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Despite widespread claims to the contrary, Japan's high-tech industrial policies over the last two turbulent decades have proved to be neither cooperative nor successful. This book focuses on MITI and Japan's giant electronics firms—their ambitions and conflicts—to show that the policymaking process is torn by conflict and competition.

The Internet Does Not Exist Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Through an examination of a range of performance works ranging from Jean Cocteau's ballet *The Eiffel Tower Wedding Party* (1921) to Julie Taymor's monumental production of *Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark* (2010) and Mexican playwright Isaac Gomez's *La Ruta* (2018), *Staging Technology* asks what becomes visible when we encounter plays, operas, and musicals that are themselves about fraught human/machine interfaces. What can theatrical production tell us about the way technology functions as an element of ideology and power in narrative drama? About the limits of the human? *Staging Technology* bridges the divide between the technical practices of theatre production and critical, theoretical approaches to interpreting drama to examine the way dramatic theatre's technologies are shaped by larger historical, ideological, and economic forces. At the same time, it examines how those technologies themselves have influenced 20th and 21st-century playwrights', composers', and librettists' choice of subject

matter for staged representation. Examining performance works from the modernist and post-modern European and American canon of drama, opera, and performance art including works by Eugène Ionesco, Samuel Beckett, Heiner Müller, Sophie Treadwell, Harold Pinter, Tristan Tzara, Jean Cocteau, Arthur Miller, Robert Pinsky, John Adams and Alice Goodman, *Staging Technology* transforms how we think about the interrelationship between theatre practice, performance, narrative drama, and text. In it Craig N. Owens synthesizes approaches to interpretation and practice from disparate realms, offering insights into over-arching ways of making meaning that are illustrated through focused and innovative readings of individual works for the dramatic stage. *Staging Technology* provides a new and transformative paradigm for thinking about dramatic literature, the practices of representational theatre production, and the historical and social contexts they inhabit.

Historical Materialism WordFire +ORM

Approaching the issues of climate change and climate justice from a range of diverse perspectives including those of culture, gender, indigeneity, race, and sexuality, as well as challenging colonial histories and capitalist presents, *Climate Futures* boldly addresses the apparent inevitability of climate chaos. Seeking better explanations of the underlying causes and consequences of climate change, and mapping strategies toward a better future, or at a minimum, the most likely best-case world that we can get to, this book envisions planetary social movements robust enough to spark the necessary changes needed to achieve deeply sustainable and just economic, social, and political policies and practices. Bringing together insights from interdisciplinary scholars, policymakers, creatives and activists, *Climate Futures* argues for the need to get past us-and-them divides and acknowledge how lives of creatures far and near, human and non-human, are interconnected.

Historic Preservation Technology Macmillan

The award-winning author of *The Net Delusion* shows how the radical transparency we've become accustomed to online may threaten the spirit of real-life democracy

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"The Soviet Tragedy is an essential coda to the literature of Soviet studies...Insofar as [he] returns the power of ideology to its central place in Soviet history, Malia has made an enormous contribution. He has written the history of a utopian illusion and the tragic consequences it had for the people of the Soviet Union and the world." -- David Remnick, *The New York Review of Books* "In Martin Malia, the Soviet Union had one of its most acute observers. With this book, it may well have found the cornerstone of its history." -- Francois Furet, author of *Interpreting the French Revolution* "The Soviet Tragedy offers the most thorough scholarly analysis of the Communist phenomenon that we are likely to get for a long while to come...Malia states that his narrative is intended 'to substantiate the basic argument,' and this is certainly an argumentative book, which drives its thesis home with hammer blows. On this breathtaking journey, Malia is a witty and often brilliantly penetrating guide. He has much wisdom to impart." -- *The Times Literary Supplement* "This is history at the high level, well deployed factually, but particularly worthwhile in the philosophical and political context -- at once a view and an overview." -- *The Washington Post*

Divided Sun Burns & Oates

Jump into the metaverse to connect with consumers and explore endless opportunities Like the Internet before it, the metaverse is a virtual space bringing people, companies, and products together in both digital and real environments to create new economic opportunities. The groundwork is already laid. People and organizations jumping in are gaining invaluable experience, meeting customers, developing revenue streams, and even shaping metaverse culture. In *Navigating the Metaverse: A Guide to Limitless Business Possibilities in a Web 3.0 World*, a team of Silicon Valley thought leaders delivers a groundbreaking discussion of how to find the right opportunities in this fast-moving universe. You'll explore everything from the metaverse basics, to strategy, to launching your first metaverse project. In the book, you'll find: Data and market analysis to erase any doubt that the metaverse is the next big thing. Foundational knowledge about the metaverse, metaverse economy, Web3 technology, and more. The essential connection between metaverse environments, businesses, community, and digital products that make the metaverse economy so powerful. A deep dive on non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and how to make the most of these assets. Frameworks to help find, nurture, measure, and capitalize on innovation in the metaverse. An essential breakdown of the next stage in online business, *Navigating the Metaverse* belongs in the libraries of entrepreneurs, executives, and innovators looking to lead in the new age of online business and commerce.

The Most Important Asset Springer

This engaging textbook highlights the essential need for a strong ethical framework in our approach to computer, information and engineering science. Through thought-provoking questions and case studies, the reader is challenged to consider the deeper implications arising from the use of today's rapidly-evolving computing technologies and ever-changing communication ecosystems. This updated second edition features new material on information security, intellectual property rights, the Internet of Things, and 5G technologies. Topics and features: introduces a philosophical framework and tools for understanding and analyzing computer ethics in personal, public, and professional spheres; describes the impact of computer technology on issues of security, privacy, anonymity, and civil liberties; examines intellectual property rights in the context of computing, including the risks and liabilities associated with software; discusses such key social issues in computing as the digital divide, employee monitoring in the workplace, and risks to physical and mental health; reviews the history of computer crime, and the threat of digitally facilitated bullying, harassment, and discrimination; considers the ethical challenges arising from online social networks, mobile telecommunications, virtual reality, the Internet of Things, and 5G technologies; includes learning objectives, discussion questions and exercises throughout the book. This concise and accessible work addresses the critical ethical and moral issues important to all designers and users of computer technologies. The text incorporates the latest curricula requirements for undergraduate courses in computer science, and offers invaluable insights into the social impact and legal challenges posed by the latest generation of computing devices and networks.

Beyond Human Routledge

Humans have always imagined better futures. From the desire to overcome death to the aspiration to dominion over the world, imaginations of the technological future reveal the commitments, values, and norms of those who construct them. Today, the human future is thrown into question by emerging technologies that promise radical control over human life and elicit corollary imaginations of human perfectibility. This interdisciplinary volume assembles scholars of science and technology studies, sociology, philosophy, theology, ethics, and history to examine imaginations of technological progress that promises to transcend the constraints of human body and being. Attending in particular to transhumanist and posthumanist visions, the volume breaks new ground by exploring their utopian and eschatological dimensions and situating them within a broader context of ideas, institutions, and practices of innovation. The volume invites specialists and general readers to explore the stakes of contemporary imaginations of technological innovation as a source of progress, a force of social and historical transformation, and as the defining essence of human life.

Forsaken John Wiley & Sons

Supported by extensive research and field-testing, *Design-Centered Entrepreneurship* presents a concise, problem-solving approach to developing a unique business concept. Step-by-step guidelines provide insight into exploring market problem spaces, uncovering overlooked opportunities, reframing customer problems, and creating business solutions. Basadur and Goldsby present students with a creative and practical approach to problem finding, perception, organizational culture, and ethics in the entrepreneurial field. Plenty of useful diagrams help to organize key concepts, making them easily accessible to readers. Drawing on methodologies from the design field, the book will help students of entrepreneurship fill in the missing piece that transforms opportunity recognition into a viable business concept. Additional support for students and instructors, including a virtual Creative Problem Solving Profile, can be found at www.basadurprofile.com/.

Climate Futures Springer

This book investigates how we should form ourselves in a world saturated with technologies that are profoundly intruding in the very fabric of our selfhood. New and emerging technologies, such as smart technological environments, imaging technologies and smart drugs, are increasingly shaping who and what we are and influencing who we ought to be. How should we adequately understand, evaluate and appreciate this development? Tackling this question requires going beyond the persistent and stubborn inside-outside dualism and recognizing that what we consider our "inside" self is to a great extent shaped by our "outside" world. Inspired by various philosophers – especially Nietzsche, Peirce and Lacan – this book shows how the values, goals and ideals that humans encounter in their environments not only shape their identities but also enable them to critically relate to their present state. The author argues against understanding technological self-formation in terms of making ourselves better, stronger and smarter. Rather, we should conceive it in terms of technological sublimation, which redefines the very notion of human enhancement. In this respect the author introduces an alternative, more suitable theory, namely Technological Sublimation Theory (TST). Extimate Technology will be of interest to scholars and advanced students working in philosophy of technology, philosophy of the self, phenomenology, pragmatism, and history of philosophy. The Open Access version of this book, available at <http://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9781003139409>, has been made available under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivatives 4.0 license.

Learning from Memory John Wiley & Sons

Foreword by: James W. Bilbro Technology maturity: What is it, and why is it important? For more than ten years, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has criticized federal agencies for a history of cost and schedule overruns on a significant portion of their procurement programs. GAO has repeatedly reported that the use of immature technologies in programs is a primary cause for these overruns. In spite of these repeated reports, the problems in government procurement have not improved. In fact, recent reports indicate that the problems are getting worse. One cause of this worsening situation might be that, while GAO identified lack of technology maturity as a problem, they did not tell how to measure technology maturity, or conversely, its lack. This groundbreaking work attempts to fill this gap by examining the current state of technology maturity measurement, pointing out strengths and weaknesses of available measures, and proposing a complete technology maturity assessment as a potential solution. The book also includes a discussion of risk during technology development.

The Skeptics' Guide to the Future Arlie Sheelin

Wouldn't it be great to be wild? To be so natural and free that we could do whatever we want. But we can't. If our species went wild the results could be very unpleasant. We might lose control. Our species has allowed itself to become artificial in its efforts to be careful and considerate. But what if we have made a mistake and miss the real value of wildness? In nature, not all animals are evolving, but all of them are wild. Why? Evolution is survival of the wildest, not survival of the fittest. Being wild allows an animal to become efficient in its niche. Wild species flourish in natural diversity and harmony. How do they do it? Our Wild Niche explores what it is to be wild, the obstacles that stand in the way of our being wild, and the human traits that will come forward when we finally do reach our wild niche. It also shows how the wildness links "everything" together into a sensible and complete package that will give new insight into the role of our human emotions, feelings, instincts, adaptations and desires.

How to Create a Mind Andrew M Molloy

Never before in the history of medicine has mankind faced such hope and peril as those of us poised to embrace the radical medical technologies of today. Eve Herold's *Beyond Human* examines the medical technologies taking shape at the nexus of computing, microelectronics, engineering, nanotechnology, cellular and gene therapies, and robotics. These technologies will dramatically transform our lives and allow us to live for hundreds of years. Yet, with these blessings come complicated practical and ethical issues, some of which we can predict, but many we cannot. *Beyond Human* taps the minds of doctors, scientists, and engineers engaged in developing a host of new technologies while telling the stories of some of the patients courageously testing the radical new treatments about to come into the market. *Beyond Human* asks the difficult questions of the scientists and bioethicists who seek to ensure that as our bodies and brains become ever more artificial, we hold onto our humanity. In this new world, will everyone have access to technological miracles, or will we end up living in a world of radical disparities? How will society accommodate life spans that extend into hundreds of years? Will we and our descendants be able to bring about the dream of a future liberated by technology, or will we end up merely serving the machines and devices that keep us healthy, smart, young, and alive?

Did I Ever Tell You about the Whale? Nordic Academic Press

Social media's connectivity is often thought to be a manifestation of human nature buried until now, revealed only through the diverse technologies of the participatory internet. Rather than embrace this view, *Inhuman Networks: Social Media and the Archaeology of Connection* argues that the human nature revealed by social media imagines network technology and data as models for behavior online. Covering a wide range of historical and interdisciplinary subjects, Grant Bollmer examines the emergence of "the network" as a model for relation in the 1700s and 1800s and follows it through marginal, often forgotten articulations of technology, biology, economics, and the social. From this history, Bollmer examines contemporary controversies surrounding social media, extending out to the influence of network models on issues of critical theory, politics, popular science, and neoliberalism. By moving through the past and present of network media, *Inhuman Networks* demonstrates how contemporary network culture unintentionally repeats debates over the limits of Western modernity to provide an idealized future where "the human" is interchangeable with abstract, flowing data connected through well-managed, distributed networks.

Our Wild Niche IAP

Addressing the important perspectives on xenotransplantation and human embryonic stem cell research, this book explores both the enthusiastic proponents and vehement resistance to these new biomedical technologies. Investigating the political, social, and ethical forces behind this kind of research and development, as well as the commercial actors and strong financial incentives that are necessary, these stories of hope, fear, and hype are matched by stories of success, failure, and fraud, showing how these technologies have become truly polarizing.

The SIGNAL: Part Five, Liev Malik Golden Quill Press

The internet does not exist. Maybe it did exist only a short time ago, but now it only remains as a blur, a cloud, a friend, a deadline, a redirect, or a 404. If it ever existed, we couldn't see it. Because it has no shape. It has no face, just this name that describes everything and nothing at the same

time. Yet we are still trying to climb onboard, to get inside, to be part of the network, to get in on the language game, to show up on searches, to appear to exist. But we will never get inside of something that isn't there. All this time we've been bemoaning the death of any critical outside position, we should have taken a good look at information networks. Just try to get in. You can't. Networks are all edges, as Bruno Latour points out. We thought there were windows but actually they're mirrors. And in the meantime we are being faced with more and more—not just information, but the world itself. Contributors Julian Assange, Franco "Bifo" Berardi, Benjamin Bratton, Diedrich Diederichsen, Keller Easterling, Rasmus Fleischer, Joana Hadjithomas and Khalil Joreige, Ursula K. Heise, Brian Kuan Wood, Bruno Latour, Geert Lovink, Patricia MacCormack, Metahaven, Gean Moreno, Hans Ulrich Obrist, Jon Rich, Hito Steyerl e-flux journal Series edited by Julieta Aranda, Brian Kuan Wood, Anton Vidokle

[Lifestyle and Nature](#) Routledge

Encounters with Civilizations is a broad-ranging work, uniting sweeping themes such as history, culture, the media, social issues, and politics. Building around comparative analyses of aspects of Albanian, Egyptian, British, and Indian cultures, Alphonso addresses the problems people experience in their encounters with civilizations different from their birth cultures. The course of history has made the confrontation and comingling of different cultures inevitable. It has also engendered ambivalence toward the cultures involved, including a desire to emulate the new culture, or resentment, or conflicting attitudes toward the relative strength or weakness of both birth and new cultures. Alphonso describes how Egyptian culture and politics have been shaped by foreign domination while retaining ancient customs at the social level. In comparison, Great Britain has been an imperial power whose cultural preeminence has shaped the images of smaller countries in the eyes of the world. Alphonso writes of English images of his native Albania and offers a penetrating analysis of Mother Teresa as a Christian missionary in Hindu and Muslim India, focusing on her cultural presentation via the media and the cult of celebrity. Whether discussing the customs of Egyptian coffee houses or Alexander the Great as a defining figure in Western and Eastern culture, Alphonso grasps the impact of these cultural encounters. He makes us aware that understanding and resolving such differences involves considering ultimate issues of life and death.

Dark side of the machine Stanford University Press

From the everyday and unnoticed to the newsworthy and cutting edge, technology is undoubtedly a fundamental element of our daily lives. While

saving us time and effort, it can also shape our environment, mediate our relationships, and simultaneously solve problems and create new ones. In studying technology we gain an insight into how society is constructed, maintained and transformed. Unravelling and explaining the complex connections between technology and the social contexts in which it is used, *Technology and Social Theory* guides the reader through 150 years of thinking in this ever evolving field. The chapters critically evaluate a broad range of theorists, from Marx to Foucault, Orwell to Elias, alongside empirical examples which show theory in action. The significance of technology is assessed within both public spheres and intimate spaces, shedding light on its integral role in society. Showing how theory maps the way for further research, and in turn how new advances in research can inform theory, this book is invaluable reading for students and researchers in Sociology, Social theory, Science and Technology Studies and the Media.

The Black Panther Routledge

Stories about the Twentieth Century, written by people who lived those times. Witty, funny, heart felt stories that describe a time gone by in such a way you will feel like you are living those times. Whether for history, nostalgia or just entertainment these stories will transform you to each decade and give you fun facts and an historical insight.

[War of Omission](#) Bloomsbury Publishing

This is a book which holds a very large amount of my ideological beliefs, which form a new ideology quite unlike any other before it. I dream of a better world, a healthier world. A world where people are safe and all products which poison the minds and lead to human destruction don't exist. A world where animal species are never driven to extinction and co-exist with people rather well, where many natural areas of the world remain untouched, unpolluted and humans are safe from the natural hazards of the world and the unnatural hazards of the world. An economic system which is fair and relatively stable and where jobs are as easy to get as merely talking. A world where every religion is at peace with the other, as are its followers to followers of another. A justice system which is real justice and countries whom many people can say their honestly proud of being a citizen of. A world free of economic corruption and instability. Grasslands as green as the deepest green and forests which have trees not seldom seen. A world where everyone can claim free speech, no matter how outrageous, radical, stupid or barbaric it may sound to those people with differing views. The name of this new ideological belief should be officially called Distributionism. This book mainly focuses on the United Kingdom and what's best for the United Kingdom, but it can be read comfortably by people who aren't UK citizens.

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