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There is little agreement today on what it takes to be intelligent. Yet this word is widely believed to be about something real, mostly biological, and important. From this popular perspective, intelligence is also something you can have a lot of, and luckily find yourself being labeled as a genius. Or sadly, something you do not have nearly enough of, and so find yourself being seen by others, at least behind your back, as silly, stupid, or plainly idiotic. Looked at closely, however, it turns out this word belongs more in the realm of traditional folklore than modern science.

## EMPIRE AND EDUARDS VOLTERS

The Ethnography of Lithuanians and Latvians,  
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# Empire and Eduards Volters: The Ethnography of Lithuanians and Latvians, 1882-1941

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Eduards Volters was a Latvian linguist, renowned early ethnographer, and archeologist with the Russian Imperial Geographical Society. He studied the Lithuanians and Latvians in the Northwest Krai of the Russian Empire and Lithuania from 1882 to 1941. As Volters began his research at a time when the printing of Lithuanian and Latgalian publications in the Latin alphabet was forbidden, this book aims to uncover his role as one of the founders of literate Lithuanian and Latvian communities. This study compares various historical and theoretical contexts in anthropology and decolonization to reveal how Volters reconciled his ethnographic work within the political goals of the empire.

# I Think of You Constantly with Love: The Letters of Ludwig Wittgenstein and Ben Richards

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*I Think of You  
Constantly with Love*  
The Letters of Ludwig Wittgenstein  
and Ben Richards



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**GABRIEL CITRON & ALFRED SCHMIDT**

Ludwig Wittgenstein and Ben Richards met in the autumn of 1945, when Richards – a medical student – was attending one of Wittgenstein’s courses. The ‘loving friendship’ (in Wittgenstein’s words) which subsequently developed between them decisively coloured every aspect of Wittgenstein’s last years. Their correspondence – consisting of more than 370 letters, cards, and telegrams, along with numerous drawings and attachments – starts in the summer of 1946, and ends in April 1951, just a week before Wittgenstein’s death. It gives an incomparably vivid and touching picture of the last five years of Wittgenstein’s life. His encounter with Richards was perhaps the deepest love and the greatest happiness of Wittgenstein’s life. And yet these letters also reveal Wittgenstein as a lonely, vulnerable, and often overbearing man, painfully aware of his dependence on the affection of his much younger beloved friend, and painfully aware of the fragility of their connection. This collection of letters between Wittgenstein and Richards is not only the single largest correspondence of Wittgenstein’s that has survived, but – more importantly – it is by far the most significant and revealing cache of letters between Wittgenstein and someone whom he loved romantically. They offer an entirely new window onto Wittgenstein’s inner life, and a profound and moving testament to his emotional and intellectual concerns in his last years. Like all of Wittgenstein’s writings, the letters are shot through with opinions, humour, and insights, delivered in Wittgenstein’s typically sharp and powerful manner. In short, this is a most remarkable collection of documents – both for those interested in Wittgenstein’s philosophy, and for those interested in the life of one of the 20th century’s greatest thinkers.

# Liberal Fascisms

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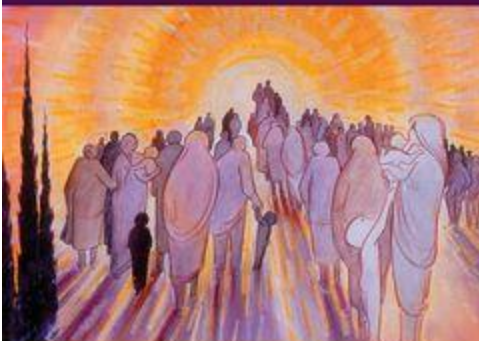
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With an apparently contradictory and characteristically makeshift term, 'Liberal Fascisms', Slavoj Žižek captures the paradoxical nature of political populism. To see this phenomenon as purely liberal and dictatorially fascistic is to expose liberalism and fascism as two sides of the same coin. The concept offers a glimpse into the murky landscape of half-lies and double-truths that Žižek enters in this latest collection of urgent essays. From the economy and politics to ideology, these short texts work through the different faces of liberal fascisms, structured around a trio of the universal, the particular, and the singular: our global predicament; Europe and the Middle East; Trump's America. Peeling back the inadequate labels we hasten to pin on the phenomena that terrify us – like 'post-truth' – to peer at the seeping wounds beneath them, these writings reveal the uneasy mixture of hypocrisy, self-deception and what is real that have always been stacked, matryoshka like, inside of one another. With no cure in hand, but a refusal to dispense with thought that is muddled and murky, these interventions are both timely and resolute. From the so-called "death of truth" opens up the possibility for a new authentic truth... or for an even bigger lie. And ultimately we must ask – what forms of justice are made possible by this disorder? Liberal Fascisms is also available in audiobook format from audiobook retailers.

# Human Dignity



Its Roots and Challenges  
in Western Thought

John Loughlin

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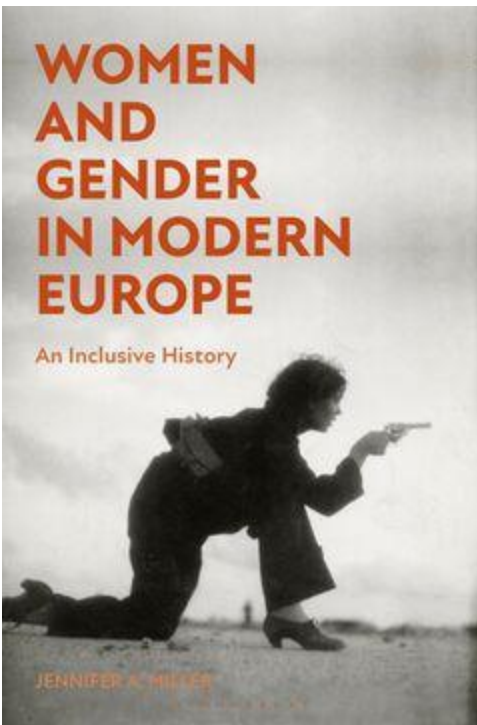
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A bold reappraisal of the concept of human dignity through the lens of Catholic tradition. Drawing on the biblical notion that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God (Imago Dei), John Loughlin traces the development of this idea from antiquity to modernity. He examines key moments of continuity and rupture—from the Church Fathers to the Renaissance, the Reformation to Enlightenment secularism, and 20th-century renewal to today's contested bioethical landscape. Integrating theology, philosophy, and political thought, the book engages contemporary moral debates while presenting a constructive Catholic anthropology. This is a timely and provocative contribution for scholars, students, and general readers concerned with the future of human dignity in a fragmented world.

## Women and Gender in Modern Europe: An Inclusive History

Jennifer A. Miller

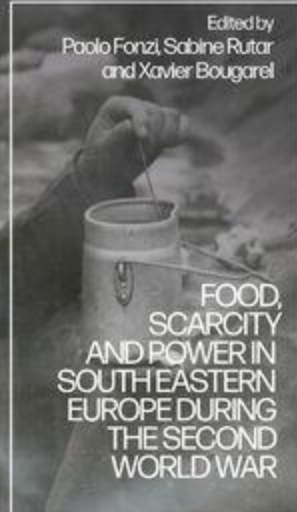
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This book introduces students to the key concepts of women's history, gender as a category of analysis, and the history of feminism. Spanning the late 19th century to the present day, each chapter highlights major themes of the particular time period right across Europe before concluding with a short bibliography. Whilst covering some familiar narratives in a broadly chronological fashion, Jennifer A. Miller introduces new actors, themes, and conclusions based on the most recent scholarship that further enriches our collective understanding women's history in modern Europe. Miller presents a Europe of diversity from ethnic and religious perspectives that has also been sorely lacking until now. European colonialism, the suffrage movements, the World Wars and the Holocaust, the postwar period, the Cold War and even very recent history are all closely examined in an essential volume for anyone interested in the European female experience of the last 150 years.

# Food, Scarcity and Power in Southeastern Europe during the Second World War

Paolo Fonzi, Sabine Rutar, Xavier Bougarel



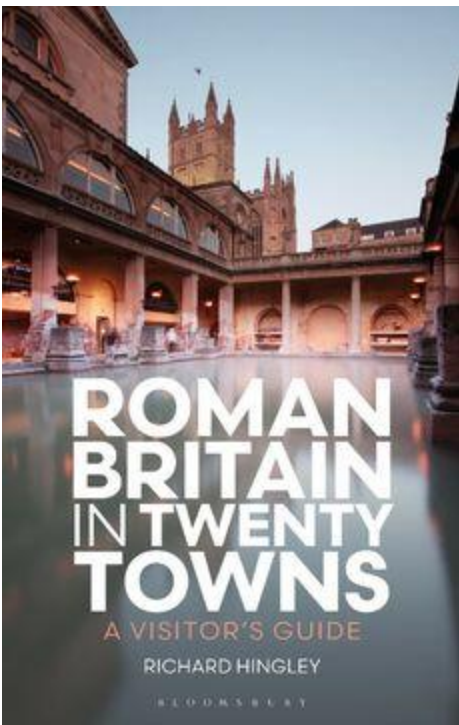
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The experience of all occupied countries during the Second World War was characterised by severe material shortages. Food, most noticeably, became a scarcity in everyday life; and that food grew into a major stake for all political groups at this time. This book shines a much-needed spotlight on the political role of food in Southeastern Europe from 1939 to 1945. Controlling food was a key strategy adopted by all actors – be they occupiers, state institutions, resistance organizations, international humanitarian organizations or private interest groups – in substantiating their bid for power. As a predominantly agrarian area with a substantial peasant population, investigating this topic is particularly poignant for Southeastern Europe. From discussions of searching for and fighting for food to offering relief and instrumentalising of food politically, the chapters in this volume add nuance to discussions on the complex intertwined political and social dynamics of war and occupation. In so doing, this sophisticated study fills an important gap in our understanding of the Second World War, food policy, and the social history of Europe more broadly.

## Roman Britain in Twenty Towns: A Visitor's Guide

Richard Hingley

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From Hadrian's Wall to Sulis Minerva's spa at Bath and the public buildings and walled circuits of other towns, Britain has a wealth of Roman urban remains to examine. Designed for visitors wishing to explore the archaeological landscape, this user-friendly guide sets out a plan of 20 Roman towns – explaining how visitors can find the site and what they may expect to see. Where appropriate, this book explores how the town developed from an Iron Age settlement or where it began life as a military fortress or fort. Written by an expert in the field, each chapter addresses the following:- An introduction to the history of the settlement, its origins and significance.- An outline of the main ancient sites and monuments, with concise information on museums.- Accessible maps of the archaeological features of each town.- An up-to-date summary of the recent work on each Roman town, supported by further reading. By following the footsteps of ancient peoples, this interactive guide offers users a fascinating picture of what can be seen at these urban centres.



# Populism and Courts in an Age of Constitutional Impatience: Judges vs the People

Raphaël Girard

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This book addresses one of the most pressing issues of our time: the rise of populism and its implications, particularly for courts and other legal institutions. It questions and ultimately challenges the prevailing view in comparative constitutional law that courts can act as bulwarks against authoritarian, self-aggrandising populists in power. In doing so, it offers both a novel theoretical framework and a fresh contextual inquiry. Theoretically, the book uses the lens of spatiotemporality – the conjunction of space and time – to analyse populism as a constitutional project. It argues that contemporary populism is marked by constitutional impatience: a drive for temporal efficiency and spatial proximity that reshapes and reconfigures law's institutional and normative order. Contextually, the book focuses primarily on one key institution of liberal constitutional democracy: the judiciary. It offers a contextual analysis of three case studies: Armenia, Ecuador and the United Kingdom. In doing so, it not only highlights populism's reach beyond established democracies but also brings fresh insights from understudied jurisdictions at the periphery or in the Global South. Overall, the book suggests that populism's relationship with constitutionalism is complex and context-dependent. Instead of yielding uniform outcomes, it produces divergent tensions and impacts, thereby challenging assumptions about both the institutional role of courts and the nature of constitutionalism itself.

## Ethnic Belonging and Deaf Identity in Romania: Living in Multiple Minorities

Emese-Hajnalka Belenyi, Gavril Flora

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Living in Multiple Minorities

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While Deafness can function as a cultural–linguistic identity with its own language and community norms, Deaf individuals may belong simultaneously to other social groups while sharing a Deaf identity. Throughout this work, Belenyi and Flora interpret Deafness and ethnicity through the lens of Social Identity Theory (SIT), which posits that individuals derive part of their self-concept from membership in social groups and predicts that group memberships shape self-concept and self-esteem. While SIT has its limitations, newer adaptations, such as self-categorization theory and identity process theory, allow for more nuanced interpretations. With a focus on Hungarian ethnic-minority Deaf people in Romania—and their partners and communities—the authors examine these insights to understand how Deaf people in Romania balance their ethnic and Deaf identities. Deaf people in East-Central Europe, especially in the multi-ethnic context of Romania, inhabit overlapping minority worlds. Although nation-building policies often emphasize linguistic and ethnic homogeneity, in practice Hungarian–Romanian relations within Deaf families and communities can reveal unexpected cultural bridges. This book combines a theoretical synthesis of Deaf identity, culture, and ethnicity with empirical life-course research to shed new light on how Deaf and ethnic identities intersect.

# Ukrainian Border Dialects in Belarusian-Russian Contact Areas

## Ukrainian Border Dialects in Belarusian-Russian Contact Areas: Characteristics and Trends

Salvatore Del Gaudio

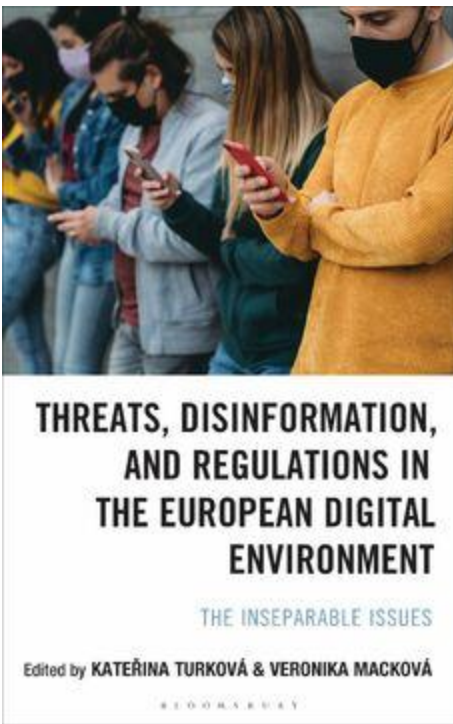
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This book presents a contemporary, primarily synchronic, linguistic analysis of the essential dialectal features characterizing the dialects spoken in the Ukrainian-Belarusian-Russian border area. Utilizing sociolinguistic and unique focus-group data, Salvatore Del Gaudio analyzes specific local dialects at the crossroads of Ukraine, Belarus, and the Russian Federation, both locally and cross-regionally, to best highlight stable characteristics and ongoing tendencies over the span of a decade (2012–2022). The individuality of this area is also examined within a broader sociolinguistic context, which accounts for language attitudes, habits, and the identity of local speakers, as well as the linguistic landscape of the border area. The findings presented in this book are valuable for further dialectological research and related linguistic subfields. Moreover, they contribute to the establishment of a more accurate typology of (East) Slavic languages, offering valid insights into areal linguistics, as is often required in similar studies.

# Threats, Disinformation, and Regulations in the European Digital Environment: The Inseparable Issues

Katerina Turková, Veronika Macková

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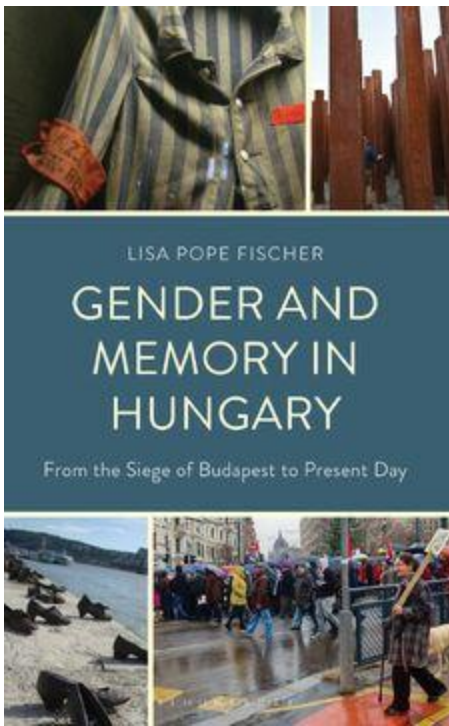


In this edited volume, contributors explore the various threats—both security- and (dis)information-related—that are present within the European digital environment, along with the subsequent regulations imposed across the region in response to these threats. Due to the fluctuating evolution of EU-wide and national regulatory approaches to the digital sphere and the differences in each approach, it is crucial to examine the current state of that regulation on both levels to better understand each approach and its consequences. Thus, contributors analyze these phenomena from both European and national perspectives to identify best and unsuccessful practices. The volume is divided into four sections – first, it maps threats and trust around disinformation in the European digital environment. The second part goes on to identify examples of successful approaches to these threats and to combatting disinformation, while the third section focuses on regulations that have been put in place by specific countries or the EU as a whole. Finally, the fourth section of the book identifies current and ongoing challenges relating to disinformation in the European digital environment, providing practical suggestions and directions for future research in this area.

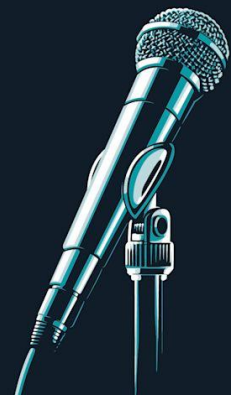
# Gender and Memory in Hungary: From the Siege of Budapest to Present Day

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Gender and Memory in Hungary: From the Siege of Budapest to Present Day examines the life stories of elderly Hungarian women through a person-centered approach from an anthropological perspective. Each woman crafts her narrative against the backdrop of significant historical events: World War II, the post-war period, the 1956 revolution, the Kádár era, and the shifts of post-communism leading into Goulash populism. These narratives not only mirror large historical signposts but also shed light on cultural patterns and unofficial microhistories that form a Chorus of Experiences—an intricate tapestry of diverse lived experiences, identity, and memory. The author uses anthropology to explore the nuances of personal stories, revealing insights about our shared human condition. By adopting this view, the text draws interesting parallels between Goulash populism and neo-revitalization movements, highlighting that while our history shapes the present, today's societal context also influences how we reinterpret the past.



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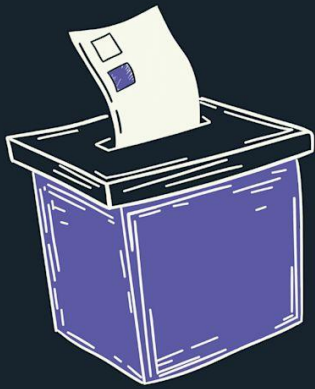
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Object Lessons is a series of short, beautifully designed books about the hidden lives of ordinary things. Since its invention more than 150 years ago, the microphone transformed the world in an instant. Yet its evolution and integration into our daily lives has been comparatively gradual – so gradual, crucially, that it is easy to forget just how much we take it for granted. Every phone has a microphone. Every laptop has a microphone. We are surrounded by microphones. The microphone wields enormous power. But when we're 'on mic' we aren't just powerful, we're vulnerable. Microphones can destroy careers as quickly as make them. The microphone is inextricable from our need to be heard. This book takes a curious, always humorous look at this object as a metaphor for power and how the fulfillment of our desire to be heard has created a multi-headed beast we are still learning how to tame.



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Object Lessons is a series of short, beautifully designed books about the hidden lives of ordinary things. *Ballot* examines the psychological, cultural, and political significance of voting in an increasingly anti-voting climate. Armed with her personal experiences as a poll worker, electoral organizer, and activist, Anjali Enjeti unspools a timely narrative about the precarious state of the ballot during one of the most tumultuous political eras in US history, and recounts the astonishing events leading up to the 2024 presidential election. Enjeti lays out the growing challenges for voters in battleground states, where rightwing legislatures have introduced staggering numbers of voter suppression bills and redrawn district lines, all to disenfranchise as many Black and other marginalized voters as possible. As her account of the history and stakes of election integrity shows, the aftershocks of the Capitol insurrection on January 6, 2021 have manifested most egregiously on the four corners of the ballot.



## Lipstick

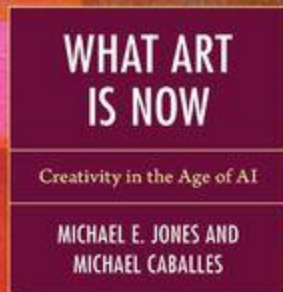
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Object Lessons is a series of short, beautifully designed books about the hidden lives of ordinary things. From Revlon to Glossier, from Marilyn to Gaga, lipstick is as shape-shifting and unwieldy as femininity itself. Who wears lipstick today – as a matter of routine? And for those who do, is it out of obligation to a strict feminine standard, or some other reason entirely? Lipstick reconsiders the beauty world's most conspicuous – and contentious – tool of artifice. Tossing expired ideas about femininity like so many tubes of melting wax, Lipstick explores how self-adornment can be a source of play, pleasure, and transformation, as well as how lipstick can knock gender norms off balance.

## What Art Is Now: Creativity in the Age of AI

Michael Caballes, Michael E. Jones



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What Art is Now: Creativity in the Age of AI explores one of the most urgent questions of our time: What happens to human creativity when machines can generate music, paintings, poetry, and design? This thought-provoking book examines how artificial intelligence is reshaping the way we define, create, and experience art. Blending philosophy, law, neuroscience, and cultural history, the authors investigate how AI challenges traditional notions of authorship, originality, and artistic value. Written for a broad audience—from artists and educators to tech developers and curious thinkers—What Art is Now invites readers into a conversation that spans centuries of creative thought and confronts the promises and perils of machine-made imagination. Can AI be truly creative, or is it only mimicking the human mind? Will artists be replaced, or will they find new ways to collaborate with algorithms? And what rights do humans have over works produced in partnership with machines? Timely, accessible, and deeply interdisciplinary, this book offers a roadmap for understanding the rapidly shifting terrain of art and technology. At stake is more than just the future of the arts—it's how we understand ourselves as creative beings in a world where intelligence is no longer uniquely human.

# A FOUR-EYED WORLD



HOW GLASSES CHANGED  
THE WAY WE SEE

DAVID KING DUNAWAY

## Four-Eyed World: How Glasses Changed the Way We See

David King Dunaway

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An engaging and informative cultural history of glasses that explores their origins, stigmas, future in technology, and more. Eyeglasses have become so commonplace we hardly think about them—unless we can't find them. Yet glasses have been controversial throughout history. Roger Bacon pioneered using lenses to see and then spent a decade in a medieval prison for advocating that he could “fix” God's creations by improving our eyesight. Even today, people take off their glasses before having their picture taken, despite how necessary they are. A Four-Eyed World: How Glasses Changed the Way We See is the first book to investigate the experience of wearing glasses and contacts and their role in culture. David King Dunaway encourages readers to take a look at how they literally see the world through what they wear. He explores everything from the history of deficient eyesight and how glasses are made to portrayals of those who wear glasses in media, the stigma surrounding them, and the future of augmented and virtual reality glasses, highlighting how glasses have shaped, and continue to shape, who we are. Interwoven is Dunaway's own experience of spending a week without his glasses, which he has used since childhood, to see the world around him and his newfound appreciation for his visual aids. This is the story of how we see the world and how our ability to see things has evolved, ultimately asking: How have two cloudy, quarter-sized discs of crystal or glass originally riveted together become so essential to human existence? Shakespeare famously said eyes are windows to the soul, but what about people who see only by covering theirs with glasses? Readers will find out together through this fascinating and insightful cultural history of one of humanity's greatest inventions.

## Solidarność: A New Perspective on the Workers' Revolution and the Intellectual Opposition

Michał Siermiński

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This high-profile and award-winning work shows the organic working-class character of the Polish Solidarność revolution of 1980–81 and thus debunks the canonical idea that the movement was orchestrated primarily by intellectuals from the democratic opposition, who brought consciousness to the workers ‘from the outside’. Siermiński traces the origins of the Polish revolution to the self-activity and self-organisation developed by the Polish working class during earlier protests, strikes, and occupations. The author convincingly demonstrates that Solidarność was driven by the working class's own aims, experiences and revolutionary instinct—often in direct opposition to the efforts of intellectuals to contain its radicalism.



## Mediations: The Silent Workshops of Democracy

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For the past four decades, mediation practices have been steadily developing in Western societies, offering new ways for citizens to coexist peacefully. Unlike most works that focus on a single country or field, this book provides a comprehensive international overview of the development and implementation of mediation in all its forms. It explores the history and philosophy of mediation, outlines its ethical and professional principles, and presents the diverse models that guide practitioners. Departing from the dogmatic perspectives often found in the specialist literature, it proposes a flexible and adaptable approach to conflict that can be applied across a wide range of contexts—political, environmental, judicial, family, social, educational, commercial, and health. Through a socio-political and empirical lens, the book highlights the considerable promise of this non-violent method of conflict resolution, while also critically examining its dangers and limitations.

## Companion to the History of Moldavia up to 1859

Florin Curta, Liviu Pilat

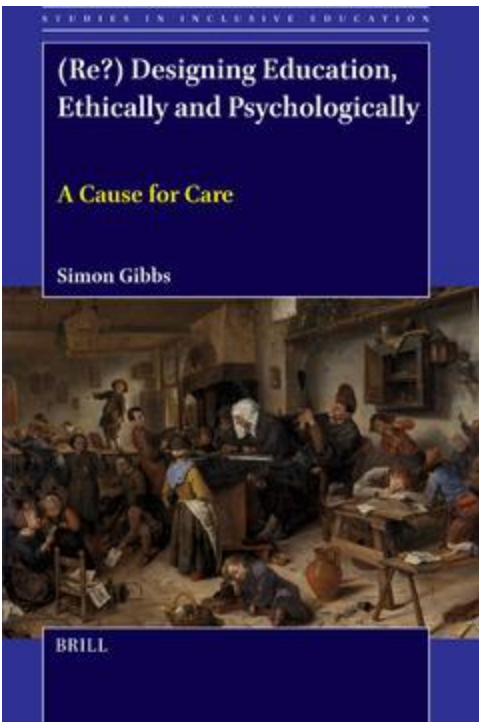
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This volume is the first of its kind, providing a multifaceted discussion of the history of the principality of Moldavia from its foundation up to 1859. The contributors cover economic, social, political, and cultural developments, highlighting change as well as continuity. This book also offers guidance on the region's abundant historiography, as its bibliography brings together all major studies dedicated to the history of the principality of Moldavia from the 14th to the 19th century. Intended to serve as a starting point for future research, this volume is enriched by its thematic emphasis on "the view from the periphery." Contributors are: Constantin Ardeleanu, Adrian-Bogdan Ceobanu, Ovidiu Cristea, Florin Curta, Alessandro Flavio Dumitrașcu, Elena Firea, Ștefan S. Gorovei, Sorin Grigoruță, Ioan-Augustin Guriță, Sergean Osman, Radu G. Păun, Nagy Pienaru, Liviu Pilat, Alexandru-Florin Platon, Laurențiu Radvan, Victor Spinei, Alice Isabella Sullivan, and Maria-Magdalena Székely.

## (Re?) Designing Education, Ethically and Psychologically: A Cause for Care

Simon Gibbs

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We live in divided and diverse societies. Current data tell us that the state of education in much of the western world may be ill-designed and ill-suited to the future needs of society. The legislated culture of education in schools frequently seems hostile to the well-being of both teachers and young people. In this current piece of work, I offer some questions about why this may be the case. With the context of climate change and global metamorphosis in mind I suggest we need to ask and discuss what we might mean by and want for 'education': what might be its purposes; could it be better, more ethical; shouldn't it be more inclusive? Alternatively, we might ask, simply, 'what is the problem that education / schools might address?' Further discussion and ensuing answers to these questions might, I suggest, help us learn how to be human beings who care about and for each other and our diverse natures.



# PODCASTING AS A RESEARCH METHOD

A Practical Guide

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## Podcasting as a Research Method: A Practical Guide

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This pioneering guide explores podcasting as a powerful tool for data collection and knowledge production, demonstrating the value of the medium as a qualitative research method.

The book introduces three novel approaches: podcasting as participatory action research, enabling collaboration and public engagement; sonic elicitation, using sound to evoke rich, affective responses in interviews and focus groups; and podcast ethnography, where audio recordings are both data and narrative.

Key features include:

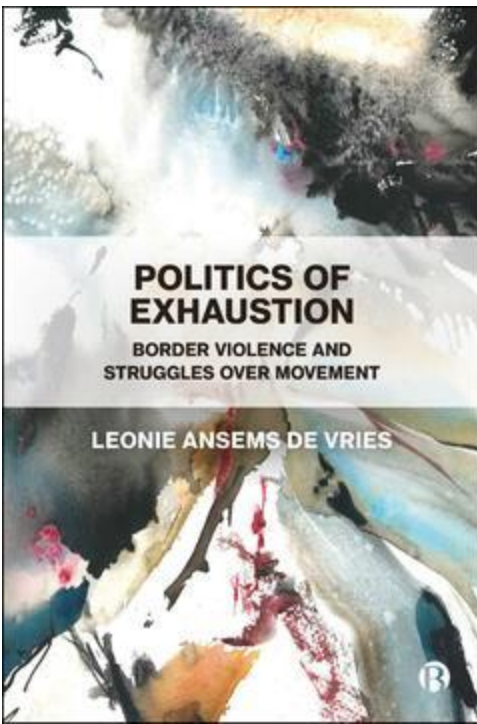
- Practical guidance on designing and producing research podcasts;
- In-depth examination of ethical considerations when working with sound and voice; and
- Exploration of podcasting's connection to longstanding traditions of orality in research.

Grounded in theory and practice, this is a must-read for researchers looking to innovate by creatively and critically engaging with sound in their work.

## Politics of Exhaustion: Border Violence and Struggles over Movement

Leonie Ansems de Vries

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This book exposes the strategies that make migrants' lives unliveable and explores their resistance to this violence. Drawing on years of research across Europe, the author captures the lived reality of asylum seekers, refugees and other marginalised migrants, including their struggles with constant evictions, detention, push-backs, deportations and violence.

Blending feminist, intersectional and decolonial perspectives, the book reframes exhaustion as both a tool of governance and a site of struggle. By amplifying neglected voices and envisioning politics grounded in solidarity, care and friendship, this is a powerful call to rethink how movement, borders and struggle are understood.

## Race and Labour among Russian Migrants: Reclaiming Whiteness in Europe

Daria Krivonos

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As racial boundaries are constantly negotiated in Europe and across the globe, this book explores how Russian migrant workers navigate racial capitalism in the Nordic region.

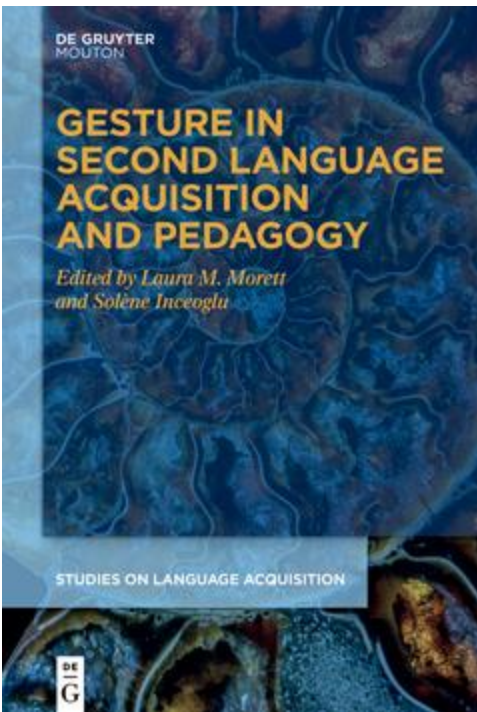
Challenging the idea of a 'race-neutral' Eastern Europe, the book reveals how Russian migrants actively claim whiteness, often finding themselves on the margins of acceptability. Uniquely combining postsocialist and postcolonial perspectives, the author examines how these migrants, seeking recognition as European, reinforce economic and racial divides shaped by global capitalism.

This timely work offers fresh insights into race, migration and the boundaries of whiteness across Europe's borders.

## Gesture in Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy

Laura M. Morett, Solène Inceoglu

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This book brings together research from diverse areas of Second Language Acquisition to provide a comprehensive account of how gestures contribute to language learning and teaching. Offering a multi-faceted perspective, it integrates empirical findings and theoretical insights from leading scholars in the field. The volume highlights how gestures support the development of second language vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation, how they facilitate listening comprehension, and how they shape communicative and instructional practices across a variety of learning contexts. The findings offer valuable implications for both researchers and practitioners.

## Value of Democracy in the Twenty-First Century: “By the People, For the People”

Regina Queiroz

### THE VALUE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

“BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE”

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Democracy does not present itself in a globally uniform way, and there is no singular conception of “democracy,” not even a worldwide consensus about its value. The contributors take the popular word of democracy being “by the people, for the people” as starting point to explore the formation of democracy in different countries (UK, China), and from different perspectives (e.g., an African view on democracies in Africa). A dedicated section addresses democracy from various philosophical, legal, and historical perspectives. This book offers indispensable reference reading for the understanding of democracy in today’s world.

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AI ESSENTIALS FOR LEADERS

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The world of business stands at a crossroads. While there is general agreement that its impact on business will resemble that of previous General Purpose Technologies like electricity or the internet, business leaders are overwhelmed by the noise around Artificial Intelligence and struggling to make complex decisions after the initial experimentation phases. Now is the time to identify which previously advocated strategic principles still hold when deciding on growth and innovation, and what are the relevant value drivers in the era of AI. Artificial Intelligence: Rethinking Business Strategy discusses how to use foresight techniques to help detect the signposts for future change and prepare for better exploitation of AI opportunities. It explores how to navigate the uncertainty about AI's global regulation and supervision, standards and gatekeepers, speed of adoption and interrelated technological solutions as well as changes in geopolitical power dynamics. With the use of real-life examples, Teresa Martín-Retortillo defines plausible scenarios that will undoubtedly be a valuable compass for business leaders trying to distinguish noise from signals. Business and technical professionals in leadership positions, executives, product and project managers as well as policymakers will benefit immensely from this book's exploration of future strategies that will hereon be required to generate sustainable value creation for businesses and for society.

# SUCCESSFUL TECHNOLOGY CLUSTERS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

UNLEASHING INNOVATION ACROSS STARTUPS, CORPORATES, AND GOVERNMENTS

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## Successful Technology Clusters in the 21st Century: Unleashing Innovation across Startups, Corporates, and Governments

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In an era increasingly defined by rapid technological evolution and the shifting locus of innovation to emerging markets – often underpinned by industry policies supporting indigenous innovation – understanding the dynamics of successful technology clusters is paramount. Examining highly relevant and popular topics such as startups, entrepreneurship, the role of governance and innovation through a range of groundbreaking and unique contributions, this book seeks to uncover the intricacies of thriving clusters worldwide, distilling lessons and best practices: packed with practical and illustrative examples as well as exclusive case studies to provide hands-on solutions to real-world challenges for fostering innovations. Contributions by world experts from different fields from academia, the public sector and business practice equips businesses with foundational tools and frameworks for developing responsible innovations in an interconnected world. By examining the experiences of both established hubs like Silicon Valley and burgeoning ecosystems in emerging markets, it provides practical insights for fostering innovation, economic growth, and societal development in the 21st century, empowering a broad audience of readers including policymakers, entrepreneurs, scholars, and investors.

Rishabha Malviya, Suraj Kumar,  
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# 4D PRINTING IN HEALTHCARE

SMART MATERIALS, BIOFABRICATION  
AND MEDICAL DEVICES

## 4D Printing in Healthcare: Smart Materials, Biofabrication and Medical Devices

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4D Printing is revolutionizing healthcare by enabling adaptive, patient-specific medical devices and advanced treatment options. 4D Printing in Healthcare provides a comprehensive exploration of 4D printing in healthcare, detailing how this innovative technology enhances the diagnosis and treatment of various health issues. It covers the principles and algorithms behind 4D-based printing, highlighting its transformative impact on healthcare. By adding the dimension of time to traditional 3D printing, 4D printing enables the creation of dynamic, self-transforming medical devices and structures. The book discusses the customization of medical implants, prosthetics, and drug delivery systems, emphasizing how personalization can greatly improve patient outcomes and quality of life. Each chapter explores the potential of 4D printing in different healthcare sectors, such as orthopedics, dentistry, tissue engineering, and more. Additionally, it underscores the potential cost savings in healthcare by using smart materials that adapt to environmental conditions or patient needs, reducing the need for frequent replacements and minimizing waste. The book offers a multidisciplinary perspective, bringing together insights from engineering, biomedical science, materials science, and medicine to showcase the innovations and possibilities of 4D printing in healthcare.

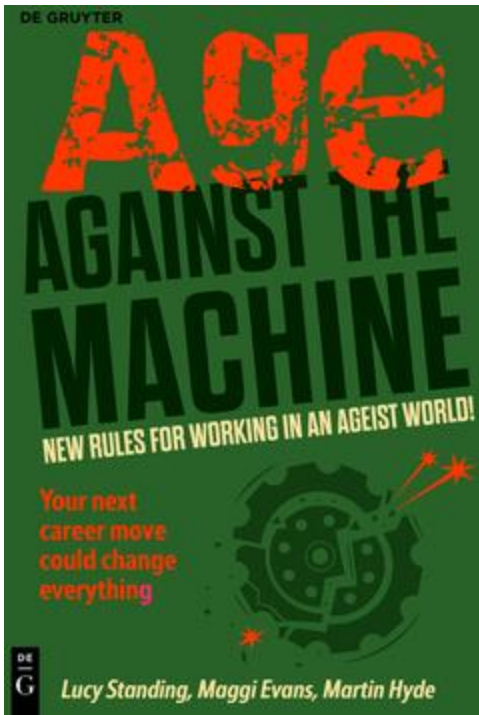
# Blockchain Security: Decentralization and Data Integrity in Digital Economies

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This book explores the transformative potential of blockchain technology in enhancing cybersecurity across various sectors. Through detailed case studies, technical explanations, and practical implementations, the book provides a comprehensive guide on integrating blockchain solutions to mitigate cyber threats, enhance data integrity, and ensure operational resilience in industries such as healthcare, supply chain, finance, and government.



## Age Against The Machine: New rules for working in an ageist world

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We're here to blow apart some of the myths that prevent older workers from fully participating in the world of work. Work is the cornerstone of purpose, income and connection - typically denied to people as they get older either directly through ageism or indirectly through the misselling of the retirement dream. The book is broken into two sections. Part One: This is a wake up call: readers need to understand the size and scale of the problem to ready themselves for the changes they need to make. By the end of part one, the reader will understand how retirement came about and why it's no longer fit for purpose. They'll know every marker of successful ageing is associated with those who work and feel through this a sense of purpose. They'll understand why recruitment is broken and how poorly prepared governments and organisations are to support them. In short, they will know the only way for them to help themselves and others, is to read part two. Part Two We help readers get their heads into gear by busting common myths (e.g. do a job you love). We provide a structure for people to navigate change in an ageist world and show them how to be a constructive age activist so they can become part of the solution.

## Split: Sozialgeschichte einer Stadt im venezianischen Dalmatien (1480–1530)

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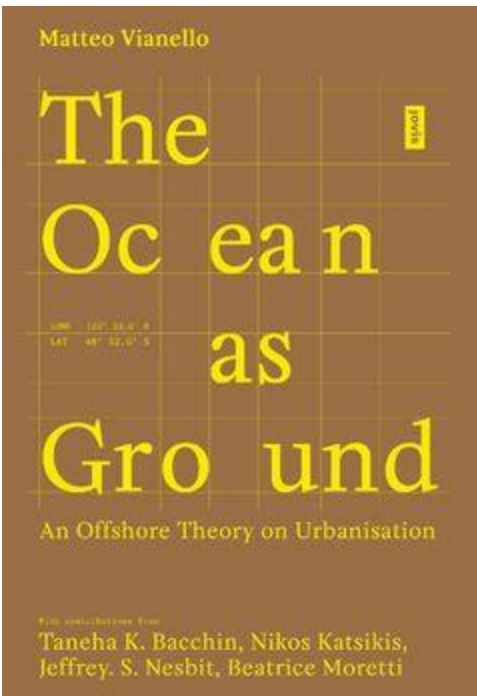
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Split war um das Jahr 1500 eine der bedeutendsten dalmatinischen Städte im venezianischen Überseereich. Lena Sadovskis Buch erlaubt einen tiefen Blick auf die lokalen Auswirkungen der von der Serenissima ausgeübten Herrschaft und auf die Folgen der wachsenden osmanischen Bedrohung. Der von Krisen geprägte Betrachtungszeitraum liegt zwischen dem Ende des venezianisch-osmanischen Krieges von 1463–1479 und der großen Pestwelle von 1526/27. Die im Buch erstmals erschlossenen Archivalien bilden die Grundlage für eine neue Betrachtung der damaligen Stellung und Entwicklung von Split. Neben der Einbindung in den Stato da Mar von Zypern bis Verona war auch die gesamtadriatische Vernetzung mit dem nicht-venezianischen Italien von prägender Bedeutung. Handel, Migration, Krieg und Kaufmannsmobilität – darunter die von konvertierten Juden – spielten für beide Verflechtungen eine große Rolle, ebenso wie geteilte Institutionen des Rechts. Die Anzahl direkt aus Venedig kommender Amtsträger vor Ort war gering, aber ihre gesellschaftliche Wirkung groß. Lokales Recht wurde im Rahmen des venezianischen Verwaltungs- und Justizwesens verhandelt und weitgehend respektiert, während die Einwohner die staatlichen Institutionen geschickt für ihre Zwecke zu nutzen wussten. Das Alltagsleben in Split wird durch die gewählte mikrohistorische Perspektive greifbar. Das gilt für die Lebenswelten und das Interagieren der maßgeblichen gesellschaftlichen Gruppen (Adelige, Bürgerliche, Kleriker, Frauen) ebenso wie für die verschiedenen Gemeinschaften der Stadt (darunter die Bruderschaften und Drittordensgemeinschaften) und für einzelne Familien oder Individuen. Die adelige Ausübung kommunaler Ämter wird dabei ebenso quellenah analysiert wie Venedigs Umgang mit der lokalen Mehrsprachigkeit, die sozio-politischen Kämpfe um gesellschaftliche Privilegien, das Verhältnis zwischen weltlicher und kirchlicher Gerichtsbarkeit sowie weibliche Handlungsräume im Wirtschaftsleben, vor Gericht und als Tertiärinnen.

## Ocean as Ground

Matteo Vianello

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A persistent narrative portrays the ocean as an uninhabited space. However, centuries of commercial trade and an expanding network of infrastructures above and below the water's surface have long challenged this view, prompting researchers to conceptualize the sea as an urbanized environment. While the sea is a global arena where architecture, ecology, infrastructure, and politics intersect, its spatial dynamics remain largely uncharted. In a time of planetary urbanization, *The Ocean as Ground* explores oceans as urban spaces by unveiling forgotten histories, projects, and narratives. How might we understand land urbanization starting from the oceans? Through the conceptual lens of "ground", the book invites readers to rethink how we perceive, design, and inhabit the spaces of both land and sea. Explores the untold history of architecture's relationship with the sea. Offering a fresh perspective on offshore modernism. Understanding land urbanization from the ocean's point of view.

## Living in the End Times: Ritual, History, and Ethics in Romania's Old Belief

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# LIVING IN THE END TIMES

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In the Danube Delta, on the border between Romania and Ukraine, a shrinking community of Russian Old Believers – Orthodox Christians who rejected seventeenth-century religious reforms in Russia – has struggled for survival, withdrawn from the world while simultaneously trying to engage with it. Waves of social change, from internal divisions and migration to external secularization and modernization, have reinforced this community's commitment to the old Orthodox rites and customs, as well as their long-standing conviction that the end times are imminent. *Living in the End Times* offers an in-depth ethnographic and historical exploration of the persistence of this community in contemporary Romania. Vlad Naumescu examines their ways of making history, pursuing continuity, and inscribing their historical experience into a narrative of radical hope. The interwoven life stories of the Old Believers challenge broader dichotomies of the secular and the religious, socialist and post-socialist, and continuity and rupture, revealing a community whose obligation to bear the past sanctifies the present and gives scope to the future. Against the threats of spiritual doubt, ritual failure, and lacking priesthood that have defined centuries of religious crisis, Old Belief has already provided its adherents the means to turn rupture into continuity, loss into creative transformation, and endings into beginnings. *Living in the End Times* reveals how the most orthodox of Eastern Christians became modern by staying true to their faith, inviting us to reconsider the nature of orthodoxy, historicity and modernity.

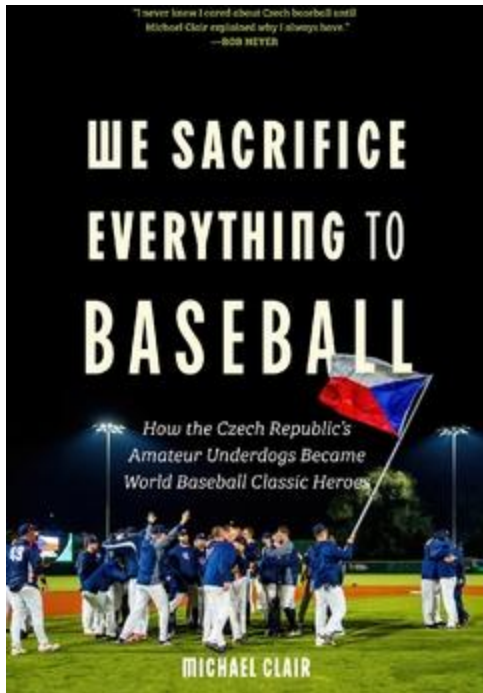
## I'm Sorry You Feel That Way: The New Cultures of Customer Service

Diane Negra

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This book is about how twenty-first century capitalism is re-making the roles of customer and customer service provider, shedding light on why consumer capitalism has come to feel so punishing for so many. In call centers, banks, airports, universities, public transport systems, hospitals, and other key sites, the intensification of profit imperatives alongside hyper-technologization has generated an "antagonistic interface" between customers and workers. Consumers widely report feeling trapped in the vise-like grip of frustrating and confounding systems that waste significant amounts of time. Positioning the poorly served customer as the definitional figure of 21st century commercial relations, Diane Negra articulates a new corporate authoritarianism that allocates a broad range of digital tasks to customers. Essential to this apportionment are technology platforms with high failure rates, corporate devotion to byzantine bureaucratic procedures, and the conspicuous, constant valuing of high-status customers over low-status ones. Compliance with new stripped-down service protocols is enforced not only directly but through powerful norms and customs, and affective culture is notable for converting service encounters into transactions routinely characterized by frustration, impotence, and fury. In analyzing the service ecology and its media representations, *I'm Sorry You Feel That Way* reveals how the shift to customer work is now both totalized and thoroughly naturalized. As the book maps out, the changing nature of the service encounter in day-to-day life and in the cultural imagination reveal the emergence of corporate emotions seldom recognized as the assault on dignity they constitute.



## We Sacrifice Everything to Baseball: How the Czech Republic's Amateur Underdogs Became World Baseball Classic Heroes

Michael Clair

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Despite long odds and low funds, the Czech Republic's national baseball team of amateur players managed to shock the world at the 2023 World Baseball Classic – the sport's World Cup – when they took an upset win against Spain in the WBC qualifiers and then defeated China in the actual tournament, securing their place in the upcoming 2026 tournament. While the rest of the teams in the WBC rely on experienced professionals, and some like Italy and Great Britain bring in American "passport" players, the Czech Republic's roster consists almost entirely of amateur players who were born and have played only within the Central European nation. The team's roster consists of firefighters, teachers, financial auditors, and field caretakers—even the manager is a neurologist!—and yet the team managed to not only compete on the international stage but succeed against global superstars like Shohei Ohtani. In a world where athletes have become multi-million-dollar legends, *We Sacrifice Everything to Baseball* reveals how teamwork, sacrifice, and self-belief can still make a difference. Michael Clair, who spent time with the Czech team throughout the 2023 World Baseball Classic, has unparalleled insight on the team and their unlikely success. Like the Jamaican bobsled team in *Cool Runnings*, Leicester City's unexpected Premier League soccer title, and the United States' remarkable victory against Russia in the 1980 Olympics, the Czech Republic baseball team has an underdog story everyone can cheer for. Their story proves it's still possible to build a team from the ground up, with a small player pool, little attention, and a low budget, and compete on the world stage.

## Working at the Margins in Interwar Yugoslavia

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Prostitutes, beggars, folk healers, peddlers, wandering artists, and bear-leaders: Working at the Margins in Interwar Yugoslavia shows how work shaped their relations with the state and the rest of their world. The protagonists of the book's story lived on the fringes of society and engaged in activities that were only partially recognized, from a legal and social point of view, as proper jobs, while some of them had no job at all. This book looks at Yugoslavia's disciplining and social engineering practices through the lens of socially marginal workers. The analysis shows that in this period the South Slav regions entered a new, more radical phase of social disciplining. Yet, it is not simply a history of social marginalization and repression; this book also tells a story of active protests, unexpected compromises, and resistance. Too often overlooked, the socially marginalized deserve study. What emerges is a fascinating world, a space of values, ideas, and practices that played an important role in shaping interwar Yugoslav history.

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