Capacity to Influence

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The Internet holds endless opportunities for exchange and dialogue and the promise of developing a better democratic model. Day-to-day politics are largely driven by economic lobbies in the interest of what Habermas calls their „generalised particularism,“ the threat to take jobs and tax revenues elsewhere. Citizens’ influence over politicians is twofold: they are asked for their input in elections, referenda, online consultations and surveys, and citizens can initiate issues where they see political action needed. Yet these “participative forces,” including NGOs, street rallies and charities, regularly fail to reach the ears of elected politicians as effectively as those of well-funded corporate lobbies. Also, this type of voluntary engagement often falls short of presenting the kind of reasoned challenges to the incumbents—by the electorate—that Habermas’ communicative action aimed at. A more powerful model would therefore organise the efforts of the electorate in a way that both generates those reasoned arguments, which, as Habermas quite correctly pointed out differ from mere opinions, and delivers them to the elected politicians in a manner they can neither refuse nor ignore. This is what the Citizen Lobby intends to do.

6.38 September 2015

6.38.1 There is no Software, there are just Services

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Is software dead? Services like Google, Dropbox, Adobe Creative Cloud, or Social Media apps are all-pervasive in our digital media landscape. This marks the (re)emergence of the service paradigm that challenges traditional business and license models as well as modes of media creation and use. The short essays in this edited collection discuss how services shift the notion of software, the cultural technique of programming, conditions of labor as well as the ecology and politics of data and how they influence dispositifs of knowledge.

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6.39 July 2015

6.39.1 Introduction to a Future Way of Thought: On Marx and Heidegger

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“Technologists only change the world in various ways in generalized indifference; the point is to think the world and interpret the changes in its unfathomability, to perceive and experience the difference binding being to the nothing.” Anticipating the age of planetary technology Kostas Axelos, a Greek-French philosopher, approaches the technological question in this book, first published in 1966, by connecting the thought of Karl Marx and Martin Heidegger. Marx famously declared that philosophers had only interpreted the world, but the point was to change it. Heidegger on his part stressed that our modern malaise was due to the forgetting of being, for which he thought technological questions were central. Following from his study of Marx as a thinker of technology, and foreseeing debates about globalization, Axelos recognizes that technology now determines the world. Providing an introduction to some of his major themes, including the play of the world, Axelos asks if planetary technology requires a new, a future way of thought which in itself is planetary.

6.39.2 Library Life: Werkstätten kulturwissenschaftlichen Forschens

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Wie und wo entsteht kulturwissenschaftliches Wissen? Im Kopf? In der Bibliothek? Am Schreibtisch? Inspiriert von den Laborstudien der Science & Technology Studies ging das Autorinnen-Kollektiv des vorliegenden Buchs diesen Fragen nach. Aufgesucht wurden die persönlichen Schreiborte von Kulturwissenschaftlerinnen verschiedener Disziplinen. In ihren Beiträgen eröffnen die Autor*innen vielfältige Perspektiven auf bislang kaum erforschte Praktiken kulturwissenschaftlicher Wissensproduktion. Hierdurch wird ein komplexes Zusammenspiel technisch-materieller, praktischer, medialer, sozialer, institutioneller, ökonomischer, politischer und ideeller Dimensionen in den Werkstätten kulturwissenschaftlichen Forschens freigelegt. Die Ergebnisse der interdisziplinär angelegten und kollaborativ erarbeiteten Studien liefern

überraschende Einsichten und eröffnen weiterführende Forschungsfragen: ein Plädoyer für eine reflexive, kollaborativ-interdisziplinäre Wissenschaftspraxis.

6.39.3 Alleys of Your Mind: Augmented Intelligence and Its Traumas

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Author: Luciana Parisi

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What does thinking mean in the age of Artificial Intelligence? How is big-scale computation transforming the way our brains function? This collection discusses these pressing questions by looking beyond instrumental rationality. Exploring recent developments as well as examples from the history of cybernetics, the book uncovers the positive role played by errors and traumas in the construction of our contemporary technological minds. With texts by Benjamin Bratton, Orit Halpern, Adrian Lahoud, Jon Lindblom, Catherine Malabou, Reza Negarestani, Luciana Parisi, Matteo Pasquinelli, Ana Teixeira Pinto, Michael Wheeler, Charles Wolfe, and Ben Woodard.

6.39.4 Digital Activism in Asia Reader

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Author: Subhashish Panigrahi

Author: Puthiya Purayil Sneha

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The digital turn might as well be marked as an Asian turn. From flash-mobs in Taiwan to feminist mobilisations in India, from hybrid media strategies of Syrian activists to cultural protests in Thailand, we see the emergence of political acts that transform the citizen from being a beneficiary of change to becoming an agent of change. In co-shaping these changes, what the digital shall be used for, and what its consequences will be, are both up for speculation and negotiation. Digital Activism in Asia marks a particular shift where these questions are no longer being refracted through the ICT4D logic, or the West's attempts to save Asia from itself, but shaped by multiplicity, unevenness, and urgencies of digital sites and users in Asia. This reader crowd-sources critical tools, concepts, analyses, and annotations, self-identified by a network of change makers in Asia as important in their own practices within their own contexts.

6.39.5 Diversity of Play

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The early days when digital games were new, harmless, and a niche are long gone. Today's games can simulate battlefields, predict disaster, and crash markets. We are faced with a diversity of play and the ubiquity of games, making them not only a popular medium, but the leading medium of our contemporary society. Based on the keynote lectures held at DiGRA2015, "Diversity of Play" provides a critical view on the current stage of digital games from a theoretic, artistic, and practical perspective by pointing towards the uncanny, the power of "unnatural" narratives, and the exceptions and uncertainties of digital ludic environments. With an interview with Karen Palmer and essays by Astrid Ensslin, Mathias Fuchs, Tanya Krzywinska, and Markus Rautzenberg.

6.39.6 The Political Structure of UK Broadcasting 1949–1999

Author: David Elstein

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In 1999 David Elstein delivered a lecture series examining the evolvement of UK Broadcasting policy from 1949 to 1999. His sharp analysis is a valuable contribution to the post-war development of the British broadcasting system and unfolds many topical issues in current media policy debates.

6.39.7 Life and Technology: An Inquiry Into and Beyond Simondon

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The philosophy of Gilbert Simondon has reinvigorated contemporary thinking about biological and technological beings. In this book, Jean-Hugues Barthélémy takes up Simondon's thought and shows how life and technology are connected by a transversal theme: individuation. In the first essay, Barthélémy delivers a contemporary interpretation of Simondon's concept of ontogenesis against the backdrop of biology and cybernetics. In the second essay, he extends his reflections to propose a non-anthropological understanding of technology, and so sets up a confrontation with the work of Martin Heidegger.

6.40 June 2015

6.40.1 The Cyborg: A Treatise on the Artificial Man

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Translator: Robert Booth

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Born on the pages of science fiction comics in the 1920s and 30s, the cyborg lives in popular imagination. As hero of the cyberpunk epic, in its brief but intense history, the cyborg has followed and anticipated the rapport and conflict between man and machine.

In the post-fordist era of digital networked media the cyborg unfolds itself in the dissemination of multiple bodies: on the Internet, in the shift of individual identity, in the new collective aggregation connected by software. It bridges virtuality and concreteness, possibility and necessity. The cyborg thus becomes a field of social conflict, one of the new figures in which the bio-political perspective is embodied.

6.40.2 The Politics of Micro-Decisions: Edward Snowden, Net Neutrality, and the Architectures of the Internet

Author: Florian Sprenger

Translator: Valentine A. Pakis

Foreword by: Christopher Kelty

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Be it in the case of opening a website, sending an email, or high-frequency trading, bits and bytes of information have to cross numerous nodes at which micro-decisions are made. These decisions concern the most efficient path through the network, the processing speed, or the priority of incoming data packets.

Despite their multifaceted nature, micro-decisions are a dimension of control and surveillance in the twenty-first century that has received little critical attention. They represent the smallest unit and the technical precondition of a contemporary network politics – and of our potential opposition to it. The current debates regarding net neutrality and Edward Snowden’s revelation of NSA surveillance are only the tip of the iceberg. What is at stake is nothing less than the future of the Internet as we know it.

6.40.3 30 Years After Les Immatériaux: Art, Science and Theory

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Author: Anne Elisabeth Sejten

Author: Bernard Stiegler

Author: Jean-Louis Boissier

Author: Daniel Birnbaum

Author: Thierry Dufrêne

Author: Francesca Gallo

Author: Charlie Gere

Author: Antony Hudek

Author: Jean-François Lyotard

Author: Robin Mackay

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In 1985, the French philosopher Jean-François Lyotard curated a groundbreaking exhibition called *Les Immatériaux* at the Centre Pompidou in Paris. The exhibition showed how telecommunication technologies were beginning to impact every aspect of life. At the same time, it was a material demonstration of what Lyotard called the post-modern condition. This book features a previously unpublished report by Jean-François Lyotard on the conception of *Les Immatériaux* and its relation to postmodernity. Reviewing the historical significance of the exhibition, his text is accompanied by twelve contemporary meditations. The philosophers, art historians, and artists analyse this important moment in the history of media and theory, and reflect on the new material conditions brought about by digital technologies in the last 30 years.

6.40.4 Die verschiedenen Modi der Existenz

Author: Étienne Souriau

Translator: Thomas Wäckerle

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„Wäre die Philosophie auch nur eine Stunde der Mühe wert, wenn sie uns nicht für das Leben rüstete?“ Gezielten Schrittes entwirft der französische Philosoph Étienne Souriau in diesem dicht gedrängten Buch eine Grammatik der Existenz. Im Fokus steht nicht nur ihre Theorie, sondern auch die tatsächliche Ausübung der „Kunst des Existierens“. Wie Gilles Deleuze und William James vertritt Souriau dabei die These eines existenziellen Pluralismus: Es gibt Phänomene, Dinge, das Virtuelle, fiktionale Wesen – die Existenz ist polyphon. Souriaus radikale Herangehensweise hat auch Bruno Latour und Isabelle Stengers entscheidend beeinflusst. In ihrer ausführlichen Einleitung zu Souriaus Text von 1943 und dem ebenfalls zum ersten Mal in deutscher Sprache veröffentlichten Vortrag „Über den Modus der Existenz des zu vollbringenden Werks“ (1956) zeigt sich eindrucksvoll die Aktualität seines Denkens.

6.40.5 Politik der Mikroentscheidungen: Edward Snowden, Netzneutralität und die Architekturen des Internets

Author: Florian Sprenger

Foreword by: Christopher Kelty

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Ob beim Aufrufen einer Webseite, beim Versenden einer E-Mail oder beim Hochfrequenzhandel an der Börse: Auf ihrem Weg durch die Weiten digitaler Netze durchqueren Bits zahlreiche Knoten, an denen eine Reihe von Mikroentscheidungen getroffen werden. Diese Entscheidungen betreffen den besten Pfad zum Ziel, die Verarbeitungsgeschwindigkeit oder die Priorität zwischen den ankommenden Paketen.

In ihrer vielschichtigen Gestalt bilden solche Mikroentscheidungen eine bislang nur marginal beachtete Dimension von Kontrolle und Überwachung im 21. Jahrhundert. Sie sind sowohl die kleinste Einheit als auch die technische Voraussetzung einer gegenwärtigen Politik digitaler Netzwerke – und des Widerstands gegen sie. Die aktuellen Debatten um Netzneutralität und Edward Snowdens Enthüllung der NSA-Überwachung bilden dabei lediglich die Spitze des Eisbergs. Auf dem Spiel steht nicht weniger als die Zukunft des Internets, wie wir es kennen.

6.41 January 2015

6.41.1 In Catastrophic Times: Resisting the Coming Barbarism

Author: Isabelle Stengers

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There has been an epochal shift: the possibility of a global climate crisis is now upon us. Pollution, the poison of pesticides, the exhaustion of natural resources, falling water tables, growing social inequalities – these are all problems that can no longer be treated separately. The effects of global warming have a cumulative impact, and it is not a matter of a crisis that will “pass” before everything goes back to “normal.”

Our governments are totally incapable of dealing with the situation. Economic warfare obliges them to stick to the goal of irresponsible, even criminal, economic growth, whatever the cost. It is no surprise that people were so struck by the catastrophe in New Orleans. The response of the authorities – to abandon the poor whilst the rich were able to take shelter – is a symbol of the coming barbarism.

6.42 June 2014

6.42.1 Rethinking Gamification

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Gamification marks a major change to everyday life. It describes the permeation of economic, political, and social contexts by game-elements such as awards, rule structures, and interfaces that are inspired by video games. Sometimes the term is reduced to the implementation of points, badges, and leaderboards as incentives and motivations to be productive. Sometimes it is envisioned as a universal remedy to deeply transform society toward more humane and playful ends. Despite its use by corporations to manage brand communities and personnel, however, gamification is more than just a marketing buzzword. States are beginning to use it as a new tool for governing populations more effectively. It promises to fix what is wrong with reality by making every single one of us fitter, happier, and healthier. Indeed, it seems like all of society is up for being transformed into one massive game.

The contributions in this book offer a candid assessment of the gamification hype. They trace back the historical roots of the phenomenon and explore novel design practices and methods. They critically discuss its social implications and even present artistic tactics for resistance. It is time to rethink gamification!

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7.0.1 Classical Music Futures: Practices of Innovation

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Editor: Karoly Molina

Editor: Neil Thomas Smith

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This edited volume brings together contributions from a wide range of international academics and practitioners. It traces innovations within classical music practice, showing how these offer divergent visions for its future. The interdisciplinary contributions to the volume highlight the way contrasting ideas of the future can effect change in the present.

7.0.2 Divine Style: Walt Whitman and the King James Bible

Author: F. W. Dobbs-Allsopp

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2024

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0357>

Dobbs-Allsopp, Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, explicitly approaches Whitman from the perspective of a biblical scholar. Utilising his wealth of expertise in this field, he constructs a compelling, erudite and methodical argument for the King James Bible's importance in the evolution of Whitman's style – from his signature long lines to the prevalence of parallelism and tendency towards parataxis in his works.

7.1 December 2023

7.1.1 Synopses and Lists: Textual Practices in the Pre-Modern World

Editor: Ronny Vollandt

Editor: Teresa Bernheimer

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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Textual practices in pre-modern societies cover a great range of representations, from the literary to the pictorial. Among the most intriguing are synopses and lists. While lists provide a complete enumeration of ideas, people, events, or terms, synopses juxtapose one against the other. To understand how they were planned, produced, and consumed, is to gain insight into the practices of what one can call management of knowledge in a time before our own.

7.1.2 ‘Wit’s Wild Dancing Light’: Reading the Poems of Alexander Pope

Author: William Hutchings

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0372>

The book is a chronological reading of Alexander Pope’s poems, from the Pastorals (1709) to the four-book Dunciad (1743). Each of the 26 chapters forming the volume selects examples for detailed scrutiny, demonstrating how close reading can generate understanding of a whole poem and how critical appraisal can build into a creative survey of an entire poetic career.

7.1.3 Modelling Between Digital and Humanities: Thinking in Practice

Author: Arianna Ciula

Author: Cristina Marras

Author: Øyvind Eide

Author: Patrick Sahle

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0369>

This volume presents an exploration of Digital Humanities (DH), a field focused on the reciprocal transformation of digital technologies and humanities scholarship. Central to DH

research is the practice of modelling, which involves translating intricate knowledge systems into computational models. This book addresses a fundamental query: How can an effective language be developed to conceptualize and guide modelling in DH?

7.1.4 Financing Investment in Times of High Public Debt: 2023 European Public Investment Outlook

Editor: Floriana Cerniglia

Editor: Francesco Saraceno

Editor: Andrew Watt

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0386>

The fourth book in the ‘European Public Investment Outlook’ series focuses on the urgent issue of how to finance needed investment in critical tangible and intangible infrastructure given high levels of public debt, a thorny problem facing many governments across Europe. Drawing on expertise from academics, researchers at public policy institutes and international governance bodies, the contributors analyse the current situation and prospects and propose feasible solutions.

7.2 November 2023

7.2.1 The Standard Language Ideology of the Hebrew and Arabic Grammarians of the ʿAbbasid Period

Author: Benjamin Paul Kantor

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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In the present book we survey six specific characteristics of a ‘standard language ideology’ that appear in both the writings of the Hebrew grammarians who wrote in Judeo-Arabic and the Arabic grammarians during the ʿAbbasid period. Such striking lines of linguistic-ideological similarity suggest that it may not have been only grammatical concepts or literary genres that the medieval Hebrew grammarians inherited from the Arabic grammatical tradition, but a way of thinking about language as well.

7.2.2 Health Care in the Information Society: Volume 1 - From Adventure of Ideas to Anarchy of Transition

Author: David Ingram

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In this fascinating book David Ingram traces the history of information technology and health informatics from its pioneers in the middle of the twentieth century to its latest developments.

7.2.3 Health Care in the Information Society: Volume 2 - From Anarchy of Transition to Programme for Reform

Author: David Ingram

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In this fascinating book David Ingram traces the history of information technology and health informatics from its pioneers in the middle of the twentieth century to its latest developments.

7.2.4 Prismatic Jane Eyre: Close-Reading a World Novel Across Languages

Author: Kayvan Tahmasebian

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Author: Annmarie Drury

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Author: Paola Gaudio

Author: Rebecca Ruth Gould

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Author: Abhishek Jain

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Author: Yousif M. Qasmiyeh

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Jane Eyre, written by Charlotte Brontë and first published in 1847, has been translated more than five hundred times into over sixty languages. Prismatic Jane Eyre argues that we should see these many re-writings, not as simple replications of the novel, but as a release of its multiple interpretative possibilities: in other words, as a prism.

7.2.5 Misunderstandings: False Beliefs in Communication

Author: Georg Weizsäcker

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What do we expect when we say something to someone, and what do they expect when they hear it? When is a conversation successful? The book considers a wide set of two-person conversations, and a bit of game theory, to show how conversational statements and their interpretations are governed by beliefs. Thinking about beliefs is suitable for communication analysis because beliefs are well-defined and measurable, allowing to differentiate between successful understandings and their less successful counterparts: misunderstandings.

7.3 October 2023

7.3.1 Higher Education for Good: Teaching and Learning Futures

Editor: Laura Czerniewicz

Editor: Catherine Cronin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0363>

After decades of turbulence and acute crises in recent years, how can we build a better future for Higher Education?

Thoughtfully edited by Laura Czerniewicz and Catherine Cronin, this rich and diverse collection by academics and professionals from across 17 countries and many disciplines offers a variety of answers to this question. It addresses the need to set new values for universities, trapped today in narratives dominated by financial incentives and performance indicators, and examines those “wicked” problems which need multiple solutions, resolutions, experiments, and imaginaries.

7.3.2 The Predatory Paradox: Ethics, Politics, and Practices in Contemporary Scholarly Publishing

Author: Amy Koerber

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Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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In today’s ‘publish or perish’ academic setting, the institutional prizing of quantity over quality has given rise to and perpetuated the dilemma of predatory publishing. Upon a close examination, however, the definition of ‘predatory’ itself becomes slippery, evading neat boxes or lists which might seek to easily define and guard against it. This volume serves to foreground a nuanced representation of this multifaceted issue. In such a rapidly evolving landscape, this book becomes a field guide to its historical, political, and economic aspects, presenting thoughtful interviews, legal analysis and original research. Case studies from both European-American

and non-European-American stakeholders emphasize the worldwide nature of the challenge faced by researchers of all levels.

7.3.3 Transparent Minds in Science Fiction: An Introduction to Alien, AI and Post-Human Consciousness

Author: Paul Matthews

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0348>

Transparent Minds explores the intersection between neuroscience and science fiction stories. Paul Matthews expertly analyses the narratives of humans and nonhumans from Mary Shelley to Kazuo Ishiguro across 200 years of the genre. In doing so he gives lucid insight into the meaning of existence and self-awareness. Rigorously researched and highly accessible, Matthews argues that psycho-emotional science fiction writers both imitate and inform alien and post-human consciousnesses through exploratory narratives and metaphor.

7.3.4 Shépa: The Tibetan Oral Tradition in Choné

Author: Members of the Choné Tibetan Community

Author: Bendi Tso

Author: Marnyi Gyatso

Author: Mark Turin

Author: Naljor Tsering

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0312>

This book contains a unique collection of Tibetan oral narrations and songs known as Shépa, as these have been performed, recorded and shared between generations of Choné Tibetans from Amdo living in the eastern Tibetan Plateau. Presented in trilingual format — in Tibetan, Chinese and English — the book reflects a sustained collaboration with and between members of the local community, including narrators, monks, and scholars, calling attention to the diversity inherent in all oral traditions, and the mutability of Shépa in particular.

7.4 September 2023

7.4.1 After the Miners' Strike: A39 and Cornish Political Theatre versus Thatcher's Britain: Volume 1

Author: Paul Farmer

Author: Mark Kilburn

Preface by: Rebecca Hillman

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0329>

In this rich memoir, the first of two volumes, Paul Farmer traces the story of A39, the Cornish political theatre group he co-founded and ran from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. Farmer offers a unique insight into A39's creation, operation, and artistic practice during a period of convulsive political and social change.

7.4.2 Linguistic Theory and the Biblical Text

Editor: Elizabeth Robar

Editor: William A. Ross

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0358>

This volume is the result of the 2021 session of the Linguistics and the Biblical Text research group of the Institute for Biblical Research, which addresses the history, relevance, and prospects of broad theoretical linguistic frameworks in the field of biblical studies. Cognitive Linguistics, Functional Grammar, generative linguistics, historical linguistics, complexity theory, and computational analysis are each allotted a chapter, outlining the key theoretical commitments of each approach, their major concepts and/or methods, and their important contributions to contemporary study of the biblical text.

7.4.3 Toevallige ontmoetingen: Bio-ethiek voor een gehavende planeet

Author: Kristien Hens

Illustrator: Christina Stadlbauer

Illustrator: Bart H.M. Vandeput

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0370>

In dit rigoureuze en noodzakelijke boek brengt Kristien Hens bio-ethiek en filosofie van de biologie bij elkaar, met het argument dat het ethisch noodzakelijk is om in het wetenschappelijk onderzoek een plaatsje vrij te houden voor de filosofen. Hun rol is behalve ethisch ook conceptueel: zij kunnen de kwaliteit en de coherentie van het wetenschappelijk onderzoek verbeteren door erop toe te zien dat specifieke concepten op een consistente en doordachte manier worden gebruik binnen interdisciplinaire projecten. Hens argumenteert dat toeval en onzekerheid een centrale rol spelen in de bio-ethiek, maar dat die in een spanningsrelatie kunnen raken met de pogingen om bepaalde theorieën ingang te doen vinden als wetenschappelijke kennis: bij het beschrijven van organismen en praktijken creëren we op een bepaalde manier de wereld. Hens stelt dat dit noodzakelijk een ethische activiteit betreft.

7.4.4 Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies: An Introduction

Editor: Ibo van de Poel

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Editor: Behnam Taebi

Editor: Lily Eva Frank

Editor: Julia Hermann

Editor: Dominic Lenzi

Editor: Sven Nyholm

Editor: Elena Ziliotti

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Technologies shape who we are, how we organize our societies and how we relate to nature. For example, social media challenges democracy; artificial intelligence raises the question of what is unique to humans; and the possibility to create artificial wombs may affect notions of motherhood and birth. Some have suggested that we address global warming by engineering

the climate, but how does this impact our responsibility to future generations and our relation to nature? This book shows how technologies can be socially and conceptually disruptive and investigates how to come to terms with this disruptive potential.

7.4.5 Cheap Print and Street Literature of the Long Eighteenth Century

Editor: David Atkinson

Editor: Steve Roud

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<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0347>

This deeply researched collection offers a comprehensive introduction to the eighteenth-century trade in street literature – ballads, chapbooks, and popular prints – in England and Scotland. Offering detailed studies of a selection of the printers, types of publication, and places of publication that constituted the cheap and popular print trade during the period, these essays delve into ballads, slip songs, story books, pictures, and more to push back against neat divisions between low and high culture, or popular and high literature.

7.5 August 2023

7.5.1 William Moorcroft, Potter: Individuality by Design

Author: Jonathan Mallinson

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0349>

William Moorcroft (1872-1945) was one of the most celebrated potters of the early twentieth century. His career extended from the Arts and Crafts movement of the late Victorian age to the Austerity aesthetics of the Second World War. Rejecting mass production and patronised by Royalty, Moorcroft's work was a synthesis of studio and factory, art and industry. He considered it his vocation to create an everyday art, both functional and decorative, affordable by more than a privileged few: 'If only the people in the world would concentrate upon making all things beautiful, and if all people concentrated on developing the arts of Peace, what a world it might be,' he wrote in a letter to his daughter in 1930.

7.5.2 The Linguistic Classification of the Reading Traditions of Biblical Hebrew: A Phyla-and-Waves Model

Author: Benjamin Paul Kantor

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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In recent decades, the field of Biblical Hebrew philology and linguistics has been witness to a growing interest in the diverse traditions of Biblical Hebrew. Indeed, while there is a tendency for many students and scholars to conceive of Biblical Hebrew as equivalent with the Tiberian pointing of the Leningrad Codex as it appears in *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (BHS), there are many other important reading traditions attested throughout history.

7.5.3 The Era of Global Risk: An Introduction to Existential Risk Studies

Editor: SJ Beard

Editor: Martin Rees

Editor: Catherine Richards

Editor: Clarissa Rios Rojas

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This innovative and comprehensive collection of essays explores the biggest threats facing humanity in the 21st century; threats that cannot be contained or controlled and that have the potential to bring about human extinction and civilization collapse. Bringing together experts from many disciplines, it provides an accessible survey of what we know about these threats, how we can understand them better, and most importantly what can be done to manage them effectively.

7.5.4 Research, Writing, and Creative Process in Open and Distance Education: Tales from the Field

Editor: Dianne Conrad

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0356>

This collection of reflective essays is a treasure trove of advice, reflection and hard-won experience from experts in the field of open and distance education. Each chapter offers tried-and-tested advice for nascent academic writers, delivered with personal, rich, and wonderful stories of the authors' careers, their process, their research and their writing, and the struggles and triumphs they have encountered in the course of their careers.

7.5.5 A Relational Realist Vision for Education Policy and Practice

Author: Basem Adi

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0327>

This volume argues that relational realism can help us to make better educational policy that is more effective in practice. Basem Adi draws on critical realism to thoroughly re-examine fundamental assumptions about how government policymaking works, developing an ontological basis from which to examine existing government approaches and imagine an alternative approach based on a relational realist-informed critical pedagogy.

7.5.6 Seabirds in the North-East Atlantic: Climate Change Vulnerability and Potential Conservation Actions

Author: Henry Häkkinen

Author: Silviu O. Petrovan

Author: William J. Sutherland

Author: Nathalie Pettorelli

Author: Nigel G. Taylor

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0343>

This book was produced by the Zoological Society of London and the University of Cambridge with two aims: to assess seabirds' vulnerability to climate change in the North-East Atlantic, and to identify potential conservation actions that could reduce this vulnerability.

7.5.7 Digital Transformation: Understanding Business Goals, Risks, Processes, and Decisions

Author: Love Ekenberg

Author: Cecilia Gullberg

Author: Gunnar Wettergren

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Author: Mats Danielson

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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Whilst digitisation is far from a new concept, many assume that simply introducing automation and information systems in various forms will be enough to make their organisation's operations more efficient. This misconception can often lead to disarray and costly mistakes. *Digital Transformation: Understanding Business Goals, Risks, Processes, and Decisions* shows how to avoid such issues via careful consideration of what an enterprise really needs.

7.6 July 2023

7.6.1 Destins de femmes: French Women Writers, 1750-1850

Author: John Claiborne Isbell

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0346>

Destins de femmes is the first comprehensive overview of French women writers during the turbulent period of 1750-1850. John Isbell provides an essential collection that illuminates the impact women writers had on French literature and politics during a time marked by three revolutions, the influx of Romantic art, and rapid technological change.

7.6.2 Folktales of Mayotte, an African Island

Author: Lee Haring

Foreword by: Mark Turin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0315>

The book uncovers the versatility and literary skills of oral narrators in a small African island. Relying on the researches of three French ethnographers who interviewed storytellers in the 1970s-80s, Lee Haring shows a once-colonised people using verbal art to preserve ancient values in the postcolonial world, when the island of Mayotte was transforming itself from a neglected colony to an overseas department of France.

7.6.3 Breaking Conventions: Five Couples in Search of Marriage-Career Balance at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century

Author: Patricia Auspos

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0318>

This rich history illuminates the lives and partnerships of five married couples – two British, three American – whose unions defied the conventions of their time and anticipated social changes that were to come in the ensuing century. In all five marriages, both husband and wife enjoyed thriving professional lives: a shocking circumstance at a time when wealthy white married women were not supposed to have careers, and career women were not supposed to marry.

7.6.4 Having Too Much: Philosophical Essays on Limitarianism

Editor: Ingrid Robeyns

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0338>

Having Too Much is the first academic volume devoted to limitarianism: the idea that the use of economic or ecosystem resources should not exceed certain limits. This concept has deep roots in economic and political thought. One can find similar statements of such limits in thinkers such as Plato, Aquinas, and Spinoza. But Having Too Much is the first time in contemporary political philosophy that limitarianism is explored at length and in detail.

7.6.5 From Handwriting to Footprinting: Text and Heritage in the Age of Climate Crisis

Author: Anne Baillot

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0355>

Integrating historical, archival and environmental perspectives, *From Handwriting to Footprinting* illuminates the impact that digitisation has had on the dissemination and preservation of textual heritage and reflects on what its future may hold. It is invaluable reading for anyone interested in textual history from a linguistic or philological perspective, as well as those working on publishing, archival and infrastructure projects that require the storing and long-term preservation of texts, or who want to know how to develop a more mindful attachment to digitised material.

7.7 June 2023

7.7.1 Models in Microeconomic Theory: Expanded Second Edition (She)

Author: Martin J. Osborne

Author: Ariel Rubinstein

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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Models in Microeconomic Theory covers basic models in current microeconomic theory. Part I (Chapters 1-7) presents models of an economic agent, discussing abstract models of preferences, choice, and decision making under uncertainty, before turning to models of the consumer, the producer, and monopoly. Part II (Chapters 8-14) introduces the concept of equilibrium, beginning, unconventionally, with the models of the jungle and an economy with indivisible goods, and continuing with models of an exchange economy, equilibrium with rational expectations, and an economy with asymmetric information. Part III (Chapters 15-16) provides an introduction to game theory, covering strategic and extensive games and the concepts of Nash equilibrium and subgame perfect equilibrium. Part IV (Chapters 17-20) gives a taste of the topics of mechanism design, matching, the axiomatic analysis of economic systems, and social choice.

7.7.2 Models in Microeconomic Theory: Expanded Second Edition (He)

Author: Martin J. Osborne

Author: Ariel Rubinstein

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

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7.7.3 For Palestine: Essays from the Tom Hurndall Memorial Lecture Group

Editor: Ian Parker

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0345>

This book is a collection of lectures written by reputable scholars who offer diverse perspectives on the historical, political and cultural struggles in Palestine. Encompassed in the pages are sixteen chapters produced for the Tom Hurndall Memorial Lecture Group. Unlike predecessors of this topic, this book offers a thought-provoking and comprehensive analysis of Palestine, including architectural, cultural, legal, sociological, and psychological questions, providing a larger scope of study that has not yet been done before. Ultimately, this book explores oppression in Palestine and beyond in the Middle East.

7.7.4 Decolonial Ecologies: The Reinvention of Natural History in Latin American Art

Author: Joanna Page

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0339>

In *Decolonial Ecologies: The Reinvention of Natural History in Latin American Art*, Joanna Page illuminates the ways in which contemporary artists in Latin America are reinventing historical methods of collecting, organizing, and displaying nature in order to develop new aesthetic and political perspectives on the past and the present.

7.7.5 Play in a Covid Frame: Everyday Pandemic Creativity in a Time of Isolation

Editor: Julia Bishop

Editor: Anna Beresin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0326>

During the international coronavirus lockdowns of 2020–2021, millions of children, youth, and adults found their usual play areas out of bounds and their friends out of reach. How did the pandemic restrict everyday play and how did the pandemic offer new spaces and new content? This unique collection of essays documents the ways in which communities around the world harnessed play within the limiting frame of Covid-19.

7.8 May 2023

7.8.1 Migrant Academics' Narratives of Precarity and Resilience in Europe

Editor: Olga Burlyuk

Editor: Ladan Rahbari

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0331>

This volume consists of narratives of migrant academics from the Global South within academia in the Global North. The autobiographic and autoethnographic contributions to this collection aim to decolonise the discourse around academic mobility by highlighting experiences of precarity, resilience, care and solidarity in the academic margins.

7.8.2 An Introduction to Andalusí Hebrew Metrics

Author: José Martínez Delgado

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0351>

Delgado presents his view of Andalusí Hebrew metrics, as encountered in medieval manuals of Arabic and Hebrew metrics and scattered notes in the works of Andalusí Hebrew philologists. Whilst twentieth-century scholars spoke about the adaptation of Arabic metrics to Hebrew, he instead approaches these compositions by Andalusí Jews (10th-13th c.) as Arabic metrics written in Hebrew, thus emphasising how Hebrew poetry of the Andalusí Jews can help us to understand the general evolution of Arabic strophic poetry, and its experimental evolution, which is quite unlike classical and strophic Arabic poetry.

7.8.3 The Last Man Who Knew Everything: Thomas Young

Author: Andrew Robinson

Foreword by: Martin Rees

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0344>

No one has given the polymath Thomas Young (1773-1829) the all-round examination he so richly deserves—until now. Celebrated biographer Andrew Robinson portrays a man who solved mystery after mystery in the face of ridicule and rejection, and never sought fame.

7.9 April 2023

7.9.1 Touching Parchment: How Medieval Users Rubbed, Handled, and Kissed Their Manuscripts: Volume 1: Officials and Their Books

Author: Kathryn M. Rudy

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0337>

The Medieval book, both religious and secular, was regarded as a most precious item. The traces of its use through touching and handling during different rituals such as oath-taking, is the subject of Kathryn Rudy's research in *Touching Parchment*.

7.10 March 2023

7.10.1 Introduction to Systems Biology: Workbook for Flipped-classroom Teaching

Author: Thomas Sauter

Author: Marco Albrecht

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0291>

This book is an introduction to the language of systems biology, which is spoken among many disciplines, from biology to engineering. Authors Thomas Sauter and Marco Albrecht draw on a multidisciplinary background and evidence-based learning to facilitate the understanding of biochemical networks, metabolic modeling and system dynamics.

7.10.2 The Last Years of Polish Jewry: Volume 1: At the Edge of the Abyss: Essays, 1927–33

Author: Yankev Leshchinsky

Editor: Robert Brym

Translator: Robert Brym

Translator: Eli Jany

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0341>

Ukrainian-born Yankev Leshchinsky (1876–1966) was the leading scholarly and journalistic analyst of Eastern European Jewish socioeconomic and political life from the 1920s to the 1950s. Known as “the dean of Jewish sociologists” and “the father of Jewish demography,” Leshchinsky published a series of insightful and moving essays in Yiddish on Polish Jewry between 1927 and 1937. Despite heightened interest in interwar Jewish communities in Poland in recent years, these essays (like most of Leshchinsky’s works) have never been translated into English. *The Last Years of Polish Jewry* helps to rectify this situation by translating some of Leshchinsky’s key essays.

7.10.3 Susan Isaacs: A Life Freeing the Minds of Children

Author: Philip Graham

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0297>

This revised and expanded edition of *Susan Isaacs: A Life Freeing the Minds of Children* by Philip Graham, provides a comprehensive biography of a highly influential educationist and psychoanalyst. The book covers Isaacs' childhood through to the end of her life, making it of great interest to historians of British education and of psychoanalysis as well as to practicing early years teachers and psychoanalysts.

7.10.4 The Poetic Edda: A Dual-Language Edition

Author: Edward Pettit

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0308>

This book is an edition and translation of one of the most important and celebrated sources of Old Norse-Icelandic mythology and heroic legend, namely the medieval poems now known collectively as the Poetic Edda or Elder Edda.

7.11 February 2023

7.11.1 The European Experience: A Multi-Perspective History of Modern Europe, 1500–2000

Editor: Jochen Hung

Editor: Jaroslav Ira

Editor: Judit Klement

Editor: Andrew Tompkins

Editor: Jan Hansen

Editor: Juan Luis Simal

Editor: Sylvain Lesage

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0323>

The European Experience brings together the expertise of nearly a hundred historians from eight European universities to internationalise and diversify the study of modern European history, exploring a grand sweep of time from 1500 to 2000.

7.11.2 Dire Straits-Education Reforms: Ideology, Vested Interests and Evidence

Author: José Ignacio Wert

Author: Montserrat Gomendio

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0332>

Responding to an ‘educational emergency’ generated largely by the difficulties of implementing education reforms, this book compares education policies around the world in order to understand what works where. To address the key question of why education reforms are so difficult, the authors take into account a broad range of relevant factors, such as governance, ideology, and stakeholder conflicts of interest, and their interactions with one another.

7.11.3 The Historical Depth of the Tiberian Reading Tradition of Biblical Hebrew

Author: Aaron D. Hornkohl

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0310>

This volume explores an underappreciated feature of the standard Tiberian Masoretic tradition of Biblical Hebrew, namely its composite nature. Focusing on cases of dissonance between the tradition’s written (consonantal) and reading (vocalic) components, the study shows that the Tiberian spelling and pronunciation traditions, though related, interdependent, and largely in harmony, at numerous points reflect distinct oral realisations of the biblical text.

7.12 January 2023

7.12.1 Reshaping Food Systems to improve Nutrition and Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Author: Ayoub Al-Jawaldeh

Author: Alexa Meyer

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2023

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0322>

This detailed and comprehensive study examines nutrition and health in the World Health Organization (WHO) Eastern Mediterranean Region, presenting the six game-changing food systems actions proposed by the WHO and the progress of their implementation in the region.

7.13 December 2022

7.13.1 Chance Encounters: A Bioethics for a Damaged Planet

Author: Kristien Hens

Illustrator: Christina Stadlbauer

Illustrator: Bart H.M. Vandeput

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0320>

In this rigorous and necessary book, Kristien Hens brings together bioethics and the philosophy of biology to argue that it is ethically necessary for scientific research to include a place for the philosopher. As well as ethical, their role is conceptual: they can improve the quality and coherence of scientific research by ensuring that particular concepts are used consistently and thoughtfully across interdisciplinary projects. Hens argues that chance and uncertainty play a central part in bioethics, but that these qualities can be in tension with the attempt to establish a given theory as scientific knowledge: in describing organisms and practices, in a sense we create the world. Hens contends that this is necessarily an ethical activity.

7.13.2 Landscapes of Investigation: Contributions to Critical Mathematics Education

Editor: Miriam Godoy Penteado

Editor: Ole Skovsmose

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0316>

Creating landscapes of investigation is a primary concern of critical mathematics education. It enables us to organise educational processes so that students and teachers are able to get involved in explorations guided by dialogical interactions. It attempts to address explicit or

implicit forms of social injustice by means of mathematics, and also to promote a critical conception of mathematics, challenging the assumption that the subject represents objectivity and neutrality. Landscapes of Investigation provides many illustrations of how this can be done in primary, secondary, and university education. It also illustrates how exploring landscapes of investigation can contribute to mathematics teacher education programmes.

7.13.3 Greening Europe: 2022 European Public Investment Outlook

Editor: Floriana Cerniglia

Editor: Francesco Saraceno

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0328>

The third installment of the ‘European Public Investment Outlook’ series is an important and timely publication that draws together recent analyses to recommend significant increases in public investment in green ventures. Compelling data from key economists affiliated with international organizations like the International Monetary Fund, European Investment Bank and the European Commission, as well as academic departments and policy institutes are a clarion call for green investment to boost the economy and put the planet on a sustainable path.

7.13.4 Transforming Conservation: A Practical Guide to Evidence and Decision Making

Editor: William J. Sutherland

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0321>

There are severe problems with the decision-making processes currently widely used, leading to ineffective use of evidence, faulty decisions, wasting of resources and the erosion of public and political support. In this book an international team of experts provide solutions.

7.13.5 Music in Evolution and Evolution in Music

Author: Steven Jan

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0301>

Music in Evolution and Evolution in Music by Steven Jan is a comprehensive account of the relationships between evolutionary theory and music. Examining the ‘evolutionary algorithm’ that drives biological and musical-cultural evolution, the book provides a distinctive commentary on how musicality and music can shed light on our understanding of Darwin’s famous theory – and vice-versa.

7.13.6 William Rimmer: Champion of Imagination in American Art

Author: Dorinda Evans

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0304>

William Rimmer (1816–1879) is arguably the first modernist American sculptor, although his inventive originality has not been fully acknowledged. Rimmer cultivated an art of ideas and personal expression whilst supporting himself as a physician and, later, as a teacher of art anatomy at the Cooper Union School of Design for Women in New York.

7.14 November 2022

7.14.1 Engaging with Everyday Sounds

Author: Marcel Cobussen

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0288>

‘Engaging With Everyday Sounds’ is a rich and inspiring exploration of the role of sounds in everyday life, including their impact on human actions, emotions, and imagination. Marcel Cobussen intertwines sonic studies with philosophy, sound art, sociology and more to create an impressively lucid and innovative guide to sonic materialism, calling for a re-sensitization to our acoustic environment and arguing that everyday sounds have (micro)political, social, and ethical impact to which we should attend.

7.14.2 The Bible in the Bowls: A Catalogue of Biblical Quotations in Published Jewish Babylonian Aramaic Magic Bowls

Author: Daniel James Waller

Contributions by: Dorota Molin

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0305>

The Bible in the Bowls represents a complete catalogue of Hebrew Bible quotations found in the published corpus of Jewish Babylonian Aramaic magic bowls. As our only direct epigraphic witnesses to the Hebrew Bible from late antique Babylonia, the bowls are uniquely placed to contribute to research on the (oral) transmission of the biblical text in late antiquity; the pre-Masoretic Babylonian vocalisation tradition; the formation of the liturgy and the early development of the Jewish prayer book; the social locations of biblical knowledge in late antique Babylonia and socio-religious typologies of the bowls; and the dynamics of scriptural citation in ancient Jewish magic.

7.14.3 Women and Migration(s) II

Editor: Cheryl Finley

Editor: Ellyn Toscano

Editor: Deborah Willis

Editor: Kalia Brooks

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0296>

Women and Migration(s) II draws together contributions from scholars and artists showcasing the breadth of intersectional experiences of migration, from diaspora to internal displacement. Building on conversations initiated in *Women and Migration: Responses in Art and History*, this edited volume features a range of written styles, from memoir to artists' statements to journalistic and critical essays. The collection shows how women's experiences of migration have been articulated through art, film, poetry and even food.

7.14.4 Studies in the Masoretic Tradition of the Hebrew Bible

Editor: Daniel J. Crowther

Editor: Aaron D. Hornkohl

Editor: Geoffrey Khan

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0330>

This volume brings together papers on topics relating to the transmission of the Hebrew Bible from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern period. We refer to this broadly in the title of the volume as the ‘Masoretic Tradition’. The papers are innovative studies of a range of aspects of this Masoretic tradition at various periods, many of them presenting hitherto unstudied primary sources.

7.15 October 2022

7.15.1 Anthropology of Transformation: From Europe to Asia and Back

Editor: Juraj Buzalka

Editor: Agnieszka Pasieka

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0282>

This collection of essays is the result of the joint efforts of colleagues and students of the leading social anthropology and post-socialism theorist, Professor Chris Hann. With the thirtieth anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989 as their catalyst, the authors reflect upon Chris Hann’s lifelong fieldwork in the discipline, spanning regions as diverse as East Central Europe, Turkey, and the Chinese north-west.

7.15.2 ‘Fragile States’ in an Unequal World: The Role of the g7+ in International Diplomacy and Development Cooperation

Author: Isabel Rocha de Siqueira

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0311>

This is a book about people. ‘Fragile States’ in an Unequal World: The Role of the g7+ in International Diplomacy and Development Cooperation introduces the members of the g7+, a group formed by 20 conflict-affected states: why they came to believe in politics and policy; how they feel about their work, their family and their communities; and what they want to leave behind for the next generations. It is the story of their personal and collective values, their mistakes, and the challenges they faced, and it will resonate with anyone who has tried to organize and work with a group of very different people.

7.15.3 Diachronic Variation in the Omani Arabic Vernacular of the Al-^cAwābī District: From Carl Reinhardt (1894) to the Present Day

Author: Roberta Morano

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0298>

In this monograph, Roberta Morano re-examines one of the foundational works of the Omani Arabic dialectology field, Carl Reinhardt’s *Ein arabischer Dialekt gesprochen in ‘Oman und Zanzibar* (1894). This German-authored work was prolific in shaping our knowledge of Omani Arabic during the twentieth century, until the 1980s when more recent linguistic studies on the Arabic varieties spoken in Oman began to appear.

7.15.4 Life, Re-Scaled: The Biological Imagination in Twenty-First-Century Literature and Performance

Editor: Liliane Campos

Editor: Pierre-Louis Patoine

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0303>

This edited volume explores new engagements with the life sciences in contemporary fiction, poetry, comics and performance. The gathered case studies investigate how recent creative work reframes the human within microscopic or macroscopic scales, from cellular biology to systems ecology, and engages with the ethical, philosophical, and political issues raised by the twenty-first century’s shifting views of life. The collection thus examines literature and performance as spaces that shape our contemporary biological imagination.

7.15.5 The Official Indonesian Qurʾān Translation: The History and Politics of Al-Qurʾan dan Terjemahnya

Author: Fadhli Lukman

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0289>

This book studies the political and institutional project of Al-Qurʾan dan Terjemahnya, the official translation of the Qurʾān into Indonesian by the Indonesian government. It investigates how the translation was produced and presented, and how it is read, as well as considering the implications of the state's involvement in such a work.

7.16 September 2022

7.16.1 The Diaries of Anthony Hewitson, Provincial Journalist, Volume 1: 1865–1887

Editor: Andrew Hobbs

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0262>

Anthony Hewitson was a typical Victorian journalist, working in one of the largest sectors of the periodical press, provincial newspapers. His diaries, written between 1862 and 1912, lift the veil of anonymity hiding the people, processes and networks involved in the creation of Victorian newspapers. Andrew Hobbs's introduction and footnotes provide background and analysis of these valuable documents. This full scholarly edition offers a wealth of new information about reporting, freelancing, sub-editing, newspaper ownership and publishing, and illuminates aspects of Victorian periodicals and culture extending far beyond provincial newspapers.

7.16.2 An Outline of Romanticism in the West

Author: John Claiborne Isbell

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0302>

Navigating the landscape of Romantic literature and art across Europe and the Americas, *An Outline of Romanticism in the West* invites readers to embark upon a literary journey. Showcasing a breadth of theoretical and contextual approaches to the study of Romanticism,

John Isbell provides an insightful contemporary overview of the field, paired with wide-ranging comparative reflections on the art and literature that helped shape it.

7.17 August 2022

7.17.1 The Classical Parthenon: Recovering the Strangeness of the Ancient World

Author: William St Clair

Editor: Lucy Barnes

Editor: David St Clair

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0279>

Complementing *Who Saved the Parthenon?* this companion volume sets aside more recent narratives surrounding the Athenian Acropolis, supposedly ‘the very symbol of democracy itself’, instead asking if we can truly access an ancient past imputed with modern meaning. And, if so, how?

7.17.2 Second Chance: My Life in Things

Author: Ruth Rosengarten

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0285>

In this intimate memoir, Ruth Rosengarten explores the subject of evocative objects through a series of interconnected essays.

7.17.3 Sefer ha-Pardes by Jedaiah ha-Penini: A Critical Edition with English Translation

Author: David Torollo

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0299>

This groundbreaking new work is the first full critical edition and English translation of the Hebrew book *Sefer ha-Pardes* [The Book of the Orchard], written at the end of the thirteenth century by the Provençal Jewish author Jedaiah ha-Penini.

7.18 July 2022

7.18.1 Reading the Juggler of Notre Dame: Medieval Miracles and Modern Remakings

Author: Jan M. Ziolkowski

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0284>

In this two-part anthology, Jan M. Ziolkowski builds on themes uncovered in his earlier *The Juggler of Notre Dame and the Medievalizing of Modernity*. Here he focuses particularly on the performing arts.

7.18.2 A Complete Guide to Maggot Therapy: Clinical Practice, Therapeutic Principles, Production, Distribution, and Ethics

Editor: Frank Stadler

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/obp.0300>

Since the revival of maggot therapy in Western wound care approximately thirty years ago, there has been no comprehensive synthesis of what is known about its clinical practice, supply chain management, and social dimensions. This edited volume fills the information vacuum and, importantly, makes the current state of knowledge freely accessible. It is the first to provide sound, evidence-based information and guidance covering the entire supply chain from production to treatment.

7.18.3 The Power of Music: An Exploration of the Evidence

Author: Susan Hallam

Author: Evangelos Himonides

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0292>

Building on her earlier work, ‘The Power of Music: A Research Synthesis of the Impact of Actively Making Music on the Intellectual, Social and Personal Development of Children and Young People’, this volume by Susan Hallam and Evangelos Himonides is an important new resource in the field of music education, practice, and psychology.

7.19 June 2022

7.19.1 Neo-Aramaic and Kurdish Folklore from Northern Iraq: A Comparative Anthology with a Sample of Glossed Texts, Volume 2

Author: Geoffrey Khan

Author: Paul M. Noorlander

Author: Masoud Mohammadirad

Author: Dorota Molin

Contributions by: Lourd Habeeb Hanna

Contributions by: Aziz Emmanuel Eliya Al-Zebari

Contributions by: Salim Abraham

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0307>

This comparative anthology showcases the rich and mutually intertwined folklore of three ethno-religious communities from northern Iraq: Aramaic-speaking (‘Syriac’) Christians, Kurdish Muslims and—to a lesser extent—Aramaic-speaking Jews.

7.19.2 Neo-Aramaic and Kurdish Folklore from Northern Iraq: A Comparative Anthology with a Sample of Glossed Texts, Volume 1

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Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

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This comparative anthology showcases the rich and mutually intertwined folklore of three ethno-religious communities from northern Iraq: Aramaic-speaking ('Syriac') Christians, Kurdish Muslims and—to a lesser extent—Aramaic-speaking Jews.

7.19.3 The Merger Mystery: Why Spend Ever More on Mergers When So Many Fail?

Author: Geoff Meeks

Author: J. Gay Meeks

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0309>

Drawing on findings from a wealth of statistical analyses and case evidence from many businesses, the book presents answers to this merger mystery. In a synthesis of ideas from several disciplines, solutions are detected in misaligned incentives, distorted financial engineering and information asymmetry. By revealing how weaknesses at multiple points can interact and cumulate to produce inefficient outcomes, the discussion serves as a corrective to the overwhelmingly positive tone of most commentary on M&A, whilst also advocating changes in participants' contracts, in taxation, and in regulation which could significantly reduce the number of mergers that fail.

7.20 May 2022

7.20.1 Performing Deception: Learning, Skill and the Art of Conjuring

Author: Brian Rappert

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0295>

In *Performing Deception*, Brian Rappert reconstructs the practice of entertainment magic by analysing it through the lens of perception, deception and learning, as he goes about studying conjuring himself.

7.20.2 Who Saved the Parthenon?: A New History of the Acropolis Before, During and After the Greek Revolution

Author: William St Clair

Editor: David St Clair

Editor: Lucy Barnes

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0136>

In this magisterial book, William St Clair unfolds the history of the Parthenon throughout the modern era to the present day, with special emphasis on the period before, during, and after the Greek War of Independence of 1821–32.

7.21 April 2022

7.21.1 The Voice of the Century: The Culture of Italian Bel Canto in Luisa Tetrazzini's Recorded Interpretations

Author: Massimo Zicari

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0277>

This innovative work considers the notion of bel canto and the manner in which this vibrant tradition lives in the records of Luisa Tetrazzini (1871-1940), one of the most celebrated sopranos ever. Tetrazzini, whose discographic career includes about 120 recordings, belongs to that generation of inspirational performers who heralded the dawn of a new era of music appreciation, alongside such iconic figures as Enrico Caruso, Adelina Patti and Nellie Melba.

7.21.2 A Philosophy of Cover Songs

Author: P.D. Magnus

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0293>

In *A Philosophy of Cover Songs*, P.D. Magnus demonstrates that philosophy provides a valuable toolbox for thinking about covers; in turn, the philosophy of cover songs illustrates some general points about philosophical method.

7.21.3 A Common Good Approach to Development: Collective Dynamics of Development Processes

Editor: Mathias Nebel

Editor: Oscar Garza-Vázquez

Editor: Clemens Sedmak

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0290>

This edited collection proposes a common good approach to development theory and practice.

7.21.4 Ecocene Politics

Author: Mihnea Tănăsescu

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0274>

Anchored in the diverse ecological practices of communities in southern Italy and Aotearoa/New Zealand, this book devises a unique and considered theoretical response to the shortcomings of global politics in the Ecocene—a new temporal epoch characterised by the increasingly frequent intrusion of ecological processes into political life.

7.22 March 2022

7.22.1 A Short History of Transport in Japan from Ancient Times to the Present

Author: John Andrew Black

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0281>

A Short History of Transport in Japan from Ancient Times to the Present is a unique study: the first by a Western scholar to place the long-term development of Japanese infrastructure alongside an analysis of its evolving political economy.

7.23 February 2022

7.23.1 William Sharp and “Fiona Macleod”: A Life

Author: William F. Halloran

Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0276>

Drawing extensively on his letters, his wife Elizabeth Sharp’s Memoir, and accounts by friends and associates, this biography provides a lucid and intimate account of William Sharp’s life, from his rejection of the dour religion of his Scottish boyhood, his turn to spiritualism, to his role in the Scottish Celtic Revival in the mid-nineties.

7.23.2 The Form of Ideology and the Ideology of Form: Cold War, Decolonization and Third World Print Cultures

Editor: Francesca Orsini

Editor: Neelam Srivastava

Editor: Laetitia Zecchini

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This timely volume focuses on the period of decolonization and the Cold War as the backdrop to the emergence of new and diverse literary aesthetics that accompanied anti-imperialist commitments and Afro-Asian solidarity. Competing internationalist frameworks produced a flurry of writings that made Asian, African and other world literatures visible to each other for the first time. The book’s essays examine a host of print culture formats (magazines, newspapers, manifestos, conference proceedings, ephemera, etc.) and modes of cultural mediation and transnational exchange that enabled the construction of a variously inflected Third-World culture which played a determining role throughout the Cold War.

7.23.3 Learning, Marginalization, and Improving the Quality of Education in Low-income Countries

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Improving learning evidence and outcomes for those most in need in developing countries is at the heart of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal on Education (SDG4). This timely volume brings together contributions on current empirical research and analysis of emerging trends that focus on improving the quality of education through better policy and practice, particularly for those who need improved 'learning at the bottom of the pyramid' (LBOP).

7.23.4 The Neo-Aramaic Oral Heritage of the Jews of Zakho

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Aloni focuses on three genres of the Zakho community's oral heritage: the proverb, the enriched biblical narrative and the folktale.

7.23.5 Replantando la acción social por la música: la búsqueda de la convivencia y la ciudadanía en la Red de Escuelas de Música de Medellín

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Este libro pionero examina el desarrollo de La Red de Escuelas de Música de Medellín, una red de 27 escuelas fundada en 1996 en la segunda ciudad principal de Colombia como respuesta a su reputación como la ciudad más peligrosa en la Tierra. Inspirada en El Sistema, el programa venezolano fundacional de educación musical, La Red es, no obstante, notablemente diferente: su historia es una de múltiples reinenciones y de una búsqueda continua para mejorar su oferta educativa y alcanzar mejor sus objetivos sociales. Sus reflexiones internas e intentos de transformación arrojan luz valiosa sobre el pasado, el presente y el futuro de ASPM.

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7.24.1 Democratising Participatory Research: Pathways to Social Justice from the South

Author: Carmen Martinez-Vargas

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In this book Carmen Martinez-Vargas explores how academic participatory research and the way it is carried out can contribute to more, or less, social justice. Adopting theoretical and empirical approaches, and addressing multiple complex, intersectional issues, this book offers inspiration for scholars and practitioners to open up alternative pathways to social justice, viewed through a Global South lens.

7.24.2 Horos: Ancient Boundaries and the Ecology of Stone

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In *Horos*, Thea Potter explores the complex relationship between classical philosophy and the ‘horos’, a stone that Athenians erected to mark the boundaries of their marketplace, their gravestones, their roads and their private property. Potter weaves this history into a meditation on the ancient philosophical concept of horos, the foundational project of determination and definition, arguing that it is central to the development of classical philosophy and the marketplace.

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7.25.1 Making the Void Fruitful: Yeats as Spiritual Seeker and Petrarchan Lover

Author: Patrick J. Keane

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Shedding fresh light on the life and work of William Butler Yeats—widely acclaimed as the major English-language poet of the twentieth century—this new study by leading scholar Patrick J. Keane questions established understandings of the Irish poet’s long fascination with

the occult: a fixation that repelled literary contemporaries T.S. Eliot and W.H. Auden, but which enhanced Yeats's vision of life and death.

7.25.2 Points of Contact: The Shared Intellectual History of Vocalisation in Syriac, Arabic, and Hebrew

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This book investigates the theories behind Semitic vocalisation and vowel phonology in the early medieval Middle East, tracing their evolution to identify points of intellectual contact between Syriac, Arabic, and Hebrew linguists before the twelfth century.

7.25.3 Mary Warnock: Ethics, Education and Public Policy in Post-War Britain

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This biography illuminates the life and thought of Baroness Mary Warnock, whose active years spanned the second half of the twentieth century, a period during which opportunities for middle-class women rapidly and vastly improved.

7.25.4 Auld Lang Syne: A Song and its Culture

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In *Auld Lang Syne: A Song and its Culture*, M. J. Grant explores the history of this iconic song, demonstrating how its association with ideas of fellowship, friendship and sociality has enabled it to become so significant for such a wide range of individuals and communities around the world.

7.25.5 Coping: A Philosophical Guide

Author: Luc Bovens

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Coping and Philosophy is a collection of philosophical essays on how we deal with life's challenges. We hope for better times, but what is hope and is it a good thing to hope? How do we look back and make sense of our lives in the face of death? What is the nature of love and how do we deal with its hardships? What makes for a genuine apology and is there too much or too little apologizing in this world? Can we effect changes in ourselves to adapt to our circumstances? And how can we sense of all the counsel that people have: be grateful, don't cry over spilled milk, eat well, ...

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7.26.1 The Great Reset: 2021 European Public Investment Outlook

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This timely and insightful collection of essays written by economists from a range of academic and policy institutes explores the subject of public investment through two avenues. The first examines public investment trends and needs in Europe, addressing the initiatives taken by European governments to tackle the COVID-19 recession and to rebuild their economies. The second identifies key domains where European public investment is needed to build a more sustainable Europe, from climate change to human capital formation.

7.26.2 Epidicus by Plautus: An Annotated Latin Text, with a Prose Translation

Author: Catherine Tracy

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Epidicus, a light-hearted comedy by Plautus about the machinations of a trickster slave and the inadequacies of his bumbling masters, appears here in both its original Latin and a sparkling new translation by Catherine Tracy. Epidicus, the cunning slave, is charged with finding his master's illegitimate daughter and the secret girlfriend of his master's son, but a comedy of mistaken identities and competing interests ensues. Amid the mayhem, Epidicus aims to win his freedom whilst risking some of the grislier punishments the Romans inflicted on their unfortunate slaves.

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Documentary Making for Digital Humanists sets out the fundamentals of filmmaking, explores academic discourse on digital documentaries and online distribution, and considers the place of this discourse in the evolving academic landscape.

7.26.4 Forms of Life and Subjectivity: Rethinking Sartre's Philosophy

Author: Daniel Rueda Garrido

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'Forms of Life and Subjectivity: Rethinking Sartre's Philosophy' explores the fundamental question of why we act as we do. Informed by an ontological and phenomenological approach, and building mainly, but not exclusively, on the thought of Sartre, Daniel Rueda Garrido considers the concept of a "form of life" as a term that bridges the gap between subjective identity and communities.

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In this elementary textbook, Philip S. Peek draws on his twenty-five years of teaching experience to present the ancient Greek language in an imaginative and accessible way that promotes creativity, deep learning, and diversity.

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The nineteenth century witnessed a series of revolutions in the production and circulation of images. From lithographs and engraved reproductions of paintings to daguerreotypes, stereoscopic views, and mass-produced sculptures, works of visual art became available in a wider range of media than ever before. But the circulation and reproduction of artworks also raised new questions about the legal rights of painters, sculptors, engravers, photographers, architects, collectors, publishers, and subjects of representation (such as sitters in paintings or photographs). Copyright and patent laws tussled with informal cultural norms and business strategies as individuals and groups attempted to exert some degree of control over these visual creations.

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