"… "code as law" makes code some thing different: <u>automatically executable</u>… automatically enabling and disabling certain actions, and functioning at the level of everyday practice."

Code as law as police… makes executive, legislative, and juridical powers coincide. Code as law as police <u>erases the gap between force and writing</u>… It makes language abstract - <u>erases the importance of enunciation</u>… [T]he dream of executive power as source lies at… <u>simply doing what they say</u>.

Wendy Chun, *Updating to Remain the Same,* 2016

"computer programs… compliantly obey their laws and vividly exhibit their obedient behavior. No playwright, no stage director, no emperor, however powerful, has ever exercised such absolute authority to arrange a stage or a field of battle and to command such unswervingly dutiful actors or troops."

Joseph Weizenbaum, *Computer Power and Human Reason,* **1976**