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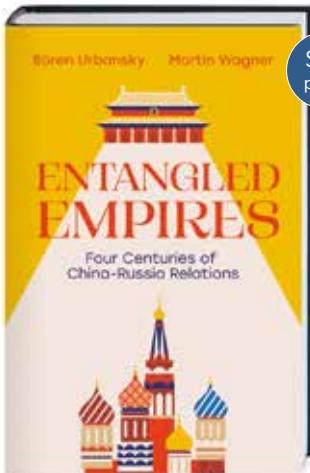
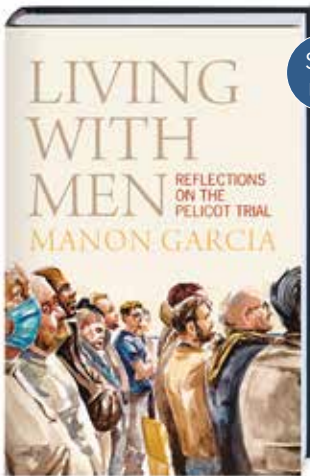
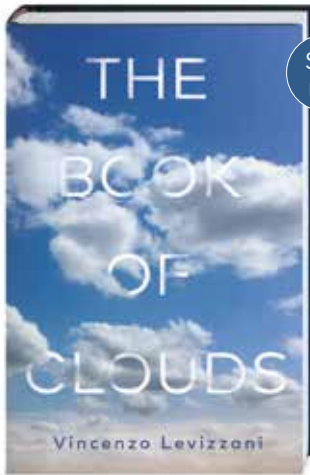
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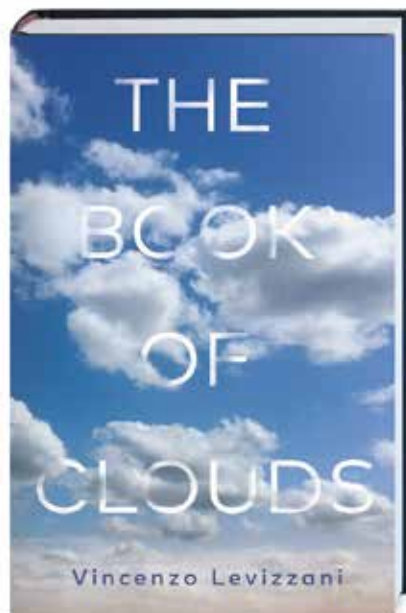
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We spend a great deal of time living under the cover of clouds, but rarely do we look up and pay attention to them, and most of us know very little about what clouds are and the vital role they play in the Earth's climate and ecosystem. This is not true of Vincenzo Levizzani. As one of the world's leading experts on the physics of clouds, he has devoted his life to studying clouds, analyzing their characteristics and passing this knowledge on to others.

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VINCENZO LEVIZZANI is Professor of Cloud Physics at the University of Bologna and former research director at the Institute of Atmospheric and Climate Sciences at the National Research Council in Bologna.

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What is time? Can it be stopped or reversed? Can we ever free ourselves from the seemingly inexorable flow of time?

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GUIDO TONELLI is Professor of General Physics at the University of Pisa and a physicist at the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Geneva (CERN). He played a key role in the discovery of the Higgs boson, the so-called God particle, which earned François Englert and Peter Higgs the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics. In recognition of his exceptional scientific contributions he was awarded the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (2012), the Fundamental Physics Prize (2013), the Enrico Fermi Prize of the Italian Physics Society (2013) and the Medal of Honor of the President of the Republic (2014).



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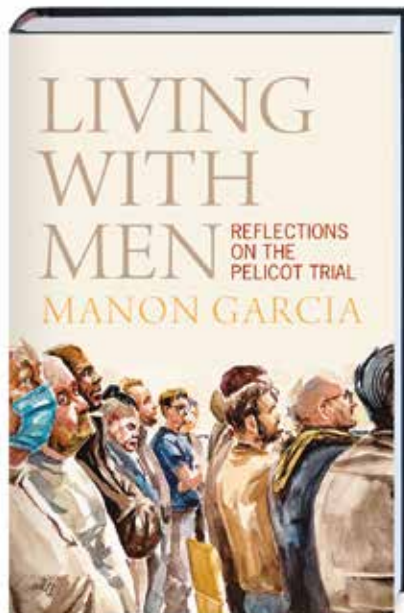
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Living With Men

Reflections on the Pelicot Trial

MANON GARCIA

Translated by Maya B. Kronik

Gisèle Pelicot's story outraged the world. The sickening parade of crimes to which she was subjected and her betrayal are dark pages in our history. Feminist philosopher Manon Garcia decided to attend the trial and to analyze its resonance for our future. It became the trial that demonstrated that trials will never suffice to serve justice. If the perpetrators, for the most part, seemed so unashamed of what they have done, can we see in their sentencing anything meaningful? If their lawyers defend their clients by relieving them of responsibility for their actions, how will these men, their families, their friends see this trial as anything other than an injustice? If, even as the most explicit proof streamed before the court, the victim was stonewalled with the bland denial of facts, what can juries achieve in cases when the evidence is lacking? The threat of incarceration will never be powerful enough to stop men raping. If trusting the justice system, as those who fret about feminist overreach counsel us to do, gets us nowhere, what do we do? Above all, one question haunted Garcia: under such circumstances, can we live with men? And at what price?

MANON GARCIA is a philosopher and professor at Freie Universität Berlin. She is the author of several books, including *The Joy of Consent* and *We Are Not Born Submissive*. She was one of ten awardees of the 2025 Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize, Germany's most distinguished award for early-career researchers.

"Riveting, harrowing, and brilliant, Manon Garcia's Living With Men is indispensable reading for our times. A work of journalism, philosophy, and cultural criticism, it will help you to not only grapple with the mass rape case that gripped the world, but with the ordinariness of men's cruelty to women under patriarchy. An extraordinary book."

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An engrossing cultural and political history of the breast

The Breast

A Cultural and Political History

ANJA ZIMMERMANN

Translated by Nicola Barfoot

While sometimes described as a secondary sex characteristic, the female breast is of primary interest. It nourishes but also seduces, it is considered sacred or depraved – depending on the era, culture, context and perspective. The way breasts are seen, shown or concealed has been the subject of debate and scandal for centuries. Breasts, in other words, are by no means “private parts”: on the contrary, they’re a subject of great public interest. The breast is the organ through which some of the central cultural and political conflicts of Western societies have been conducted, now and in the past. But the power of the breast does not lie in any “natural” force. It lies in the cultural characteristics that we attribute to it and that make it a symbol of femininity, naturalness, motherliness or sexuality.

Zimmermann takes the reader on an extended tour of how the breast and its symbolism are politically constructed. She examines this ambiguous and versatile body part from various perspectives but always with a political question in mind. This is a book about art and pornography, fashion and gender norms, the ideal of motherhood and heteronormativity, body positivity and self-determination, sexism and protest. She shows that the dialectic between revealing and concealing, visibility and invisibility, played out discursively in different fields, is a key to understanding the social, cultural and political significance of the breast. Her book delves into the past, seeking to explain the origins of a conflict that has surfaced again and again in different times and places and is still with us today.

ANJA ZIMMERMANN is a Professor of Art History at the University of Oldenburg.



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“Finally, a book about the unsettling and even revolutionary potential of the female breast.”

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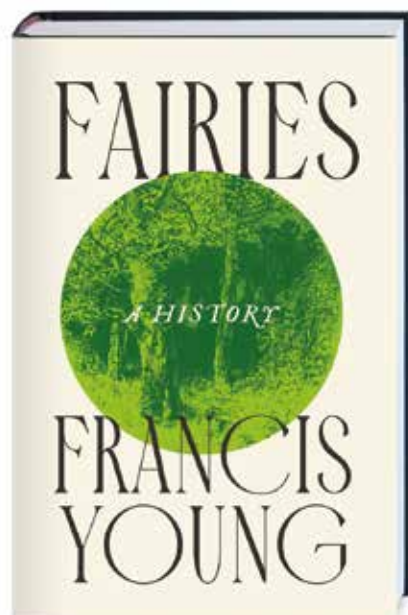
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A dazzling new history of fairies from the ancient world to the age of AI



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Fairies

A History

FRANCIS YOUNG

Many people think they know what fairies are, what a fairy looks like, and how a fairy is expected to behave. Francis Young's new history of fairies demonstrates that the truth about belief in fairies is far stranger than clichéd images of tiny figures with wings and wands. Before the rise of the "small winged fairy" in the 19th century, the category of fairies included a vast range of supernatural human-like creatures, from the elves of Scandinavia and the aos sí of Ireland to the vilas of the Balkans and the fadas of Iberia. Young traces the ancient origins of belief in such creatures and how it adapted to the rise of Christianity and then flourished in medieval Europe, before being transformed – but not destroyed – by the upheavals of the Reformation, the Enlightenment, and even European colonial expansion, which made fairies a global phenomenon. He concludes this uniquely wide-ranging history by reflecting on the surprising ways in which fairy belief endures in our apparently disenchanted contemporary world.

No-one who reads this brilliant tour through the enchanted pathways of fairyland will ever look at the winged creatures of contemporary popular culture – or the woods at the end of their garden – in the same way again.

FRANCIS YOUNG is a tutor at Oxford University's Department for Continuing Education. He writes on the history of religion, belief and folklore, and has written, edited or translated over 20 books, including *Twilight of the Godlings* and *Magic in Merlin's Realm*.

"Who are the fairies? In this brilliant, ambitious book Francis Young surveys the fairy question over two thousand years of European history. With something of the angel about them and something of the wild, fairies were always morally ambiguous. If they seem to have departed, it is not because we know better, but because we have chosen to see differently."

Jeremy Harte, author of *Explore Fairy Traditions* and *Fairy Encounters in Medieval England*

"There is no shortage of books on fairies, but Young has written a must-read, wide-ranging survey. The book is original in its approach and impressive in its scope. Young shows how fairy history has much to tell us about religion, culture, and the human condition."

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An ode to the golden age of the pinball machine

Same Player Shoots Again

A Biography of the Pinball Machine

ANDREAS BERNARD

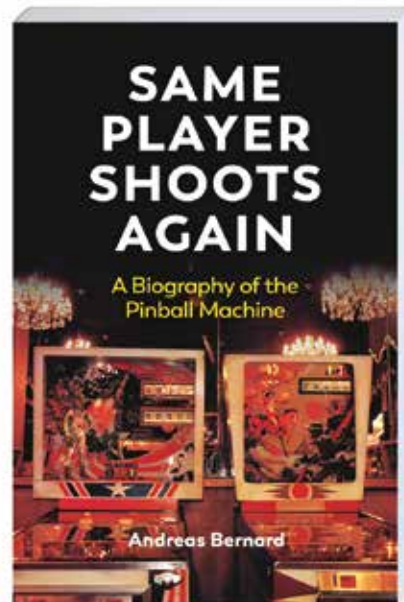
Translated by Valentine A. Pakis

This is an ode to the lost golden age of the pinball machine. These vivid, flashing portals of entertainment were mainstays of nearly every bar, pub and amusement arcade from the 1960s to the 1990s, but today they have all but disappeared. While the films and novels of Fassbinder, Modiano and Murakami testify to their past ubiquity, they are now mostly collected by private owners as souvenirs from a bygone age. Andreas Bernard, looking back on his coming of age as an avid pinballer, reflects on what the disappearance of pinball machines tells us about the modern transformation of leisure time and public spaces.

The demise of pinballing at the end of the 1990s converged with huge social shifts which eroded the distinction between work and leisure. Now we use the same screen to organize work and leisure, and games have been absorbed by a professionalization of daily life that is impossible to escape. Is our free time, as we know it, really free? Bernard also shows how the replacement of pinball machines by pocket-sized vessels of distraction was accompanied by the ebbing away of social critique. Playing pinball and the critical discourse of alienation came to an end at the same time.

At times nostalgic and lighthearted and at others bitingly astute, this book will appeal to all pinballers, past and present, and to anyone interested in the changing world of culture, gaming and entertainment.

ANDREAS BERNARD teaches History of Science at Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany, and is a staff writer at *Der Spiegel*. He is the author of various books including *The Triumph of Profiling* and *Theory of the Hashtag*.



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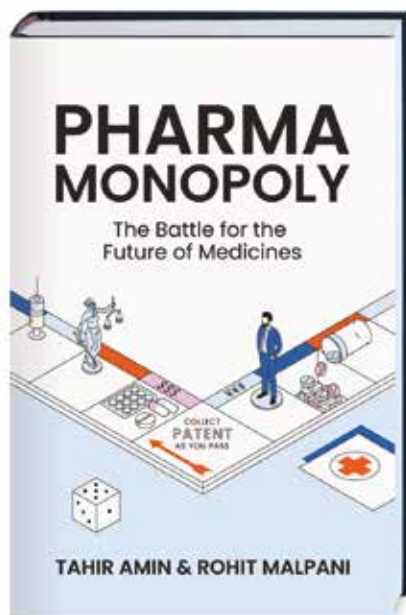
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Pharma Monopoly

The Battle for the Future of Medicines

TAHIR AMIN and ROHIT MALPANI

It is no secret that millions of people across the world lack the freedom to access life-saving medicines as and when they need them. For decades, people have fought to put this right, though as the Covid-19 pandemic made sickeningly clear, vast swathes of humanity are still left without. The reason: billions of people are actively denied access to affordable medicines by outdated patent rules and economic policies dominated by neoliberalism. It is no accident, and it is not due to the pharmaceutical industry alone.

Tahir Amin and Rohit Malpani, two leading figures in the movement for access to medicines, examine the origins of this system of rules that champions monopolies and the false god of innovation over the public interest and human well-being. They tell the story of how, move by move, governments have ceded control and then empowered pharmaceutical companies, making it increasingly hard to undo the damages wreaked along the way. From their unique vantage points and experiences, they critique global health initiatives and philanthropists for maintaining the status quo and warn of a future dominated by financial markets and artificial intelligence that will reinforce the worst practices of yesterday and portends new injustices for everyone. Ultimately, their book questions the foundations of international efforts to improve access to medicines and calls for a new way forward that can rekindle a movement for justice.

TAHIR AMIN is a founder and CEO of the Initiative for Medicines, Access & Knowledge (I-MAK). He has also served as legal advisor/consultant to groups including the European Patent Office, the World Health Organization, and Unitaïd, and has testified before the US Congress on patents and unsustainable drug prices.

ROHIT MALPANI is an independent consultant and former Director of Policy for the Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign. He has previously served as a Board Member of Unitaïd, Special Advisor at Oxfam, and a Human Rights Advisor at the World Health Organization.

"A searing and meticulous accounting of how a handful of western drug companies and their government sponsors gained a global death-grip on lifesaving medicines. Drawing upon decades of experience – spanning Big Philanthropy back rooms to the frontlines of advocacy – Tahir Amin and Rohit Malpani have produced an indispensable guide to understanding the current system, its staggering human cost, and how we might move beyond it."

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A trenchant and surprising account of why the world's most powerful country often struggles at war

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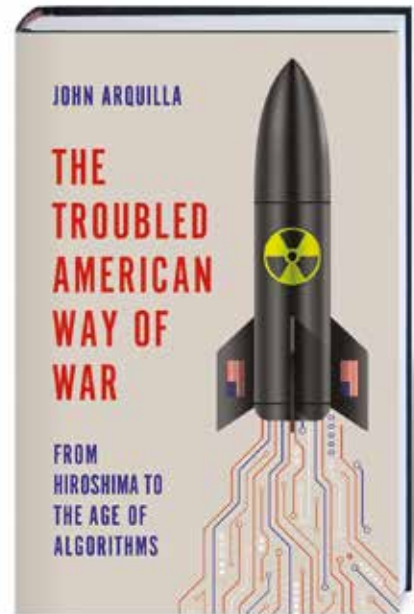
From Hiroshima to the Age of Algorithms

JOHN ARQUILLA

Since the end of World War II, the United States has been the world's preeminent military power. Yet it has suffered as much failure as it has experienced victory. The bloody stalemate in Korea, defeats in Vietnam and Afghanistan, and difficulties fighting Iraqi insurgents, reflect persistent problems with US military strategy. Beyond these conflicts, soldiers and civilian analysts have flirted, since Hiroshima, with highly dangerous ideas about waging and winning a nuclear war.

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JOHN ARQUILLA is a true visionary in national security and technology. Together with David Ronfeldt, he coined the term “cyberwar” and was one of the first analysts to appreciate how digital technologies were transforming the nature of conflict. Now Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the United States Naval Postgraduate School, Arquilla is the author, most recently, of *Bitskrieg: The New Challenge of Cyberwarfare*.



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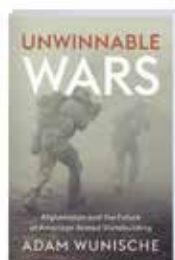
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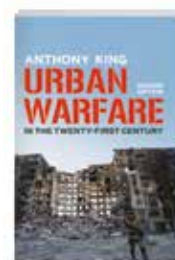
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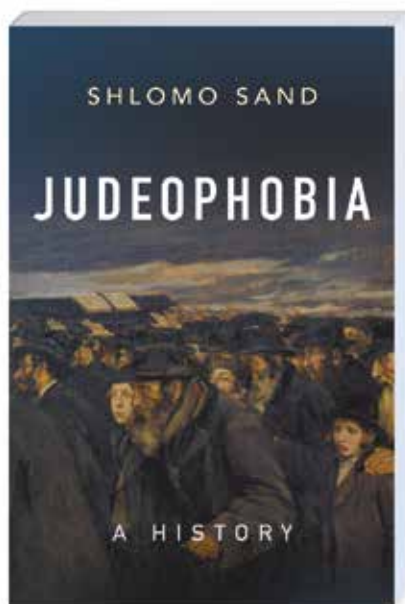
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Judeophobia

A History

SHLOMO SAND

Translated by Robin Mackay

Throughout the history of the Western world, Jews have suffered various forms of exclusion, stigmatization, and discrimination that have forced them always to be aware of their very particular situation. The Jews became a community under siege and, as Shlomo Sand argues, Judaism was shaped by the hostile gaze of Christian civilization. While the forms of hostility endured by the Jews have varied over the centuries, it is impossible to understand twentieth century anti-Judaism, or Jewish identity itself, without taking account of the sediments of mental hatred, fueled by religious belief, which have survived the passage of time.

While antisemitism is the term commonly used today, Sand prefers "Judeophobia," which predates the appearance of "antisemitism" and is more precise. Looking back over the centuries, he seeks to identify some of the stages in the age-old, incandescent hatred of the Jews and tries to understand what remains today of this trenchant hostility. He also questions whether Zionism, born as a distressed response to modern Judeophobia, has ended up mirroring it. To what extent has Zionism inherited the ideological foundations that have always been characteristic of the persecutors of the Jews? This concise history of anti-Jewish hatred will be of great interest to anyone concerned with one of the most insidious and persistent features of Western civilization.

SHLOMO SAND is Emeritus Professor of History at Tel Aviv University. His many books include *The Invention of the Jewish People* (2008), *The Invention of the Land of Israel* (2012), *How I Stopped Being a Jew* (2013), *A Brief Global History of the Left* (2023) and *Israel-Palestine* (2024).

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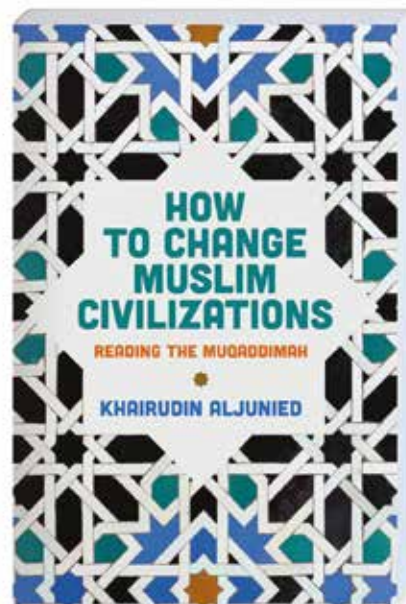
Reading the Muqaddimah

KHAIRUDIN ALJUNIED

For over a millennium, Muslim civilizations have had a profound impact on world history. Yet the global community of faith is now stifled by political instability, economic underdevelopment, everyday corruption, and rampant poverty. Can the troubling state of Muslim civilizations be changed? Who can bring about constructive reforms within the two billion-strong ummah? What necessary steps are needed to uplift Muslims from their predicaments?

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KHAIRUDIN ALJUNIED is Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore and Professor of Islam in Southeast Asia at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC-IUUM). A recognized expert in Islamic intellectual history, he has authored and edited thirteen books. In 2024 and 2025 Aljunied was listed among the 500 most influential Muslims in the world.



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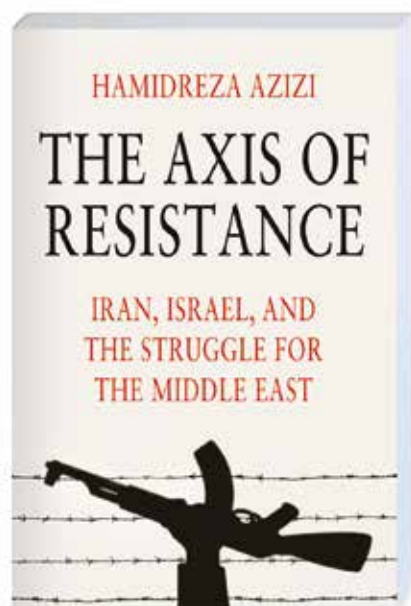
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Iran, Israel, and the Struggle for the Middle East

HAMIDREZA AZIZI

An unconventional alliance has come to define the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East. Since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Iran has been building a sprawling web of regional allies – from Hezbollah in Lebanon to Shiite militias in Iraq, the Houthis in Yemen, and Hamas in Gaza – aimed at challenging what it sees as a US-led regional order and Israel's military supremacy. But after decades of expansion, has this "Axis of Resistance" reached its breaking point? In this path-breaking book, leading foreign policy analyst Hamidreza Azizi traces the rise, transformation, and fragmentation of the Axis. From its roots in local resistance movements to its peak under Qasem Soleimani and involvement in the Israeli – Palestinian conflict, the network now faces an existential threat. As the war in Gaza rages on, Azizi situates the Axis within its broader ideological and strategic context and examines the competing visions for regional order in the Middle East. *The Axis of Resistance* offers a vital guide to one of the most consequential and misunderstood political-military alliances in contemporary international affairs.

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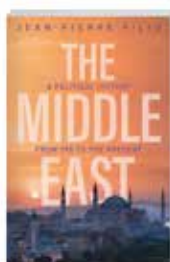
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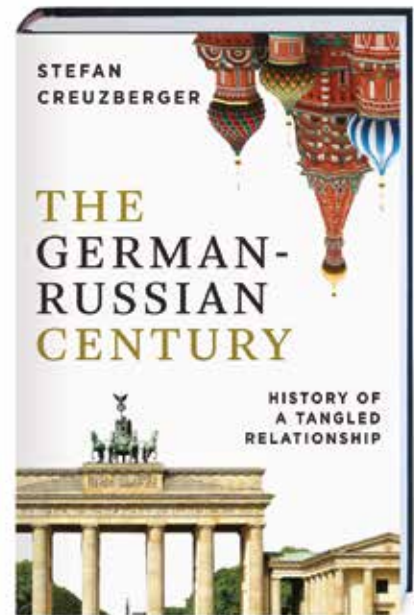
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Germany and Russia: two countries whose turbulent and interlocking histories have profoundly shaped the world in which we live today. The long twentieth century was in many ways a German-Russian century. In 1917, imperial Germany became the birthplace of Russia's October Revolution, whose ideological radicalism shook the established order of states. With Hitler's seizure of power and the outbreak of World War II, Germany and Russia were thrust into violent conflict with one another. Defeating Hitler led Stalin's Red Army into the heart of Europe and Germany became the training ground for the Cold War, where two highly armed military blocs confronted one another for four decades. It was only with the collapse of the USSR that Germany was able to re-unify. Sustained efforts were made in the aftermath of the Cold War to normalize relations between Germany and Russia, but the renewed tensions precipitated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine show how fragile this relationship remains.

In *The German-Russian Century* the distinguished historian Stefan Creuzberger tells the remarkable story of this crucial relationship between two states and two peoples. He lays out the large ideological contexts of fascism and communism and patiently traces the efforts that each state made to confront and balance the power of the other, from the tense years before and after the Second World War through the Cold War to the present day. He shows how each side often saw the other in terms of itself – how Stalin perceived Hitler as a fellow imperialist while Gerhard Schroeder was drawn to Putin as a modernizer and reformer seemingly similar to himself. Engagingly written and magisterial in its grasp both of the big issues at stake and of the historical detail, this book will be of great interest to anyone interested in the historical forces that have shaped the modern world.

STEFAN CREUZBERGER is Professor of Modern History at the University of Rostock.



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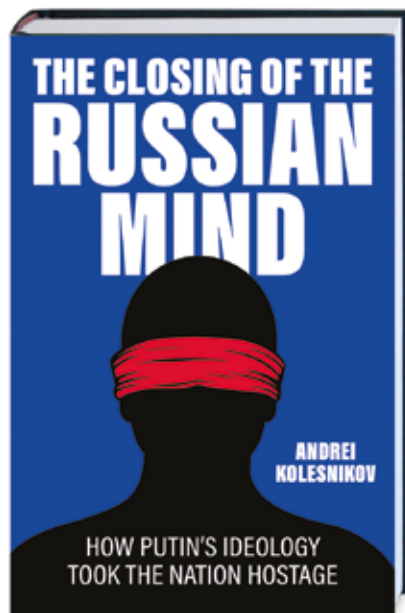
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The Closing of the Russian Mind

How Putin's Ideology Took the Nation Hostage

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV

Not so long ago, Russia under Putin appeared to be a corrupt state run by an elite mainly interested in their own privileges and wealth: authoritarian but not fundamentally expansionist.

Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine made it clear that Putin is driven by far more than simply greed. Putin's Russia is, Andrei Kolesnikov argues, in the grip of intense ideological radicalization, seeking to mobilize its population in support of a form of chauvinistic neo-imperialism using increasingly totalitarian methods. This march towards "hybrid totalitarianism" is underpinned by a messianic view of Russia as a superior, "spiritual" form of civilization-state underpinned by its Orthodox faith and hatred of Western "decadence." Based upon a falsified version of history and a profound hostility to modernization, this ideology is making Russia an international pariah and condemning Russian citizens to endless war and economic stagnation. The only hope for redemption is a profound moral regeneration which redefines the nation's place in the world and embraces the spirit of democracy.

This incisive analysis of the ideological dynamics of late Putinism, written by a leading Russian scholar and journalist, is an indispensable guide to understanding Russia's recent descent into war-mongering barbarism.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV is an award-winning Russian journalist, author, and political analyst, writing from within Russia. He was previously a senior fellow at the Carnegie Moscow Center.

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A wide-ranging new history of the complex relations between China and Russia

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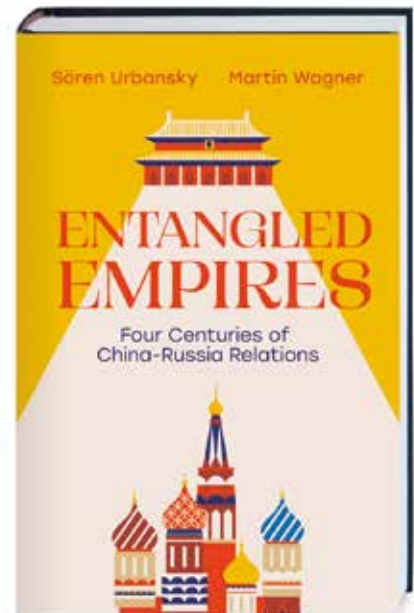
As expansionist empires, socialist superpowers, and authoritarian regimes, China and Russia have much in common. While many in the West fear the formation of an authoritarian alliance between these two great powers and while Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping call themselves “good friends,” the geopolitical interests of Beijing and Moscow are often at odds with each other. They may be comrades but they don’t always march to the same beat.

In order to gain a clear understanding of China–Russia relations in the twenty-first century, we need first to understand the long history that brought them to this point. In *Entangled Empires* Sören Urbansky and Martin Wagner offer an introduction to the 400-year history of these two distant neighbors: from their first official contact in 1618 and the falling out of the two communist regimes under Khrushchev and Mao through to China’s response to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

This expertly researched history of China–Russia relations will be essential reading for all students and scholars of Chinese and Russian history and politics and for anyone interested in these countries and their histories and in the changing balance of power in the world today.

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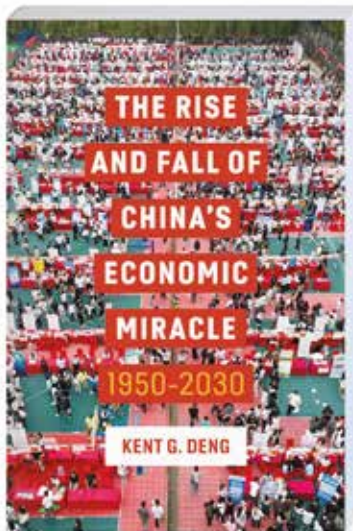
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“No one can know how relations between Russia and China will develop in the future. But how changeable and full of surprising twists and turns they have been in the nearly half a millennium since their first encounter, and how they could be again at any time, can be learned from the twelve chapters of this excellently researched and densely written history.”

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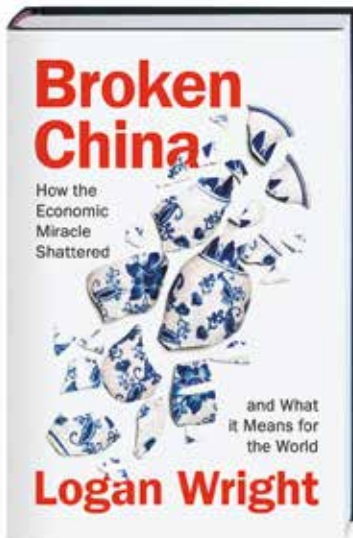
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1950-2030

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After several decades of unprecedented growth that turned China into the world's second largest economy, today China is facing major economic challenges, exacerbated by rising tariffs imposed by its most important export market, the United States. How can we explain the extraordinary rise and sudden faltering of China's economic miracle? Kent Deng takes a long-term view, charting the development of China's economy from the nineteenth century to the present day. The 2025 tariff war between United States and China is only the most recent manifestation of a new state of affairs in the global economy. Given the headwinds China now faces, and given that many low-income countries have now modeled themselves on China and begun to supply the world market with low-priced goods, Deng argues that China would need an economic miracle to bounce back to its pre-2010 growth trajectory.

KENT G. DENG is Professor of Economic History at the London School of Economics.



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Broken China

How the Economic Miracle Shattered and What it Means for the World

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Economic competition between the United States and China has been a defining issue of the twenty-first century. But after years of rapid growth, China's economy has faltered. In *Broken China*, Logan Wright offers an unflinching account of how China's economy hit the wall. Drawing on extensive experience analyzing the Chinese financial sector on the ground, he argues that China's economic slowdown is rooted in its financial system, and unprecedented credit expansion finally coming to an end. Opposing the prevailing myth that its leaders think and plan many years ahead, this book posits that there was no long-term plan that included the credit boom and bust that now constrains Beijing's options. Rather than crisis or collapse, Wright argues, China is suffering from a decay of its economic policy tools. The last thing Beijing needs is global pushback against Chinese exports. With no clear path to recovery, China's economy is broken, the consequences of which will reverberate around the world.

LOGAN WRIGHT is a partner at Rhodium Group and leads the firm's work on China's economy and its impact on the world. An experienced analyst of China's financial system, he is the author of three reports on the country's longer-term economic trajectory.

The first full history of Jihadist extremism in Europe from the 1990s to the present

Jihadism in Europe

From the 1990s to the Present Day

HUGO MICHERON

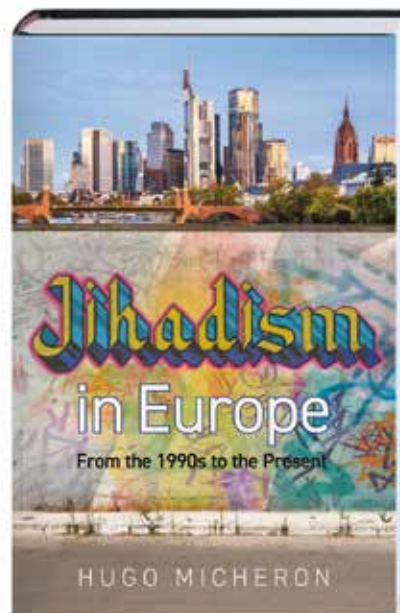
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In this book, Hugo Micheron retraces the history of European Jihadism from the war in Afghanistan in the 1990s to the present day. Over a period of some thirty years, Jihadist ideas spread to the main cities of Europe, where they were disseminated by thousands of Islamic activists. These ideas were also embedded in online media which connect Islamic communities across the world. Micheron argues that the development of Jihadism has not been linear: it has followed a sinusoidal path marked by ebbs and flows. At high tide, the movement is visible and its sympathizers give priority to armed jihad. They seek to mediatize their operations in order to galvanize sympathizers, draw in new recruits and intimidate adversaries. These periods of high tide are the times when they most often employ terrorism.

At low tide, jihadism seems to have been defeated. Organizations are dismantled and they no longer have the operational capacity to conduct large-scale attacks. To the external observer, armed jihad seems to have disappeared, and its threat is correspondingly weakened. But jihadism has not disappeared: it has merely mutated. Armed struggle has been replaced by ideological struggle. This wave-like movement of jihadism is poorly understood in the West. Observers tend to measure the threat only in terms of overt terrorist attacks and they ignore the mutations that occur during the periods of low tide, and hence they fail to appreciate the reconfigurations of jihadism that take place over the long term.

Based on archival research as well as numerous interviews, Micheron provides the first full history of European jihadism. He shows that jihadism has ebbed and flowed in Europe with astonishing regularity, at a rate of one complete cycle per decade. It originated in the war in Afghanistan in the 1980s, put down roots in Europe in the 1990s, spread throughout the continent after September 11, 2001, and expanded to new horizons with the emergence of Islamic State in Iraq and then Syria, where it changed scale. In the post-IS period, it underwent new phases of mutation, in prisons and within European societies, which makes it all the more urgent to understand this broad movement today.

HUGO MICHERON is a political scientist who teaches at Sciences Po, Paris, and who specializes in religious extremism and Islamic terrorism.



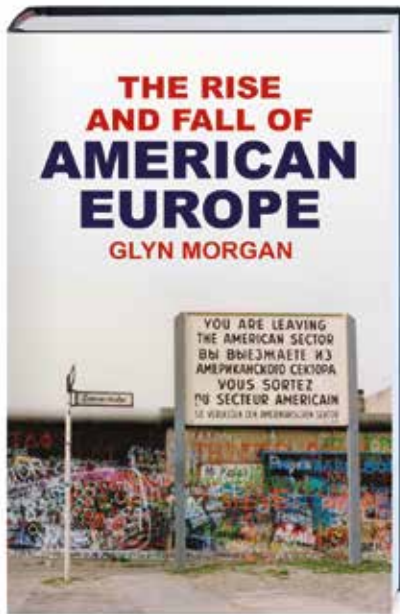
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Europe now faces a stark reality. The Trump Administration dislikes NATO, considers the EU's trade policies "worse than China," and attacks the banning of nationalist parties. Many in the MAGA movement are similarly hostile to Europe, which they see as an over-regulated museum, a US dependency powerless on the world-stage.

This book explains why American Europe fell from favor. It weighs the prospects of alternative European political orders, including a Nationalist Europe, a Global Europe, and a European Europe. It argues that Europe needs to rethink its alliances, and Britain must decide where it belongs.

GLYN MORGAN is Director of the Moynihan Center for European Studies at Syracuse University.

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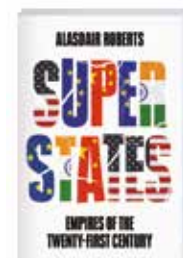
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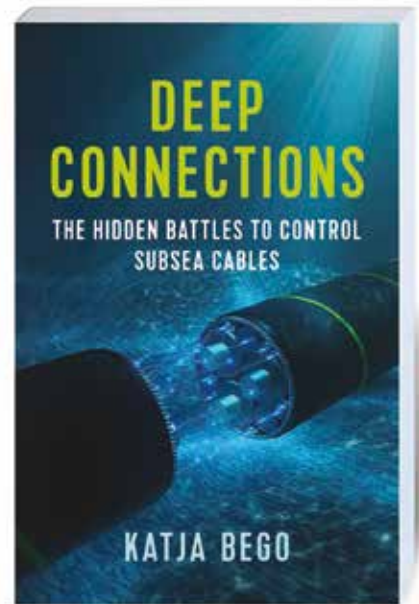
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KATJA BEGO

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KATJA BEGO is a senior research fellow in Chatham House's international security program and co-editor of the *Journal of Cyber Policy*. She regularly advises governments and contributes to leading media outlets on topics at the intersection of technology, security and geoeconomics.



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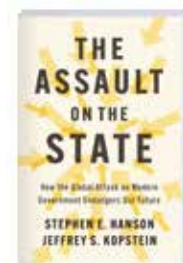
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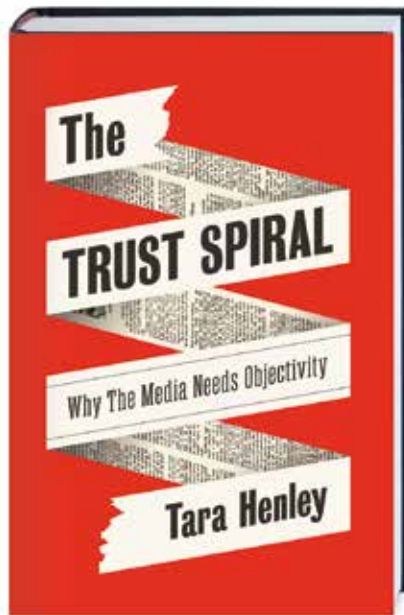
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Why the Media Needs Objectivity

TARA HENLEY

Trust in the media has hit a record low. Reasons offered for this breakdown are varied, and include the rise of social media, rhetorical attacks from hostile politicians, misinformation, and bad actors online. While these factors may indeed be contributing, such explanations lack self-reflection on media leaders' part – and are, in fact, out of step with the public's actual feedback.

Journalist Tara Henley argues that the media's alarmed reaction to the first election of Donald Trump – throwing out journalistic standards and practices, including objectivity – kicked off a trust spiral that continues to this day. The economic precarity of the industry set the stage, with the media in a profoundly weakened state when Trump came along – most critically, failing to properly train the next generation in the rigors of journalism or provide them with a clear path to personal success and financial stability. To restore trust in the media, Henley contends, we must admit mistakes in coverage, publicly reaffirm the value of objectivity, and get back to the basics of objective journalistic practices. Fundamentally, we need to reorient the industry around public service. This will include discarding condescending views about the public, particularly the working class. The time has come to depoliticize our newsrooms – and Henley, through extensive research and reporting, offers practical strategies that can make this achievable.

TARA HENLEY is an independent current affairs journalist based in Toronto, and the host of the Lean Out podcast.

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How to create an ethical capitalism, enabling businesses to generate profit by doing good

Doing Good

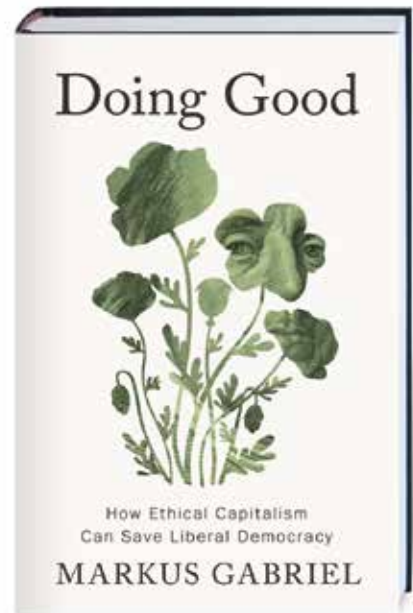
How Ethical Capitalism Can Save Liberal Democracy

MARKUS GABRIEL

Doing Good is a bold call for a new social contract in a world buckling under the weight of multiple crises – geopolitical tension, ecological collapse, technological disruption, growing inequality and the slow erosion of liberal democracy. The promises of modernity, once rooted in the convergence of technoscientific progress and liberal capitalism, have failed to deliver widespread peace and prosperity. Instead, we face an uncertain future that demands radical rethinking. Markus Gabriel offers a daring yet pragmatic vision: a New Enlightenment that fuses ethical insight with market forces. We don't need to abandon capitalism, but we need a revolution within capitalism itself: ethical capitalism. This is a form of capitalism that doesn't merely accommodate morality but thrives on it – generating profit by doing good.

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MARKUS GABRIEL holds the chair for Epistemology, Modern and Contemporary Philosophy at the University of Bonn and is also the Director of the International Center for Philosophy in Bonn.



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The New Dark Age

Why Liberals Must Win the Culture War

NIGEL BIGGAR

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In this thoughtful and passionate intervention, renowned theologian and moral philosopher Nigel Biggar argues that “culture wars” are in fact political and moral debates that cut to the very quick of some of the most substantial questions of our time, ranging from the welfare of children to the way we conceive and manage ethnic and cultural differences in diverse societies. The fact that these debates are so often characterized by bad faith, dishonesty and mindless abuse exposes the rot at the heart of the intellectual culture of the west, both in universities, the media and beyond. An authoritarian desire to suppress or smear opponents and exercise the power of intimidation and coercion is a dramatic illustration of a dangerous reality: our fragile and valuable liberal culture of rational truth-seeking and good faith civility is under threat. A new dark age looms.

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NIGEL BIGGAR is Emeritus Regius Professor in the University of Oxford and Fellow of Christ Church. He founded in Oxford the MacDonald Institute for the study of Ethics and Empire, and is now a Fellow of St Cross College, Oxford. He is an author, lecturer and broadcaster throughout the English-speaking world, and after many acclaimed academic books, he wrote and published the bestselling *Colonialism*.

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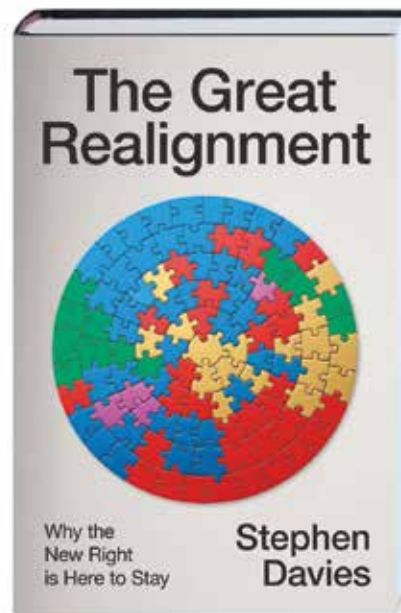
Why the New Right Is Here to Stay

STEPHEN DAVIES

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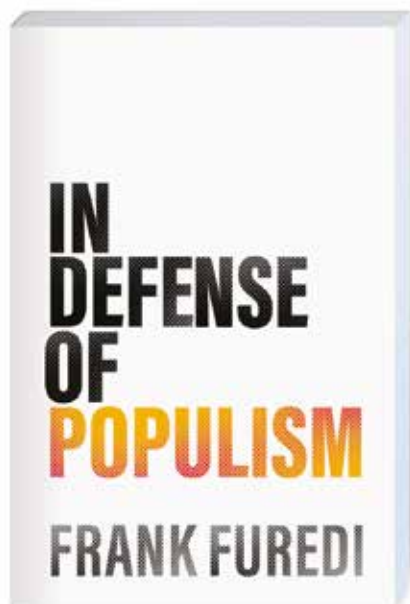
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FRANK FUREDI

“Populist” is now most commonly used as a term of abuse. Populists, we are repeatedly told, are xenophobic ignoramuses offering irrational, emotive solutions to complex problems. But is this true?

Frank Furedi argues that this is a self-serving narrative that owes more to the desire of elites to protect their own power and interests than it does to the truth. The widespread disdain expressed towards populism in the media and by many academics is in fact poorly-concealed contempt towards the idea of popular sovereignty and democratic decision-making. Populism is not equivalent to any specific ideology, as populist politicians vary greatly in their substantive views, but it is rather a broad disposition towards public life that stresses the value of giving the ordinary citizen a genuine voice in political decision-making. Attacks on “populism” most commonly reveal the desire of those who run our institutions to keep real authority in the hands of unaccountable elites who veil their power under the guise of “expertise.”

This bracing defense of basic democratic values by one of our most fearless polemicists should be read by anyone who mistakes the complacent assurances of our elite for the wisdom of our betters.

FRANK FUREDI is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Kent, and is the author of many books exploring cultural developments in western societies, including *The War Against the Past*.



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Why struggles over inclusion and exclusion have become the heart of contemporary politics

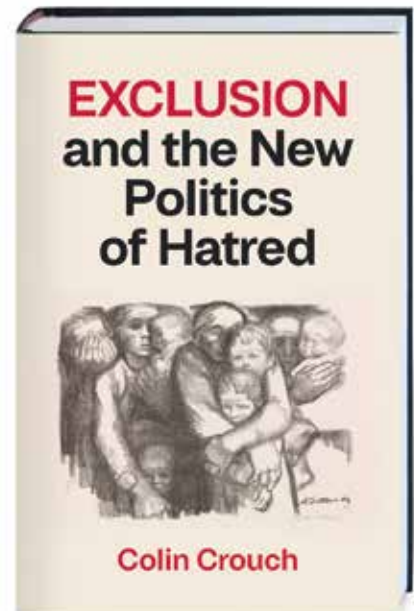
Exclusion and the New Politics of Hatred

COLIN CROUCH

Colin Crouch argues that at the base of all political conflicts are struggles over which types of people should be included in and which excluded from various rights, including the right to exist at all within a particular society. This is more fundamental than any conflict between left and right or between classes, and it gives rise to tropes of inclusionary and exclusionary rhetoric that can be transferred across issues – from ethnicity to gender and sexual orientation, and including demands for nations to isolate themselves as much as possible from contacts with others.

Today the forces seeking exclusions of many kinds are gaining ground in the strategies of many governments, parties and movements. Drives to exclude lead rapidly to the incitement of hatred, which leads in turn to acts of performative cruelty and physical violence. Deeply opposed as he is to the politics of exclusion, Crouch seeks to understand and explain its rationality. He passionately advocates a politics of inclusion but, at the same time, he recognizes the real obstacles that a commitment to inclusion must confront. While not optimistic about how these struggles will play out in the coming years, he seeks a path through which campaigns for openness and welcome could still triumph in dark times.

COLIN CROUCH is among the most important economic sociologists and political scientists of the last forty years. Perhaps no-one has provided a more devastating critique of neoliberalism and its discontents than Crouch, whose work has probed the internal workings of capitalism, politics and the very fabric of society with exemplary clarity and intellectual rigor. He is Professor Emeritus of the University of Warwick, and the External Scientific member of the Max Planck Institute for Social Research at Cologne.



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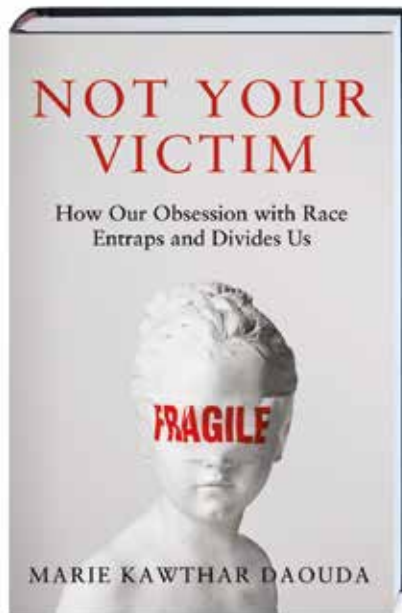
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Not Your Victim

How Our Obsession with Race Entraps and Divides Us

MARIE KAWTHAR DAOUDA

Empire and race have become the most discussed – and most problematic – subjects in political and historical discourse. It is now an unquestionable orthodoxy both in academia and in progressive political discourse that European colonial empires – particularly the British – were uniquely evil, the West’s “original sin,” and that their legacy continues to underpin systemic racism, injustice, and oppression.

Marie Kawthar Daouda, a Moroccan and French academic who now works in Britain, argues that this narrative is dangerously wrong. Weaving her personal experience with erudite reflection on history, literature, and politics, she argues that we are all heirs of complex waves of immigration, conquest, and colonization. A closer look at French and British history belies a simplistic worldview wherein all the evil in the world is the result of the peculiarly vicious nature of white, western colonizers. Indeed, she argues, such a perspective nurtures the very prejudices it claims to fight by valorizing victimhood above individual or collective agency and by denying ethnic minorities any sense of responsibility.

A coruscating attack on the perverse solipsism, moral blindness, and historical illiteracy of “decolonizing” progressive elites, this book upends our tired debates over colonialism, Empire and immigration. It offers a more nuanced, hopeful vision of our historical self-understanding.

MARIE KAWTHAR DAOUDA is a Lecturer in French at Oriel College, University of Oxford, and a fellow of Ralston College, Savannah. Her research focuses on the connections between religion, politics, and literature in nineteenth and twentieth century France, and on the representations of good and evil in French and British 19th century art and literature. She regularly writes for *The Critic* and *The Daily Telegraph* on questions of education, heritage, and immigration.

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A deeply informed account of the threat posed to beauty and cultural heritage by global warming

The Future of the Past

When Cultural Heritage Meets Climate Change

THIJS WESTSTEIJN

Translated by Liz Waters

As the wooden piles under Amsterdam begin to rot, water levels rise in Venice, and the 4,500-year-old ruins of Mohenjo-daro flood in Pakistan. Compaction of peat soil in northern England is causing Hadrian's Wall to collapse. The bricks of excavated Babylon are exploding due to increasing salt levels. Melting permafrost in Siberia is endangering the ancient burial mounds of the Scythian civilization. In the US, hurricanes have partially destroyed the heritage of New Orleans and Puerto Rico, while the 2019 wildfires forced the Getty Museum in Los Angeles to close.

The climate crisis is threatening historical heritage all over the world, with higher temperatures, more storms and fires and, of course, rising water. Monuments, buildings, inner cities and cultural landscapes are at risk, and museums such as the Louvre have already started relocating parts of their collections to climate-proof storage facilities. Written by a highly regarded art historian, *The Future of the Past* addresses this urgent issue and asks us to include the fate of beauty in our conversations on climate change. Extreme weather means we have to approach history in new ways. Historical heritage now confronts us not only with the past, but also the future.

THIJS WESTSTEIJN is a Professor of Art History at the University of Utrecht. He has held fellowships from, among others, the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. He has made contributions (as curator, researcher, and author) to various museums and was trained for two years in studio art at Wackers Academy in Amsterdam.



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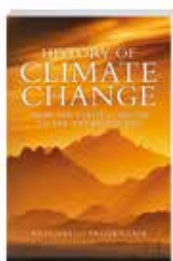
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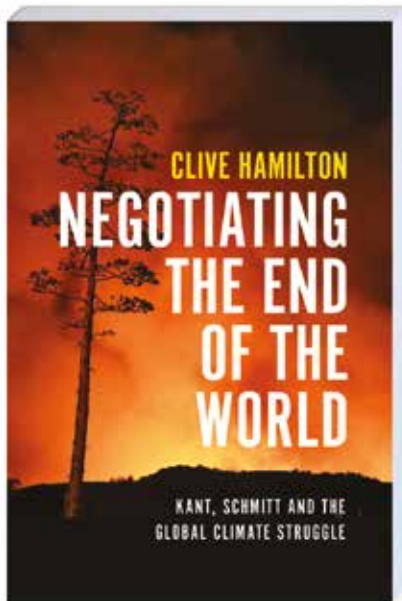
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A bold new analysis of the history of climate negotiations and why they have failed to make much progress



Negotiating the End of the World

Kant, Schmitt and the Global Climate Struggle

CLIVE HAMILTON

Behind the headlines, a struggle between two opposing philosophical visions has shaped the course of international efforts to save the planet from global warming. The liberal cosmopolitanism of the great Enlightenment philosopher Immanuel Kant has been up against the darker vision of an authoritarian global order of great power rivals developed by Carl Schmitt, “Crown Jurist of the Third Reich.”

Clive Hamilton shows how the influence of Schmitt’s once-taboo ideas has recently spread around the world – in Trump’s America, in Xi Jinping’s China, and in Europe with the rise of right-wing populism. His book maps how the actions of these three great powers have defined the course of global climate negotiations. The Kantian vision, best represented by the European Union, has common sense on its side – a threat to everyone that can be solved only by collective action calls for universalist, cosmopolitan responses. In practice, however, UN agreements have triggered resistance from surging anti-globalist forces influenced by the Nazi jurist’s ideas, a world defined by friends and enemies and where weaker states submit to powerful ones. As the Earth hurtles towards a hot and perilous future, which of these worldviews prevails, Kant’s or Schmitt’s, could determine humanity’s fate.

CLIVE HAMILTON is Professor of Public Ethics at Charles Sturt University in Canberra. He was the founder and executive director of The Australia Institute, Australia’s foremost progressive think tank. His many books include *Requiem for a Species*, *Defiant Earth*, *Hidden Hand* (with Mareike Ohlberg), and *The Privileged Few* (with Myra Hamilton).

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The dark story of self-interest, colonialism and exploitation at the heart of African national parks

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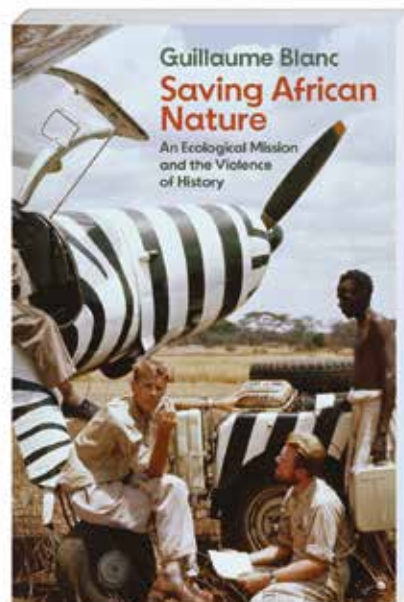
An Ecological Mission and the Violence of History

GUILLAUME BLANC

Translated by Helen Morrison

During the colonization of Africa, European colonists set about creating game reserves in Africa, convinced that they would find in Africa a nature that no longer existed in Europe. After independence, and with the help of UNESCO and the WWF, African leaders continued to “protect” the same nature, a nature that the whole world wanted to be pristine, wild and without humans – a timeless Garden of Eden. The consequences of this story are well known: millions of Africans were expelled from the land on which they had lived for generations. But how did this happen? Guillaume Blanc answers this question by immersing himself at the heart of a strange global ecological mission, launched in 1961: the “African Special Project.” In telling the story of this project, he lays bare the violence inherent in the creation of African game reserves and national parks and documents a hidden dimension of colonialism and its legacies.

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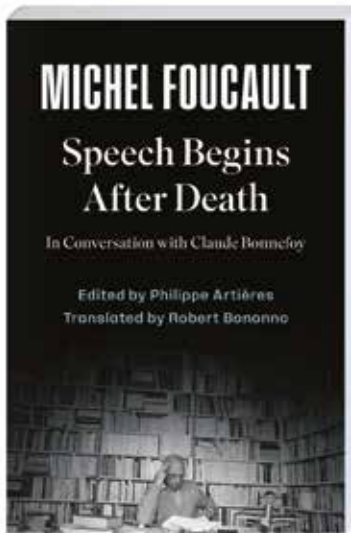
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Speech Begins After Death

In Conversation with Claude Bonnefoy

MICHEL FOUCAULT

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In 1968, Michel Foucault agreed to a series of interviews with critic Claude Bonnefoy, which were to be published in book form. Bonnefoy wanted a dialogue with Foucault about his relationship to writing rather than about the content of his books. The project was abandoned, but a transcript of the initial interview survived and is published here. In this brief and lively exchange, Foucault reflects on how he approached the written word throughout his life, from his school days to his discovery of the pleasure of writing. Wide ranging, characteristically insightful, and unexpectedly autobiographical, the discussion is revelatory of Foucault's intellectual development, his aims as a writer, his clinical methodology, and his interest in other authors. Foucault discloses, in ways he never had previously, details about his home life, his family history, and the profound sense of obligation he feels to the act of writing.

MICHEL FOUCAULT (1926-1984) was one of the leading intellectuals of the twentieth century and the most prominent thinker in postwar France.



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Language, Madness, and Desire

On Literature

MICHEL FOUCAULT

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As a transformative thinker of the twentieth century, whose work spanned all branches of the humanities, Michel Foucault had a complex and profound relationship with literature. And yet this critical aspect of his thought, because it was largely expressed in speeches and interviews, remains virtually unknown to even his most loyal readers. This book brings together transcripts of oral presentations in which Foucault speaks at length about literature and its links to some of his principal themes: madness, language and criticism, and truth and desire. This volume makes clear the importance of literature to Foucault's thought and it is an indispensable text for anyone interested in his work and intellectual development.

The greatest psychoanalyst since Freud examines fantasy, the sexual act and the value of jouissance

The Logic of Fantasy

The Seminar of Jacques Lacan, Book XIV

JACQUES LACAN

Edited by Jacques-Alain Miller

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“Logic of the fantasy”: the expression recurs throughout the Seminar as a leitmotif, yet not a single lesson is devoted to it; not even a briefly sustained development. Does this mean that the logic of the fantasy is here playing the role of some new fangled mirage? No it doesn’t, not if we can take on board how this logic is the very site at which Lacan’s comments converge, which is what I have sought to indicate by entitling the final chapter “The axiom of the fantasy.”

It begins with him audaciously blending the mathematical Klein group and the Cartesian cogito, modified in such a way as to offer up the alternative, “Either I am not, or I am not thinking.” On this basis, Lacan summarizes the course of an analysis in four phases.

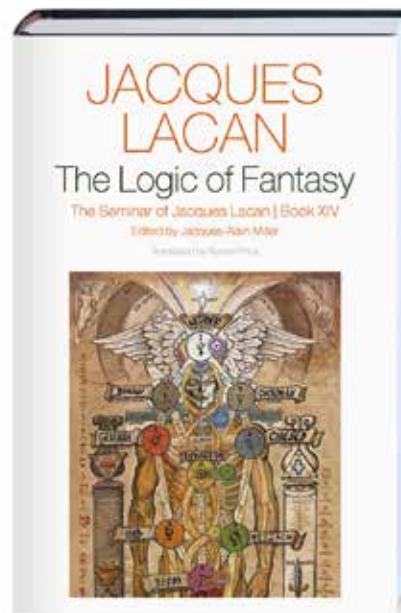
A further mathematico-psychoanalytic blend: the sexual act is illuminated by the light of the Golden number. What ensues is that “there is no sexual act,” this being the first trace of what was to become a pons asinorum: “there is no sexual relating.”

The reader will also come across the invention of a “value of jouissance,” inspired by Marx, and will be surprised to see the big Other, the “locus of speech,” being newly defined as “the body,” the primordial locus of writing.

A good many other gripping insights and constructions await this reader, if he is minded to follow the meandering, the stalling and the about-turns, along with advances and flashes of brilliance, an obstinate and profoundly honest thinking that, whenever it comes up against a stumbling block, never skirts around it but endeavors to turn it into a cornerstone.

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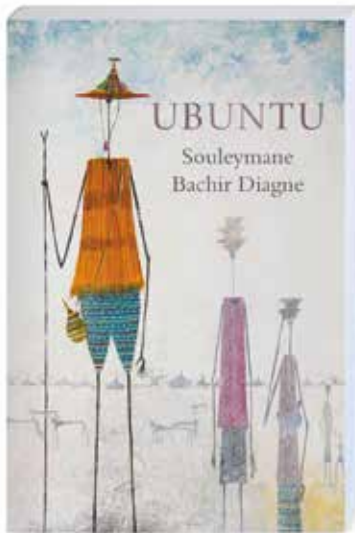
JACQUES LACAN (1901-1981) was one of the twentieth century’s most influential thinkers. His many works include *Écrits*, *The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psycho-analysis* and the many volumes of *The Seminar*.



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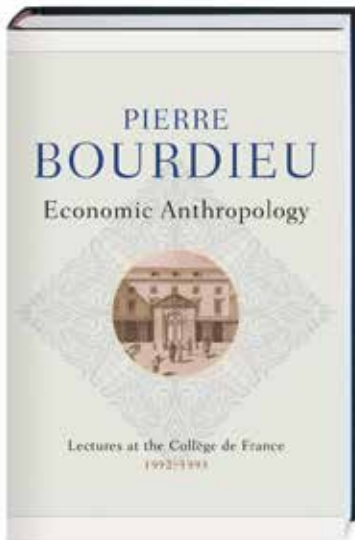
Conversations with Françoise Blum

SOULEYMANE BACHIR DIAGNE

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Ubuntu, a Bantu word which became the first term from an Indigenous language to enter a political constitution, is host to many meanings: "humanity," "fraternity," "compassion" or even "forming a community." According to Souleymane Bachir Diagne, all of these conceptions come together in the art of making the community better; in the understanding of humanity as a task to be fulfilled. Ubuntu dissolves tribalism, leaving in its stead an embrace of the plural within universality. In this book, Diagne recounts how Ubuntu became a dynamic philosophical concept whose humanist potential would rise to the urgent challenge of dismantling apartheid and healing its ravages. It is also the opportunity for Diagne to retrace his own intellectual trajectory and venerable career. An intellectual autobiography in the form of an engrossing conversation with the historian Françoise Blum, this slim volume is a fascinating portrait of one of our foremost contemporary philosophers and distinguished thinkers in Black and Africana Studies.

SOULEYMANE BACHIR DIAGNE is Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University.



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Economic Anthropology

Lectures at the Collège de France,
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PIERRE BOURDIEU

Translated by Peter Collier

Has the revolution that led from the economy of the gift, characteristic of most precapitalist societies, to the economy of modern societies been accomplished in all spheres of life, as tacitly assumed by those who claim to apply the model of the profit optimizing agent to every practice? In his lectures at the Collège de France in 1987-89, Pierre Bourdieu laid bare the assumptions of the imaginary anthropology that underlies economics in its dominant form and put forward an alternative view. He replaced the notion of a pure and perfect market with the notion of an economic field structured by relations of force and symbolic struggle. He replaced homo economicus with an agent endowed with enduring dispositions, fashioned by social background and experience. And thus, without having to appeal to a perfectly lucid calculating mind, he was able to account for the alignment of subjective expectations and objective opportunities that confers on the great majority of economic behavior its "reasonable" character.

PIERRE BOURDIEU (1930-2002) was one of the most influential sociologists and anthropologists of the late twentieth century.

A landmark re-assessment of criminal punishment as a core component of the modern state

Rethinking the Penal State

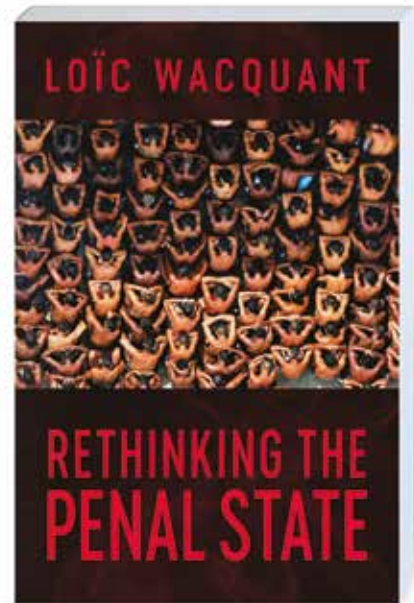
LOÏC WACQUANT

In this book based on his 2024 Adorno Lectures, Loïc Wacquant combines social theory, comparative history and structural ethnography to probe criminal punishment as a core function of the state. Extending Pierre Bourdieu's concepts of bureaucratic field and symbolic power, he resolves the opposition between rationalist theories of penalty running from Bentham to Marx and emotionalist theories descending from Kant to Durkheim to capture the constitutive *duality of punishment*, at once material and symbolic, an instrument of class control and a means of broadcasting community values, endlessly oscillating between rehabilitation and retribution.

By rolling out the police, court, prison and their bureaucratic tentacles, the penal state curates crime, contains moral disorders, manages urban marginality and draws the boundary of citizenship. Its day-to-day deployment also signals sovereignty and serves to manufacture legitimacy in the eyes of the general population. But the penal Leviathan is a *bifurcated state* which captures nearly exclusively dispossessed and dishonored categories by targeting their neighborhoods: it is everywhere a class-splitting and a race-making institution based on the stubborn differentiation of dignified "paper penalty" and degrading "street penalty."

To flesh out penal power as strategic action, Wacquant takes us deep inside a criminal court in California where we discover that the prosecutor who negotiates guilty pleas is the human spear of the state. In his daily tussles with defense attorneys and the sentencing judge, he calibrates and drives the concrete infliction of physical and psychic force upon bodies deemed out of order. Getting inside the machinery of criminal justice shows that punishment must be placed at the epicenter of the political sociology of statecraft, group-making and place-making in the metropolis as well as brought to the forefront of civic debate to articulate a *radical penal minimalism* suited to reconciling punishment and democratic citizenship.

LOÏC WACQUANT is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, and Researcher at the Centre Européen de Sociologie et de Science Politique, Paris. His books are translated into twenty languages and include *The Invention of the "Underclass"* (2022), *Bourdieu in the City* (2023) and *Racial Domination* (2024), all published by Polity.



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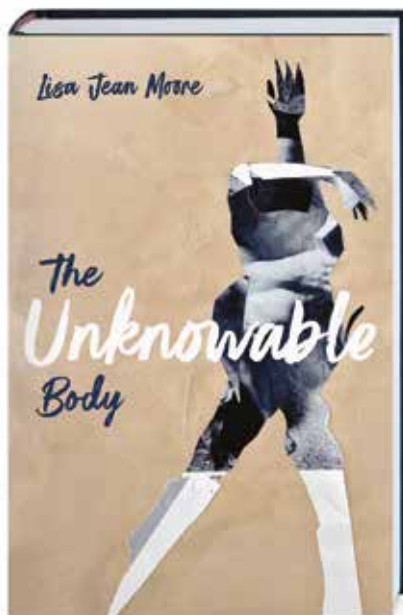
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The Unknowable Body

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In *The Unknowable Body*, leading medical sociologist Lisa Jean Moore explores the profound disconnect between how we experience our bodies and how medical science interprets them. Drawing from her own journey through DCIS diagnosis, mastectomy, and reconstruction – alongside her family’s simultaneous navigation of her ex-partner’s brain tumor – Moore investigates four dimensions of bodily uncertainty that emerge when illness enters our lives.

As medical imaging revealed secrets that human perception failed to, and while navigating a queer family system that defied institutional categories, Moore found herself in territory few roadmaps could chart. This book weaves transparent and poetic personal narrative with sociological analysis to examine how bodies resist complete knowing – medically, emotionally, temporally, and through gender and identity. It offers new ways of thinking about embodiment in an age of increasing medical surveillance, technological intervention, and profitable uncertainty.

What began as an investigation into cancer treatment evolved into a deeper exploration of how bodies exceed our frameworks for understanding. Whether through technological scans that simultaneously reveal and obscure, emotional reverberations that transform family systems, temporal disruptions that fracture our sense of before and after, or gender expectations that both shape and complicate medical encounters, our bodies remain fundamentally mysterious even as we attempt to make them knowable. This thought-provoking, enriching book isn’t just about illness, but about how all bodies exist in states of becoming that resist final categorization.

[LISA JEAN MOORE](#) is SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Purchase College, State University of New York. She is a feminist medical sociologist who examines the complex intersections between human and animal bodies. Her scholarship spans multispecies ethnography and embodied experience, from studying goats genetically modified to produce spider silk in their milk (*Our Transgenic Future*) to documenting the essential role of horseshoe crabs in biomedical manufacturing (*Catch and Release*) and exploring urban beekeeping practices (*Buzz*, with Marin Kosut).

Why, after one hundred years of protest, does gender inequality survive?

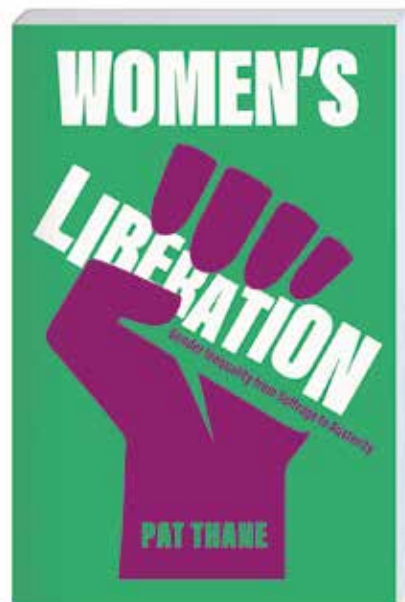
Women's Liberation

Gender Inequality from Suffrage to Austerity

PAT THANE

As the populist right gains political legitimacy and the backlash to feminist movements grows, pay and health inequalities are worsening, and misogyny has taken on new insidious digital forms. Gender equality is as contested and uncertain as it has ever been. How did we get here? And why, despite over a century of protest, has more progress not been made? In this book, acclaimed historian Pat Thane offers a clear-eyed introduction to the key forces which have driven as well as limited the pursuit of gender equality in Britain over the last century. From the fight for enfranchisement to the election of Margaret Thatcher, the rise of New Labour and the impact of austerity, she reveals that gender inequalities have always intersected with inequalities of class, income, disability and ethnicity. With examples spanning education, employment, political representation, health and sexual violence, she explores how and why such profound inequalities have survived and pervaded every area of our lives. *Women's Liberation* addresses the fundamental question at the heart of this long fight for change: is gender inequality a mainstay of our social, economic, and political fabric or is a more hopeful future possible?

PAT THANE is Visiting Professor in History, Birkbeck College, London and Professor Emerita in History, University of London.



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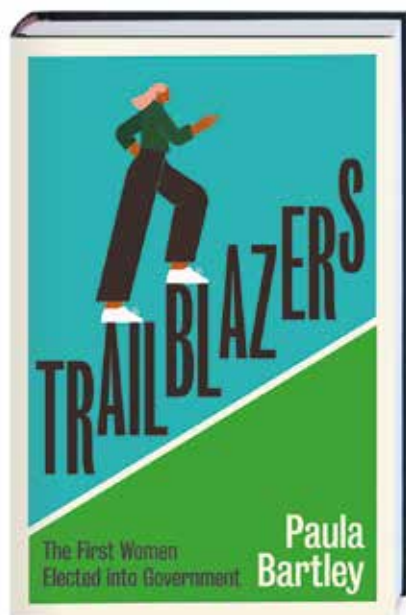
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Trailblazers

The First Women Elected to Government

PAULA BARTLEY

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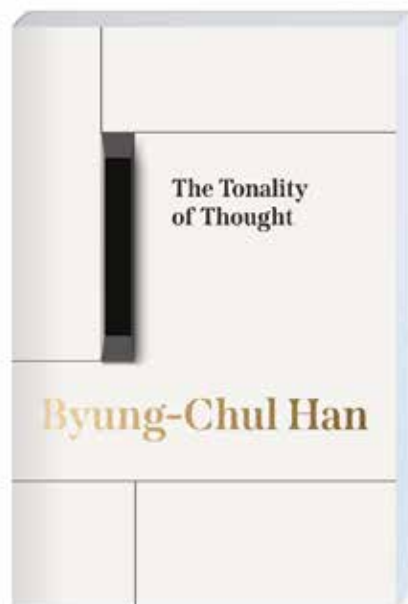
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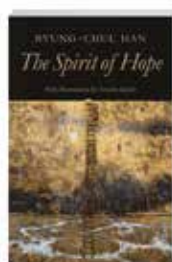
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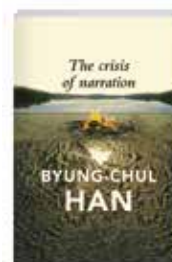
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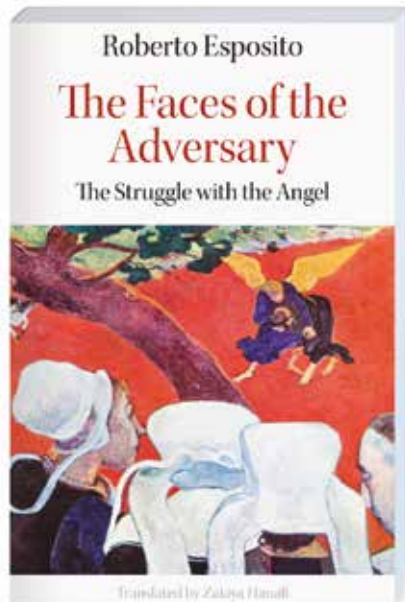
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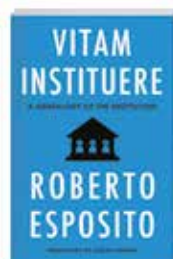
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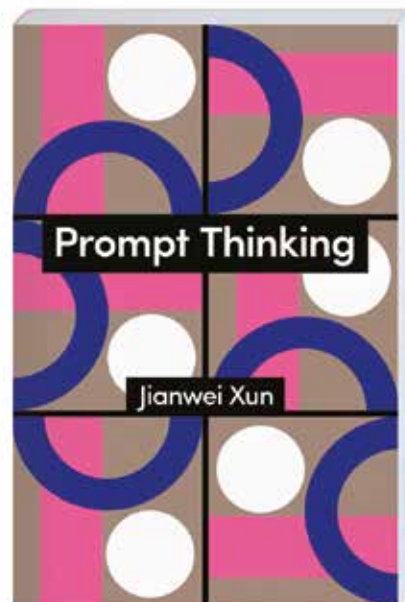
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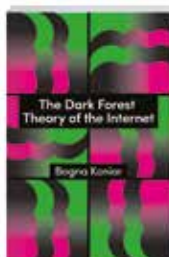
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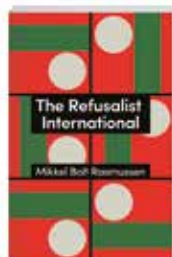
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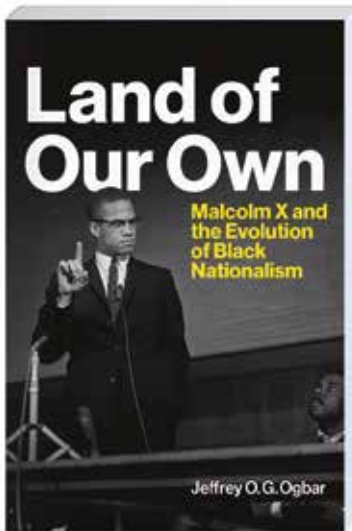
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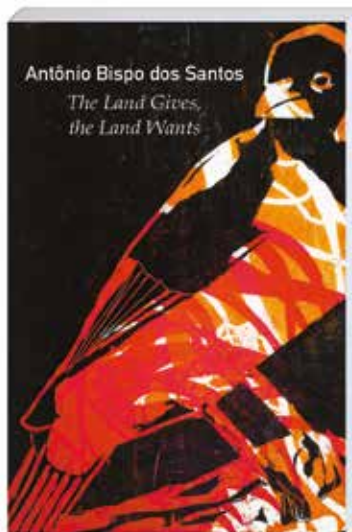
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ANTÔNIO BISPO DOS SANTOS (1959-2023) was a Brazilian activist and quilombo leader.

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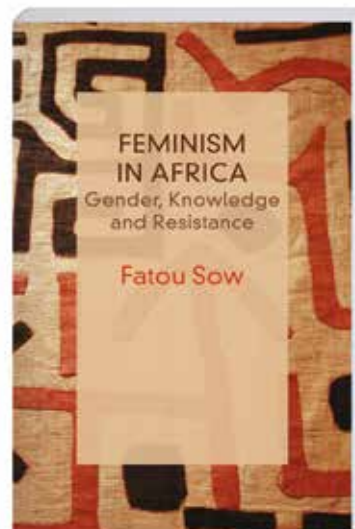
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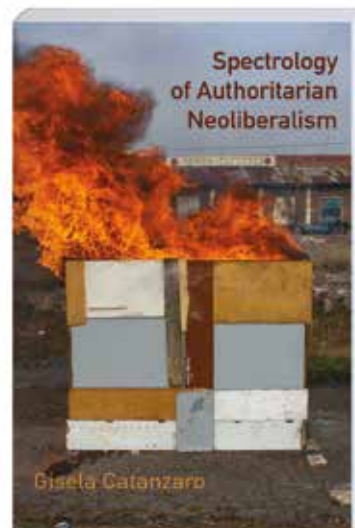
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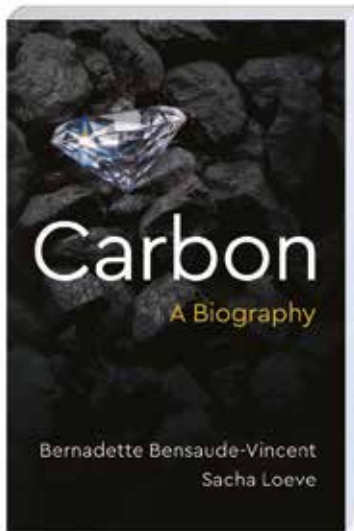
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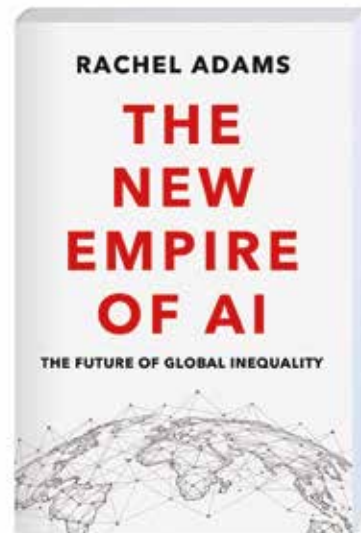
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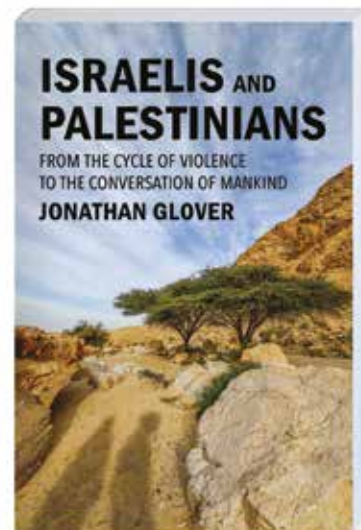
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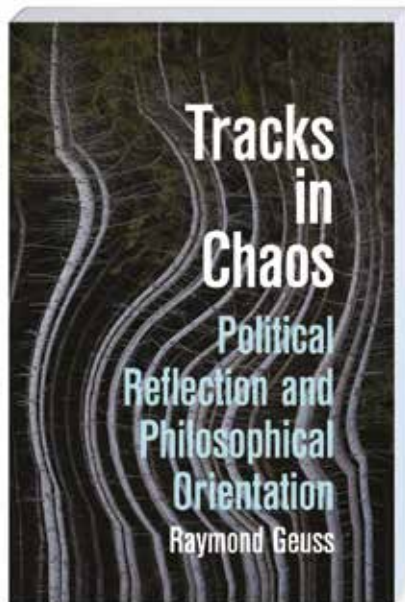
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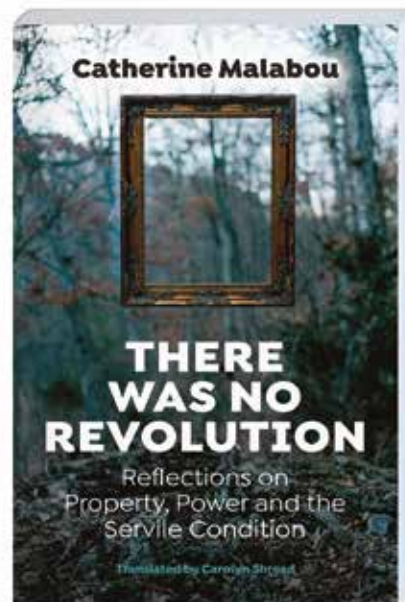
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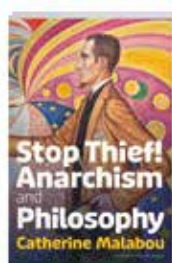


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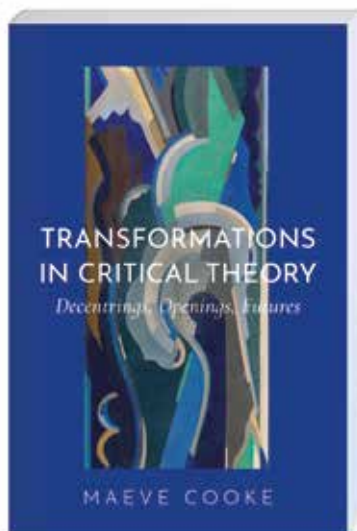
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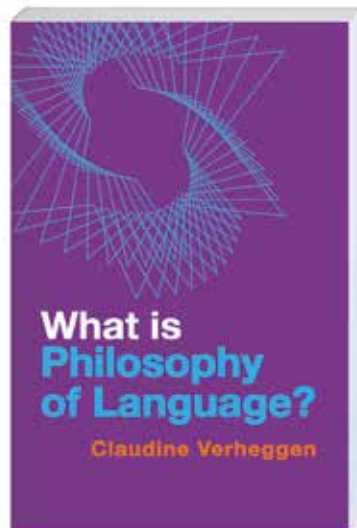
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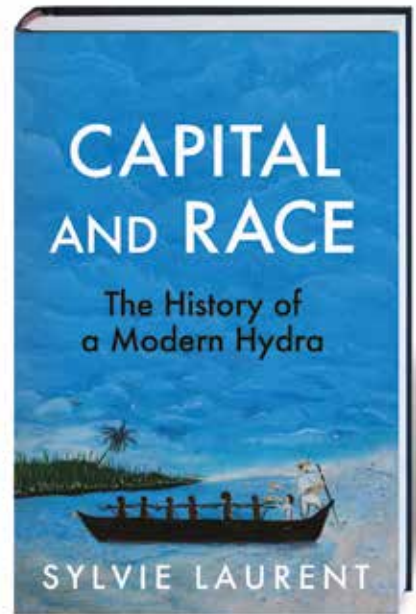
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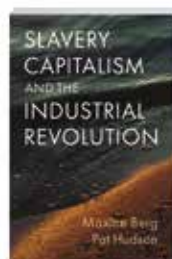
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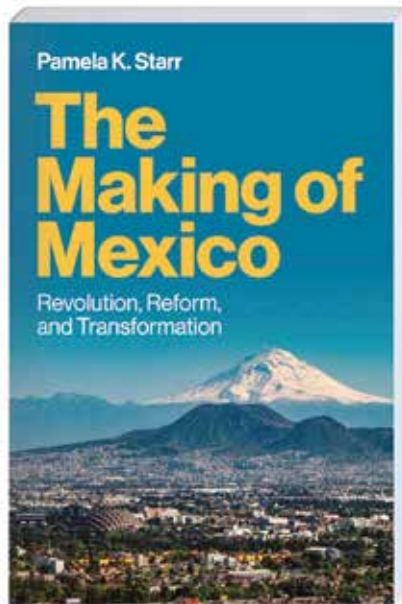
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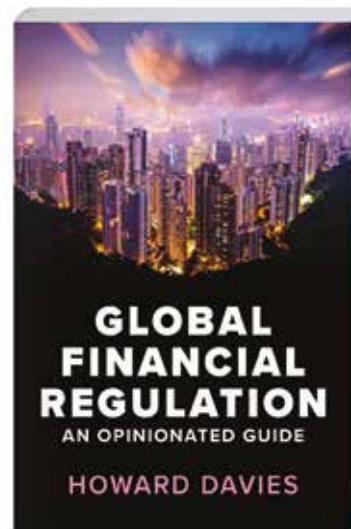
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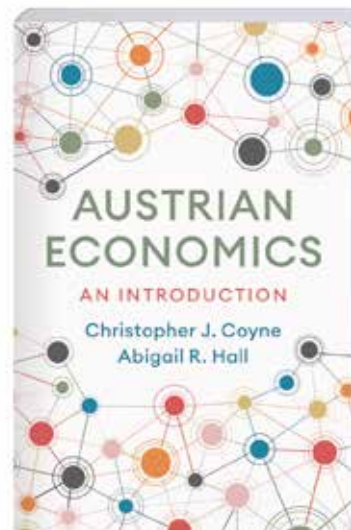
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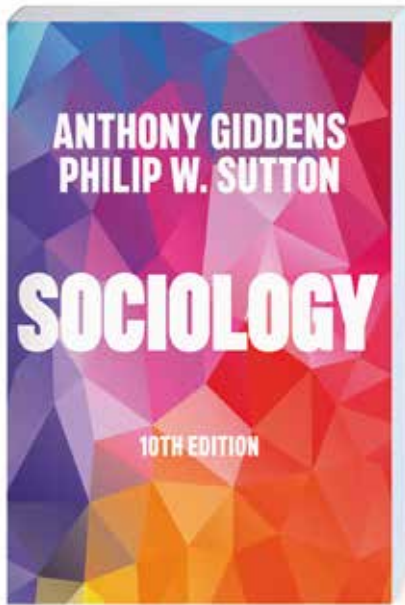
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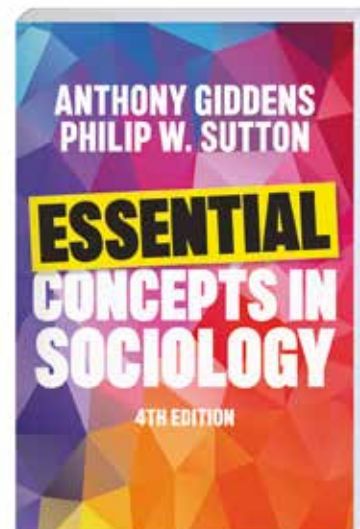
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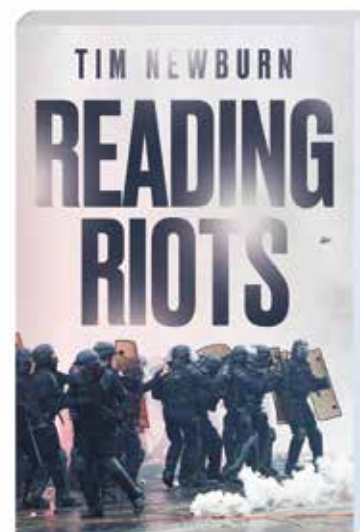
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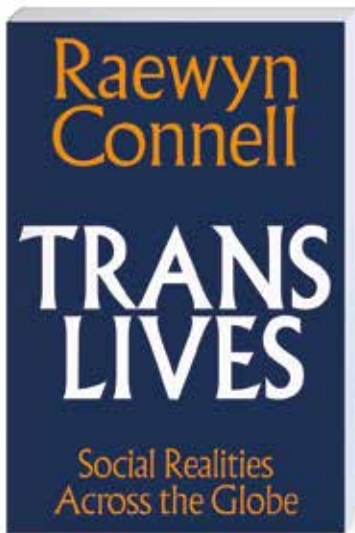
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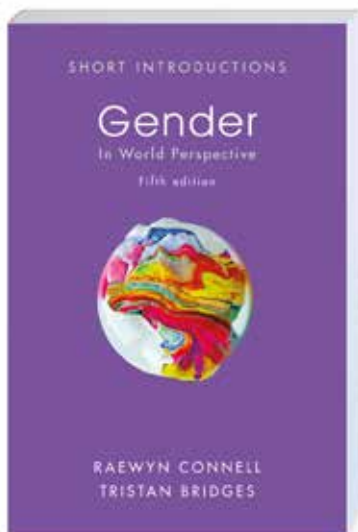
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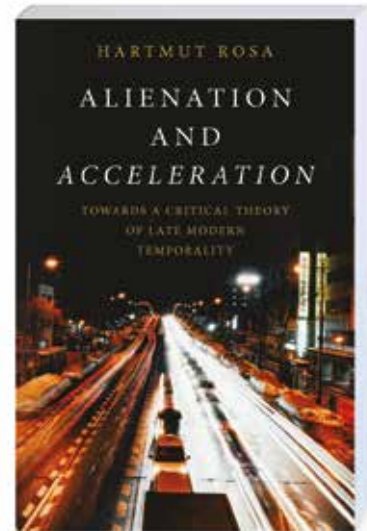
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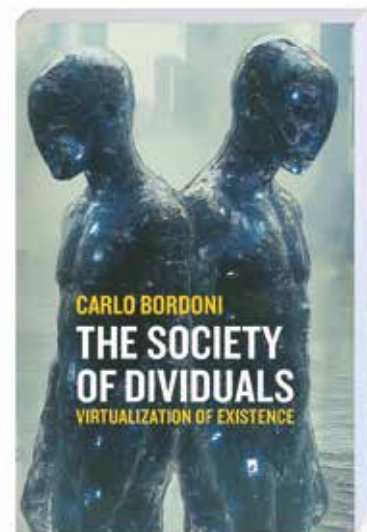
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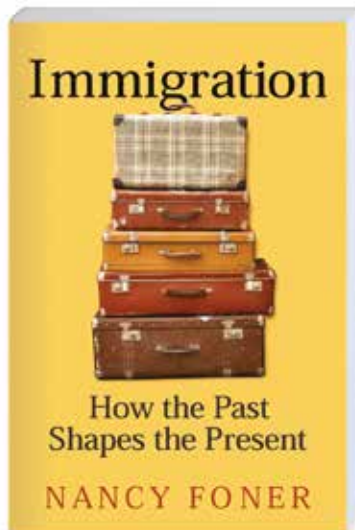
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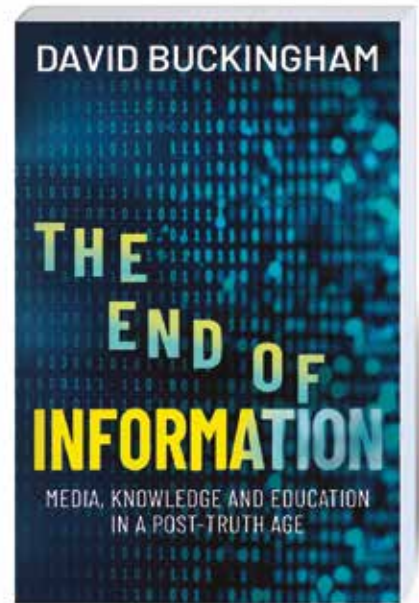
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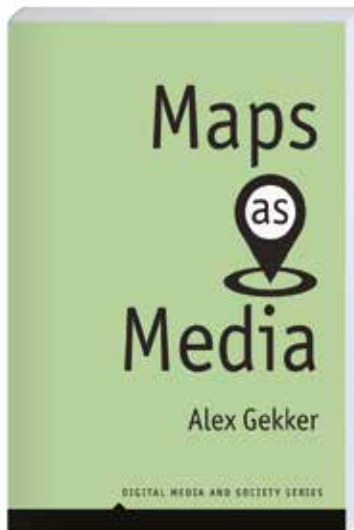
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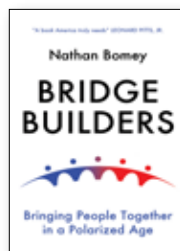
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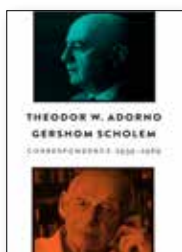


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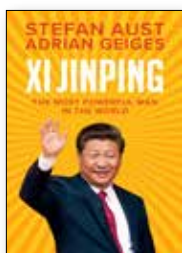


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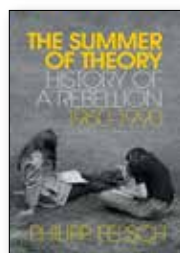


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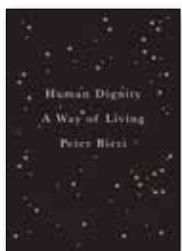


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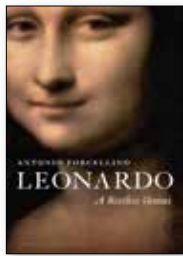


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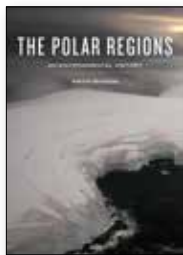
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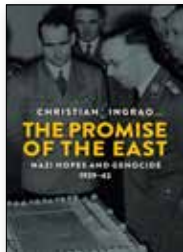
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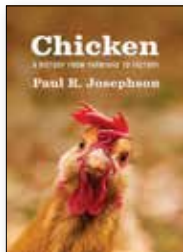
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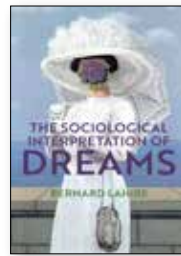
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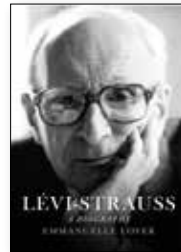
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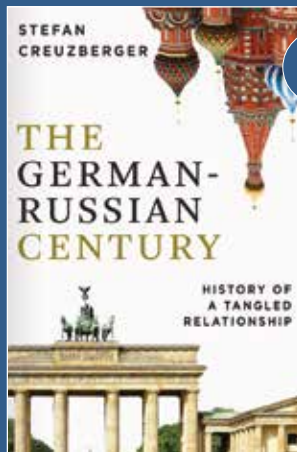
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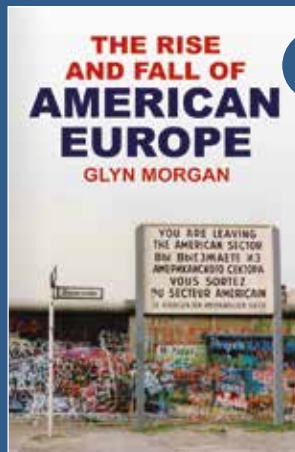
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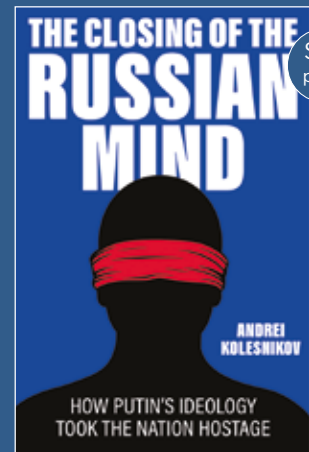




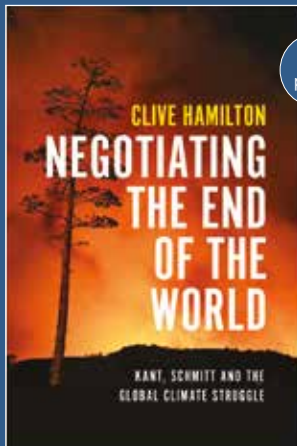
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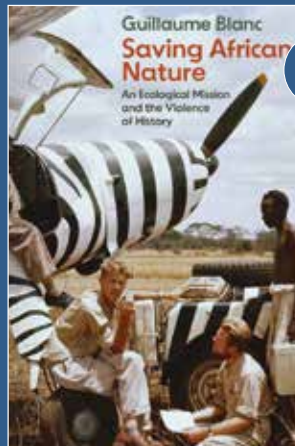
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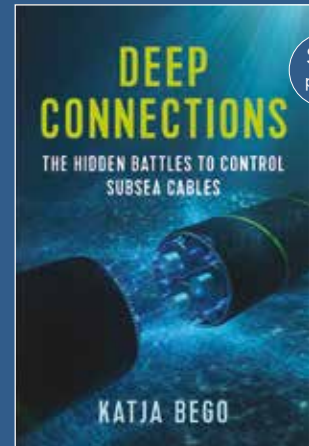
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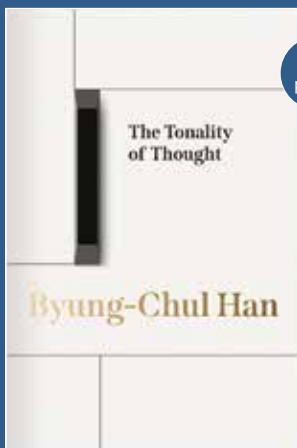
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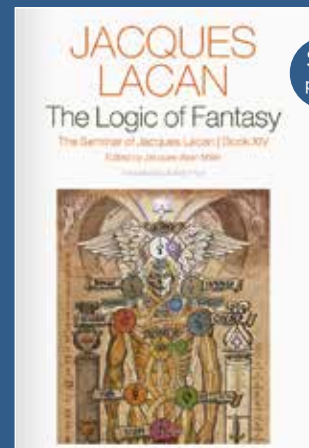
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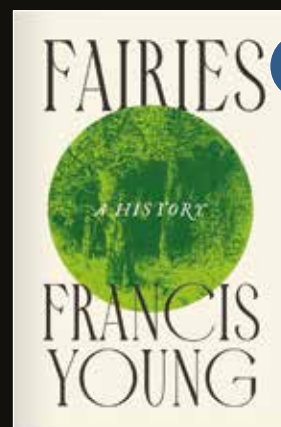
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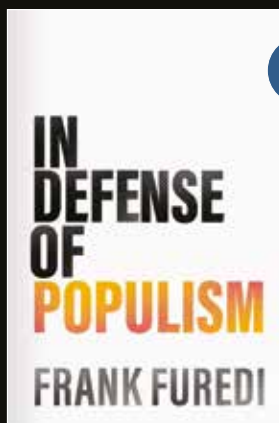
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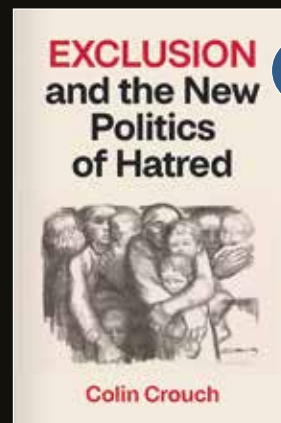
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