

Science, Technology and Society

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Welcome

Established in 2019, our list publishes books that examine the social, political and economic implications of developments in science and technology. It's a home for scholarship that comes out of the field of science and technology studies, but we also welcome authors who work in related fields such as critical data studies. In this catalogue we're excited to be unveiling our latest publications, such *The Tensions of Algorithmic Thinking* by David Beer, and the path-breaking *Ecological Reparation*, which is the first title in our new *Dis-positions* book series.

Bristol's newest list continues to expand, and we are delighted to receive enquiries from prospective authors at all stages of their writing careers. We are especially interested in work that engages with one (or more) of the following areas:

- Digital economies
- Science, technology, medicine and health
- Online culture
- Technology and politics
- New directions in theory, method and methodology



If you would like to get in touch, please contact Paul Stevens: [**paul.stevens@bristol.ac.uk**](mailto:paul.stevens@bristol.ac.uk)

The Tensions of Algorithmic Thinking

Automation, Intelligence and the Politics of Knowing

David Beer, University of York

"With attention to detail and a historical sensitivity, Beer weaves together a compelling story of the forces and frictions surrounding automation today. A treasure trove for anyone interested in the social theory of machine learning."

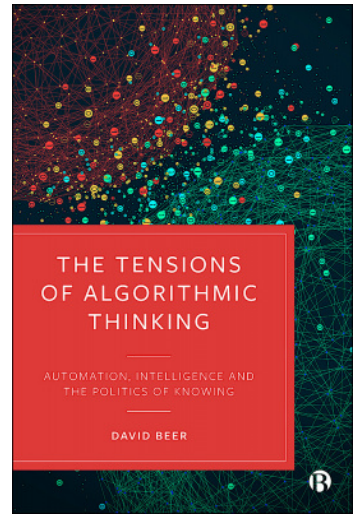
TAINA BUCHER, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

We are living in algorithmic times.

From machine learning and artificial intelligence to blockchain or simpler newsfeed filtering, automated systems can transform the social world in ways that are just starting to be imagined.

Redefining these emergent technologies as the new systems of knowing, pioneering scholar David Beer examines the acute tensions they create and how they are changing what is known and what is knowable. Drawing on cases ranging from the art market and the smart home, through to financial tech, AI patents and neural networks, he develops key concepts for understanding the framing, envisioning and implementation of algorithms.

This book will be of interest to anyone who is concerned with the rise of algorithmic thinking and the way it permeates society.



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Resisting AI

An Anti-Fascist Approach to Artificial Intelligence

Dan McQuillan, Goldsmiths, University of London

"An invaluable materialist thinking-through of AI. McQuillan's clarity, creativity, and close attention to technical detail make this an exceptional contribution to the ongoing task of trying to figure out what to do about computers."

BEN TARNOFF, LOGIC MAGAZINE AND AUTHOR OF INTERNET FOR THE PEOPLE: THE FIGHT FOR OUR DIGITAL FUTURE

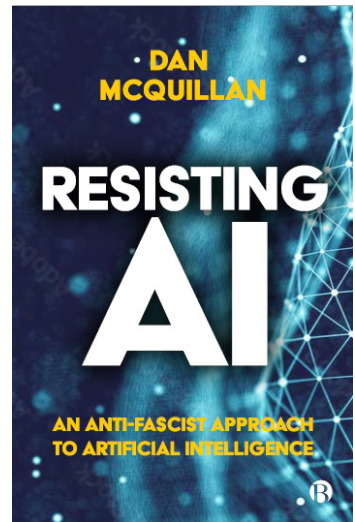
"A lucid take-down of AI [and] passionate call to action from one of the most interesting thinkers on the subject."

LINA DENCİK, DATA JUSTICE LAB, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is everywhere, yet it causes damage to society in ways that can't be fixed. Instead of helping to address our current crises, AI causes divisions that limit people's life chances, and even suggests fascist solutions to social problems. This book provides an analysis of AI's deep learning technology and its political effects and traces the ways that it resonates with contemporary political and social currents, from global austerity to the rise of the far right.

Dan McQuillan calls for us to resist AI as we know it and restructure it by prioritising the common good over algorithmic optimisation. He sets out an anti-fascist approach to AI that replaces exclusions with caring, proposes people's councils as a way to restructure AI through mutual aid and outlines new mechanisms that would adapt to changing times by supporting collective freedom.

Academically rigorous, yet accessible to a socially engaged readership, this unique book will be of interest to all who wish to challenge the social logic of AI by reasserting the importance of the common good.



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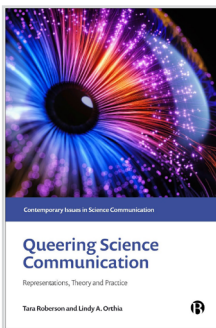
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Contemporary Issues in Science Communication

Series Editors: **Clare Wilkinson**, University of the West of England Bristol

As science communication continues to establish itself as a discipline in the 21st century, this original new series will link the present with the past to develop our understanding of the history of science communication, both in practice and as an academic discipline. For more information, see: bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/contemporary-issues-in-science-communication



Queering Science Communication

Representations, Theory and Practice

Tara Roberson, University of Queensland and **Lindy A. Orthia**, Australia National University

A book on queer themes and science communication is timely, if not well overdue. LGBTIQA+ people have unique contributions to make and issues to meet through science communication. So, bringing 'queer' and 'science communication' together is an important step for queer protest, liberation and visibility.

This collection examines the place of queer people within science communication and asks what it means for the field to 'queer' science communication practice, theory and research agendas.

Written by leading names in the field, it offers concrete examples for academics, students and practitioners who strive to foster radical inclusivity and equity in science communication.

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Contemporary Issues in Science Communication



Race and Socio-Cultural Inclusion in Science Communication

Innovation, Decolonisation and Transformation

Elizabeth Rasekoala, African Gong

Conversations around diversity, equity and inclusion in science communication are in danger of generating much concern without effecting change and systematic transformations.

This radical volume addresses these circular discourses and reveals the gaps in the field. Putting the spotlight on the marginalised voices of so-called 'racialised minorities', and those from Global South regions, it interrogates the global footprint of the science communication enterprise.

Moving beyond tokenistic and extractive approaches, this book creates a space for academics and practitioners to challenge issues around race and socio-cultural inclusion, providing mutual learning, paradigm-shifting perspectives and innovative ways forward for the science communication advancement agenda.



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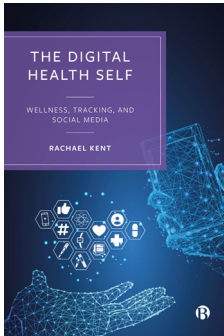
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Contemporary Issues in Science
Communication





The Digital Health Self

Wellness, Tracking and Social Media

Rachael Kent, Kings College London

This is an in-depth analysis of how understandings and conceptualisations of health past, present and future has transformed in the digital age. Putting the spotlight on neoliberalism as a pervasive tool that dictates wellness as a moral obligation, this book critically analyses how users navigate relationships between self-tracking technologies, social media and health management.

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Genetic Science and New Digital Technologies

Science and Technology Studies and Health Praxis

Tina Sikka, Newcastle University

This volume looks at what makes health and genetic technologies unique and explores the representation, communication and internalization of health knowledge. Showcasing how power and inequality are reflected and reproduced by these technologies, discourses and practices, this book will be a go-to resource for scholars in science and technology studies and those who study the intersection of race, gender, socioeconomic status, sexuality and health.

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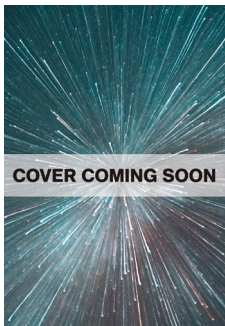
Games in the Platform Economy

From Market Power to Marketplace Power and Beyond

Anne Mette Thorhauge, University of Copenhagen

This book examines the evolution of digital platform economies through the lens of online gaming with a unique economic sociology perspective. Paying particular attention to Valve's 'Steam' platform, the book examines the architecture of this online videogame marketplace and the way it enables new markets and economic transactions.

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Making Information Matter

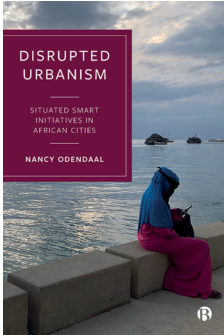
Critical engagements with surveillance

Mareile Kaufmann, University of Oslo

This book advances a new view of information and surveillance practices, as well as their related agencies, politics and powers. Drawing on case studies, the author crafts a new methodology of studying information life cycles which will help us navigate information regimes today.

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Disrupted Urbanism

Situated Smart Initiatives in African Cities

Nancy Odendaal, University of Cape Town

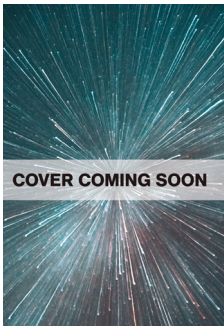
"A path-breaking exploration of the realities of digital innovation across urban Africa..."

STEPHEN GRAHAM, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

The smart city is often promoted as a top-down, technology-driven solution to complex urban issues. This book provides a much-needed alternative view, exploring how 'home-grown' digital disruption, driven and initiated by local actors, upends the mainstream corporate narrative. Drawing on original research conducted in a range of urban African settings, Odendaal shows how these initiatives can lead to meaningful change.

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Mistrust Issues

How Technology Discourses Quantify, Extract and Legitimise Inequalities

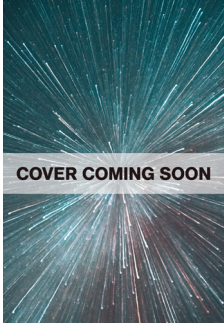
Garfield Benjamin, Solent University

We are often expected to trust technologies, and how they are used, even if we have good reason not to. Discussing the political understandings of trust and mistrust in the context of data, AI and technology at large, this book defines a process of trustification used by governments, corporations, researchers and the media to legitimise exploitation and the increasing of inequalities.

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BRISTOL **SHORTS** RESEARCH





The Life of a Number

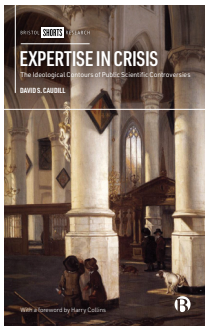
Measurement, Meaning and
COVID-19

Brendan Lawson, Loughborough University

Drawing on case studies, this book examines how politicians, academics and journalists gave meaning to data during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lawson sheds light on the distinct nature of the pandemic that led to the increased politicization of data and how it permanently changed the way we view health and society more broadly.

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Expertise in Crisis

The Ideological Contours of Public
Scientific Controversies

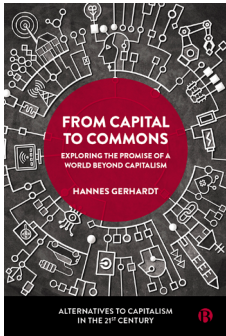
David S. Caudill, Villanova University

As the crisis of expertise continues to be a global issue, this book shows that it is not a 'scientific' controversy, but an ideological dispute with 'believers' on both sides. If the advocates for consensus science acknowledge the uncertainties of even the best science, rather than insisting on cold, hard facts, it is possible to open a pathway towards interaction and communication, even persuasion, between world views.

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From Capital to Commons

Exploring the Promise of a World Beyond Capitalism

Hannes Gerhardt, University of West Georgia

In this stimulating analysis, Hannes Gerhardt outlines the potentials and challenges of a technology-enabled, commons-focused transition out of capitalism.

The book shows that openness and cooperation are more beneficial in today's economies and societies than competition and profit-seeking. Driven by this conviction, Gerhardt identifies key imperatives for overcoming capitalism, from democratizing our digital, material and financial economies to maintaining a robust, political mobilization. Using clear examples, he explores tactical openings through the lens of 'compeerism', a newly constructed framework that highlights the latent counter-capitalist possibilities, but also limits, of our emerging technological landscape.

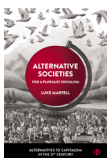
This is an accessible contribution to counter-capitalist discourse that is both inspiring and pragmatic for academics and activists alike.

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Alternatives to Capitalism in the
21st Century



ALSO AVAILABLE



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Luke Martell



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Frank Adloff



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Lara Monticelli

Work and Alienation in the Platform Economy

Amazon and the Power of Organization

Sarrah Kassem, University of Tübingen

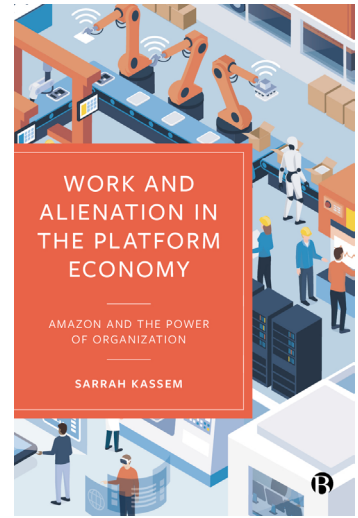
"A must-read for everyone interested in understanding how workers, and worker struggles, will come to shape the future of the platform economy."

MARK GRAHAM, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Once hidden behind the veils of entrepreneurship, it is now clear that platforms are reshaping the world of work, and Amazon has been a forerunner in setting the trend.

This book examines two key and contrasting Amazon platforms that differ in how they organize workers: its e-commerce platform and digital labor platform (Mechanical Turk). With access to the people who are working at the heart of these platforms, it explores how different working conditions alienate workers, and how, despite these conditions, workers organize within their political-economic contexts to express their agency in traditional and alternative ways.

Written for social scientists, studying and researching the platform economy, this is a timely and important analysis of work and workers on the (digital) shop floor.



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Labour Conflicts in the Digital Age

A Comparative Perspective

Donatella della Porta and **Riccardo Emilio Chesto**, Scuola Normale Superiore and **Lorenzo Cini**, University College Dublin

From Deliveroo to Amazon, digital platforms have drastically transformed the way we work. But how are these transformations being received and challenged by workers?

This book offers a complete view of the new labour conflicts in the platform economy.

Through case studies in advanced economies in Europe and the US and with an original approach that combines social movement studies and industrial relations, it provides a radical interpretation on the changing nature of worker movements in the digital age.

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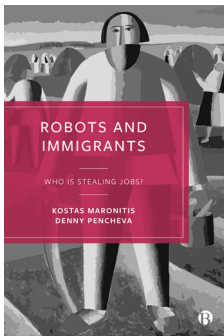
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Understanding Work and Employment Relations



Robots and Immigrants

Who is Stealing Jobs?

Kostas Maronitis, Leeds Trinity University and **Denny Pencheva**, University College London

"Theoretically outstanding and empirically informed..."

ROXANA BARBULESCU, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

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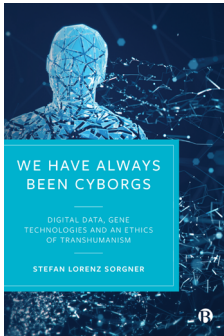
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This book explores the role of automation and migration in the competitive labour market which has become increasingly important in political and public debates.

The authors scrutinise the narratives created around immigration and automation, revealing how the advances in AI and demands for a constant flow of immigrant workers eradicate political and working rights, propagating fears over job theft and ownership.



We Have Always Been Cyborgs

Digital Data, Gene Technologies and an Ethics of Transhumanism

Stefan Lorenz Sorgner, John Cabot University

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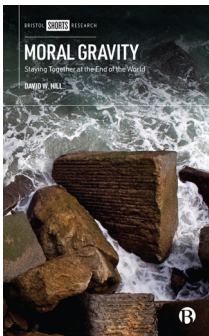
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"... tackles some of the most challenging ethical issues currently discussed, including gene editing, digital data collection, and life extension ... Highly recommended ..."

N. KATHERINE HAYLES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

In this visionary new book, Stefan Sorgner explores the critical issues that link transhumanism with digitalization, gene technologies and ethics. He examines the history and meaning of transhumanism, offering insightful reflections on values, norms and utopia. This will be an important guide for readers interested in contemporary digital culture, gene ethics and policy making.



Moral Gravity

Staying Together at the End of the World

David W. Hill, York St John University

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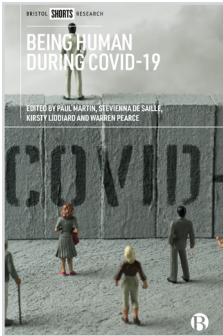
BRISTOL **SHORTS** RESEARCH



"...a deeply serious contribution to debates about environmental catastrophe on earth."

DARYL MARTIN, UNIVERSITY OF YORK

This radical book unsettles how we think about taking responsibility for environmental catastrophe. Going beyond both hopelessness and false hope as responses to climate change, David W. Hill takes readers on a journey to understand society through its relationship to its own devastation, envisions a society that does not centre human beings at its core and calls for taking responsibility for sustaining a coexistence of animals, plants and minerals bound by one planet.



Being Human During COVID-19

Paul Martin, Warren Pearce, Stevienna de Saille and Kirsty Liddiard, University of Sheffield

"Thought-provoking for post-pandemic times."

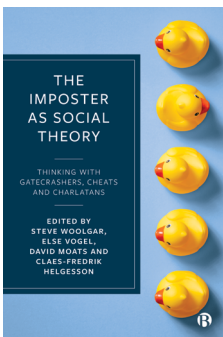
JENNY FISHER, MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

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This transdisciplinary collection engages with key issues of social exclusion, inequality, power and knowledge in the context of COVID-19. The authors reframe ongoing debates and highlight how they might lead to new ways of thinking and acting in relation to public policy, culture and the economy.

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The Imposter as Social Theory

Thinking with Gatecrashers, Cheats and Charlatans

Edited by **Steve Woolgar**, Linköping University, **Else Vogel**, University of Amsterdam, **David Moats**, University of Helsinki and **Claes-Fredrik Helgesson**, Uppsala University

"One of the most comprehensive endeavours to examine the figure of the imposter in social theory."

GABRIELLA COLEMAN, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

The figure of the imposter can stir complicated emotions, from intrigue to suspicion and fear. But what insights can they provide into the social relations and cultural forms from which they emerge? This volume explores the question through a diverse range of empirical cases, including magicians, spirit possession, bogus Instagram followers, fake art and fraudulent scientists. Proposing 'thinking with imposters' as a valuable new tool of analysis, this revolutionary book shows how the figure of the imposter can help upend social theory.

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NEW IN PAPERBACK





Slow Computing

Why We Need Balanced Digital Lives

Rob Kitchin and **Alistair Fraser**, Maynooth University

"Clearly identif[ies] the issues and gets [its] teeth into solutions, ideas, and concepts in terms of how we need to be more sentient around these issues. There are lots of good suggestions to follow and we strongly recommend you engage with them."

IRISH TECH NEWS

Digital technologies should be making life easier. And to a large degree they are, but they also accelerate our lives, affect our wellbeing and determine our life chances. Initially, the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown seemed to create new opportunities for people to practise 'slow computing', but it quickly became clear that it was as difficult, if not more so, than during normal times. Is it then possible to experience the joy and benefits of computing in a way that asserts individual and collective autonomy? Drawing on the ideas of the 'slow movement', Slow Computing sets out numerous practical and political means to take back control and counter the more pernicious effects of living digital lives.

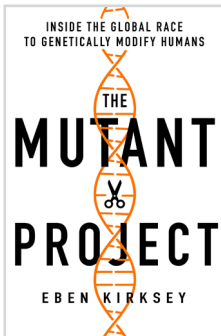
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The Mutant Project

Inside the Global Race to Genetically Modify Humans

Eben Kirksey, Deakin University

"A riveting jaunt to the cliff-edge of the future. Empathetic, provocative and probing, it is a must read."

ALONDRA NELSON, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY AND AUTHOR OF THE SOCIAL LIFE OF DNA

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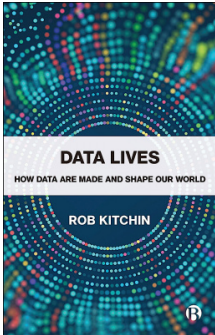
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Shortlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction 2021.

Professor Eben Kirksey takes us on a groundbreaking journey to meet the key scientists, lobbyists and entrepreneurs who are bringing cutting-edge genetic modification tools like CRISPR to your local clinic. He also talks to doctors, hackers, chronically ill patients, disabled scholars and activists. *The Mutant Project* empowers us to ask the right questions, uncover the truth and navigate this new era of scientific enquiry.



Data Lives

How Data Are Made and Shape Our World

Rob Kitchin, Maynooth University

"A powerful and important account of the role data plays in shaping everyday life from a world-leading researcher with decades of experience in the field."

JAMES ASH, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Rob Kitchin explores the intricacies of data creation and charts how data-driven technologies have become essential to how society, government and the economy work. Creatively blending scholarly analysis, biography and fiction, he demonstrates how data are shaped by social and political forces, and the extent to which they influence our daily lives. He reveals our data world to be one of potential danger, but also of hope.

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Gender Inequalities in Tech-Driven Research and Innovation

Living the Contradiction

Gabriele Griffin, Uppsala University

"This hugely engaging and timely book delves deep into the so-called Nordic gender paradox."

CLEM HERMAN, THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

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This volume centres on the lived experience of women working in tech-driven research and innovation areas in Nordic countries. The author examines how women negotiate living in the contradictory situation of a strongly embedded public equality rhetoric and the fact that, despite numerous programmes, they constitute a minority.

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The Political Economy of Digital Monopolies

Contradictions and Alternatives to Data Commodification

Paško Bilić, Institute for Development and International Relations Zagreb, **Toni Prug**, independent researcher and **Mislav Žitko**, University of Zagreb

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"... creatively applies Marxist theory to help us understand the role and significance of digital titans."

PETER GOLDING, NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

As outrage over the socially damaging practices of digital companies intensifies, this book asks what it actually means to hold 'monopoly' in the tech world and how it affects the way companies operate. Combining new and traditional Marxian perspectives, the authors provide an in-depth analysis of how the major tech giants are produced, financialised and regulated.



Media Technologies for Work and Play in East Asia

Critical Perspectives on Japan and the Two Koreas

Edited by **Micky Lee**, Suffolk University Boston and **Peichi Chung**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

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"... a timely, riveting page-turner..."

TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

The first comparative study of media technologies in Japan and the two Koreas, this book illuminates the peculiar geopolitical relations between the three countries through their development and use of digital technologies. Drawing from political economy, cultural studies and technology studies, this book is essential reading for researchers and students of media technologies and popular culture in North East Asia.



Social Media and the Automatic Production of Memory

Classification, Ranking and the Sorting of the Past

Ben Jacobsen and **David Beer**, University of York

"... an insightful analysis of what 'technologies of memory' look like in data-driven societies."

JOSÉ VAN DIJCK, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

Social media platforms hold vast amounts of data about our lives. Content from the past is increasingly being presented in the form of 'memories'. Critically exploring this new form of memory making, Jacobsen and Beer ask how social media are beginning to change the way we remember, and they consider important implications for the role of content in the algorithmically defined spaces of our lives.

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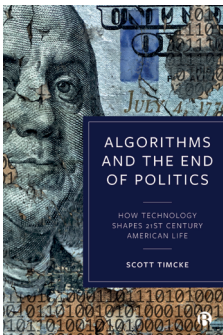
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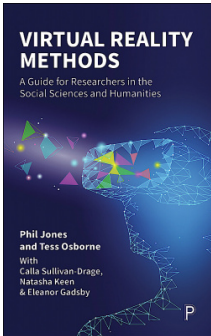
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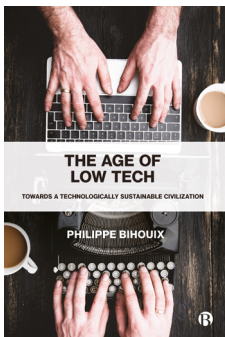
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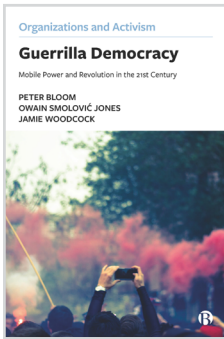
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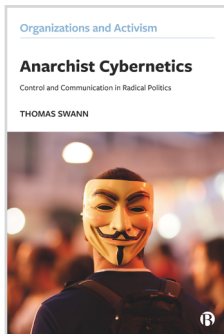
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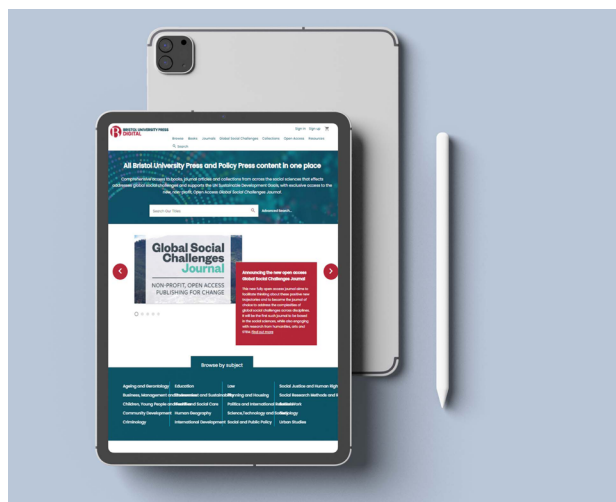
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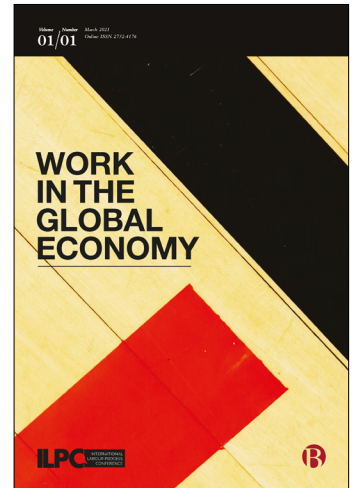


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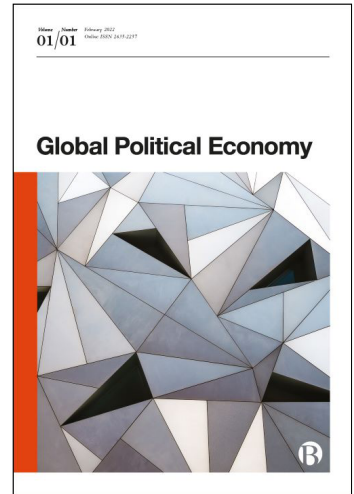
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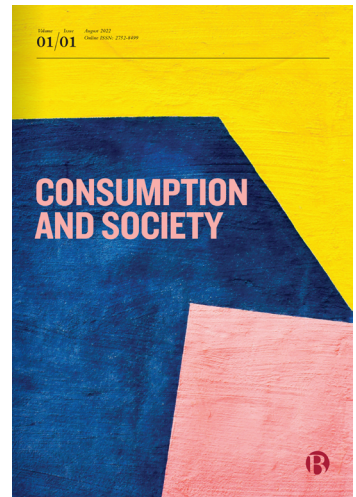
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