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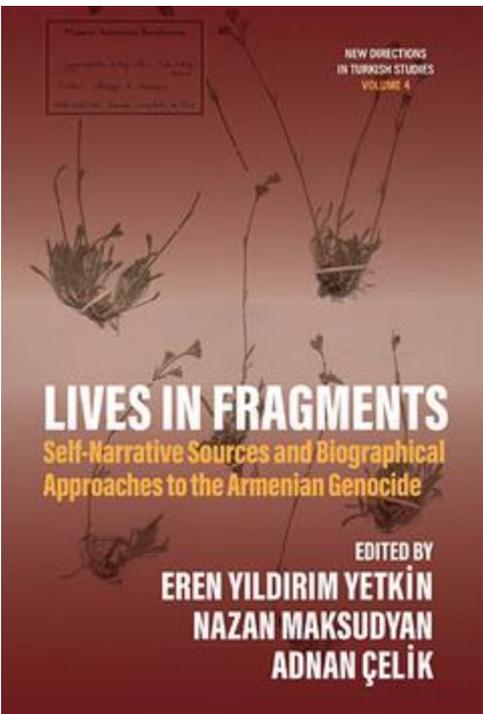
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As a Slavic-speaking religious and ethnic “Other” living just a stone’s throw from the symbolic heart of the continent, the Muslims of Bosnia and Herzegovina have long occupied a liminal space in the European imagination. To a significant degree, the wider representations and perceptions of this population can be traced to the reports of Central European—and especially Habsburg—diplomats, scholars, journalists, tourists, and other observers in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This volume assembles contributions from historians, anthropologists, political scientists, and literary scholars to examine the political, social, and discursive dimensions of Bosnian Muslims’ encounters with the West since the nineteenth century.

Lives in Fragments: Self-Narrative Sources and Biographical Approaches to the Armenian Genocide

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LIVES IN FRAGMENTS

Self-Narrative Sources and Biographical Approaches to the Armenian Genocide

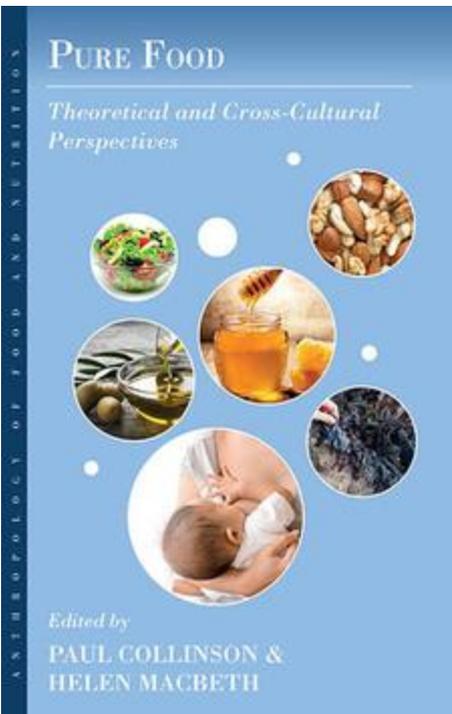
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The lens of life stories allows us to identify contested memories and counter-narratives, thus offering new ways of interpreting the social dynamics that led to acts of genocidal violence and their remembrance, yet also to their denial. Lives in Fragments focuses on life stories that were fragmented and shattered through the historical violence of the Armenian genocide, and offers a nuanced understanding of genocide's complex historical and social dimensions. Diverse autobiographical sources become subject of analysis in chapters that investigate the historiography and remembrance of the Armenian genocide.

Pure Food: Theoretical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Helen Macbeth, Paul Collinson

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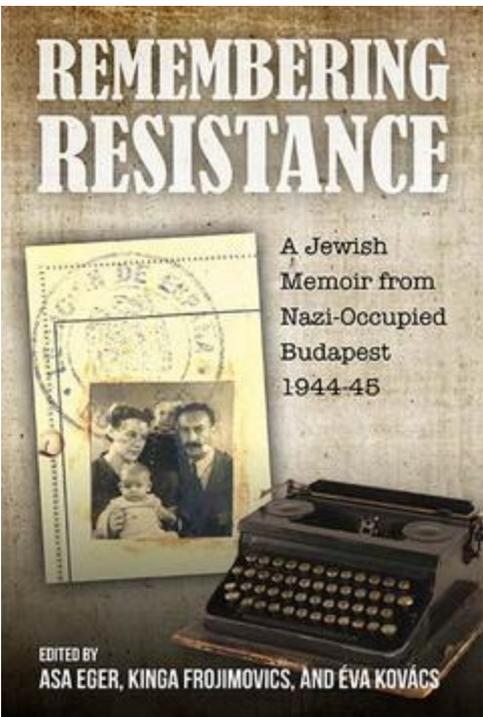


In presenting a variety of theoretical and cross-cultural perspectives on pure food, this volume demonstrates similarities and variations in cultural beliefs, behaviours and practices in different societies. These in turn highlight that pure food is a common issue for humanity, whatever the society, whatever the era. As a subject with much contemporary and cross-disciplinary relevance, Pure Food will appeal to students and academics involved in any food-related discipline, to professional practitioners promoting healthier foods and nutrition and to general readers with an interest in food.

Remembering Resistance: A Jewish Memoir from Nazi-Occupied Budapest, 1944-45

Asa Eger, Éva Kovács, Kinga Frojimovics

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The existence and achievements of Jewish “self-rescuers” within Nazi-occupied Hungary remains, in spite of their significance, historically underexplored. In this illuminating chronicle of the life and work of a Jewish couple, László and Eugenia Szamosi, Remembering Resistance seeks to address this lacunae, offering a unique insight into a family’s personal history of resistance under the Nazi regime. Combining oral testimony from fellow survivors, with a previously-unpublished translation of László’s memoir, this book foregrounds the remarkable work of the Szamosis and their network, in rescuing Jews from the Death Marches and reuniting displaced families. Through doing so, this book offers a powerful framework for mediating how we remember Jewish experiences of the Holocaust.

Bitcoin Bros: Masculinity, Cryptocurrency, and the Future of Men

Dan Cassino

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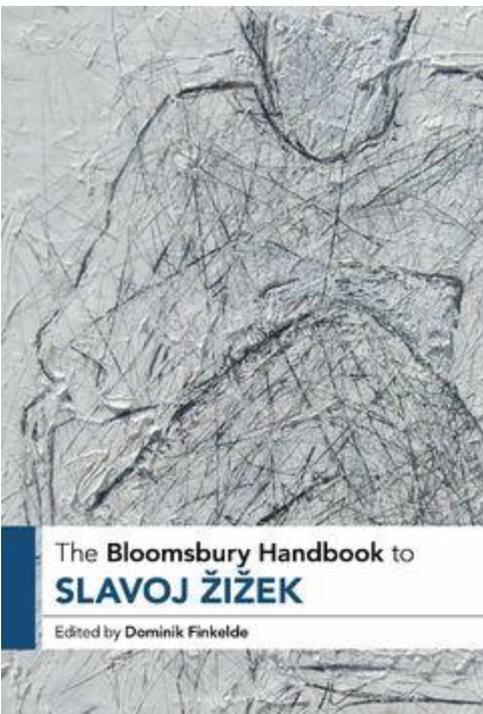


Crypto, NFTs, meme stocks and other digital currency investments are seen as either a transparent Ponzi scheme or the future of finance. But what all of these new ways of investing – and generally losing – money have in common is that they’re almost entirely held by young men. Using survey data and research into cryptocurrency and masculinity, Dan Cassino shows that these novel financial instruments are being embraced less as a way to make money than as a way to shore up threatened masculinities. Changes in how society sees masculinity, and the impossible standards that men feel they need to attain in order to prove their masculinity, can be seen as 'pushing' men towards all sorts of risky behaviors. Young men have turned to digital investments as a way to demonstrate their manhood to themselves and others, trying to find a short cut to the money and respect they think they deserve, while burning down the structures they think are holding them back. Looking at why they buy these products gives us a glimpse into the online communities these men inhabit, the crisis of masculinity facing young men, and the very real costs these dubious investments have on their lives.

Bloomsbury Handbook to Slavoj Žižek

Dominik Finkelde

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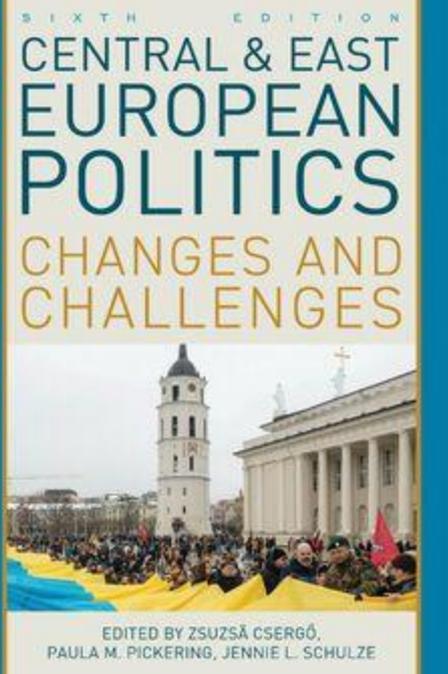
The Bloomsbury Handbook to
SLAVOJ ŽIŽEK

Edited by Dominik Finkelde

Judgements about the Slovenian philosopher Slavoj Žižek have been, like Žižek himself, extreme. Critics accuse him of charlatanism, whilst others laud his genius. But beyond these antipodes of veneration and disdain, there is a third Žižek – a subtle and nuanced thinker who, like none other of his generation, has stimulated philosophical debates that radiate far beyond philosophy’s borders. Žižek has achieved this through both his radical materialist reinterpretation of German idealism, especially Hegel’s legacy, and through a combination of Marxist critique with the philosophy of psychoanalysis as developed by Freud and Lacan. With this theoretical background, he has produced more than 50 books focused on classical questions of ontology, epistemology, the philosophy of subjectivity and cultural theory. The Bloomsbury Handbook to Slavoj Žižek brings together internationally renowned philosophers whose work over the past three decades has engaged with, and been informed by, Žižek’s philosophy. It introduces readers to the life, work and theories of one of the most enduringly popular and fascinating thinkers alive today.

Central and East European Politics: Changes and Challenges

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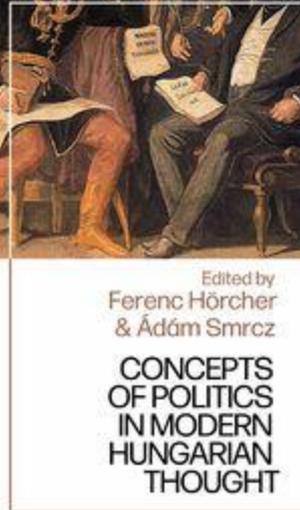


Clear and comprehensive, the 6th edition of Central and East European Politics: Changes and Challenges offers an authoritative and up-to-date analysis of the transformations and realities in Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltics, and Ukraine. Featuring a set of comparative country case studies as well as thematic chapters on key issues, this new edition includes updates surrounding the effects of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on politics across the region, the rise of new centers of power for the region, and the continued challenges of sustainable democratic governance following the rise of influence in populism and illiberal political movements.

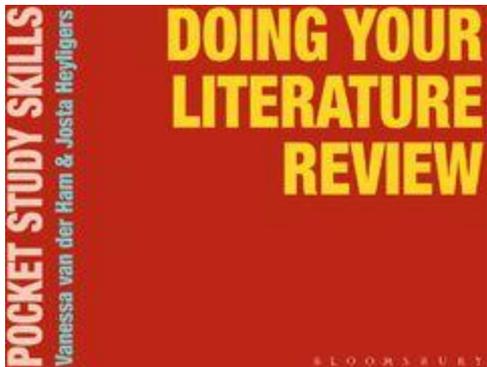
Concepts of Politics in Modern Hungarian Thought

Ádám Smrcz, Ferenc Hörcher

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Discipline: Humanities	Category: History	Subject: European history, History of ideas, Political science & theory



This book presents an overview of the concepts of 'politics' and of 'the political' in Hungary since 1526. Through a detailed methodological introduction and eleven case studies, *Concepts of Politics in Modern Hungarian Thought* examines various approaches taken at different turning points in the history of Hungary. The book surveys the evolution of thought on the subject, from the 16th century, when Hungary was partly under Ottoman, and partly under Habsburg rule, through the period of the dualist Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, after the Austro-Hungarian Settlement of 1867, up to the period of the Communist regime of the second half of the 20th century. Bringing together perspectives from intellectual historians, legal scholars, political philosophers and even historians of economic thought, this volume provides insights both into the political ideas of important but lesser-known Hungarian authors, and into the nature of the challenges the political community had to cope with. It deepens understanding of what was meant by the concept of 'the political' in different periods whilst providing a clearer picture of the shifts and continuities in Hungarian political thought and culture over the last five centuries.

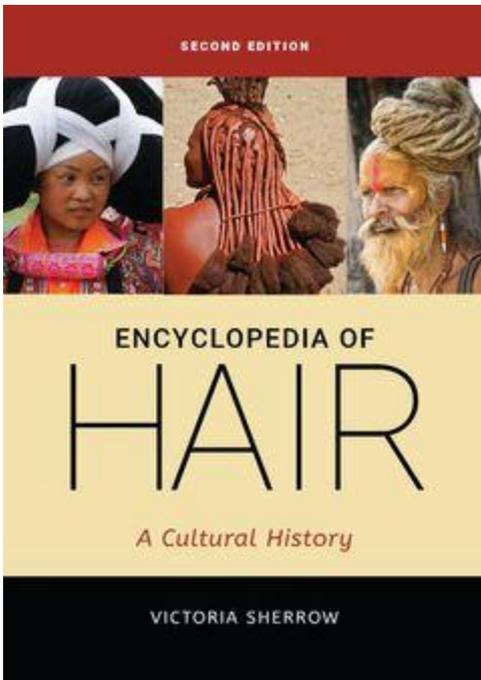


Doing Your Literature Review

Josta Heyligers, Vanessa van der Ham

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Whether students are completing a stand-alone assessment or doing a literature review as part of a report or a dissertation, this handy pocket gives them the knowledge and skills to get started with the task at hand. Students need to read and reflect on a wide range of academic sources in order to successfully complete a literature review, but many find this form of assessment to be particularly challenging. This compact and accessible guide takes the reader step-by-step through the process of completing a literature review, from understanding the brief and finding and selecting sources through to reading strategically, bringing the literature together into themes, and completing the writing. The authors use examples drawn from a wide range of disciplines and the text is enlivened by helpful diagrams and illustrations to facilitate learning. This is the ideal resource for students who are looking for a practical guide to what's involved in completing a high-quality literature review.

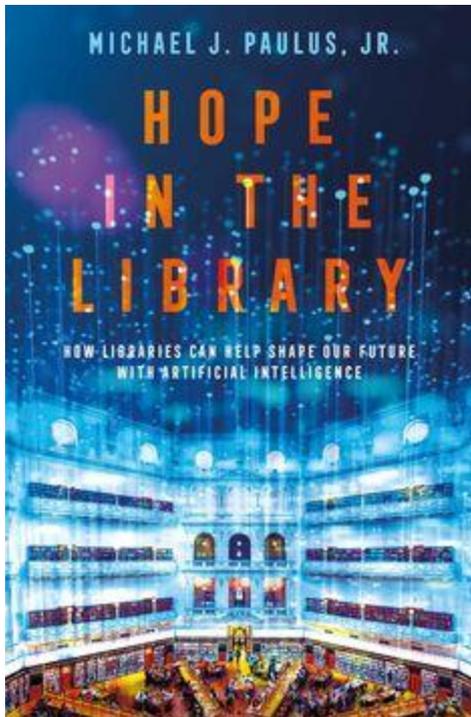


Encyclopedia of Hair: A Cultural History

Victoria Sherrow

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Discipline: Humanities	Category: Arts	Subject: Cosmetics, hair & beauty, Fashion & society, General & world h

This popular volume on the culture of hair through human history and around the globe has been updated and revised to include even more entries and current information. How we style our hair has the ability to shape the way others perceive us. For example, in 2017, the singer Macklemore denounced his hipster undercut hairstyle, a style that is associated with Hitler Youth and alt-right men, and in 2015, actress Rose McGowan shaved her head in order to take a stance against the traditional Hollywood sex symbol stereotype. This volume examines how hair — or lack thereof — can be an important symbol of gender, class, and culture around the world and through history. Hairstyles have come to represent cultural heritage and memory, and even political leanings, social beliefs, and identity. This second edition builds upon the original volume, updating all entries that have evolved over the last decade, such as by discussing hipster culture in the entries on beards and mustaches and recent medical breakthroughs in hair loss. New entries have been added that look at specific world regions, hair coverings, political symbolism behind certain styles, and other topics.



Hope in the Library: How Libraries Can Help Shape Our Future with Artificial Intelligence

Michael J. Paulus, Jr.

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Discipline: Humanities	Category: Literature/Literary Studies	Subject: Artificial intelligence, Digital lifestyle, Impact of science

What is the role of the library in an increasingly complex information environment filled with and redesigned for artificial intelligence? Hope in the Library presents a compelling case for the continued relevance of libraries in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence. Michael J. Paulus, Jr., shows how libraries, as human-centered and human-scaled institutions, have enduring roles as archives for reflection and understanding, sites of imagination and hope, and catalysts for human agency. This book argues that, by providing an essential counterbalance to impersonal and automated systems, libraries are essential for not only surviving but thriving in our emerging information environment. Hope in the Library is structured as a series of essays organized by explorations of the library in the past, in imagined futures, and in our digitally-enhanced present. Firsthand narrative and archaeological history are interspersed with literary meditations from writers including Mary Shelley, Ursula K. Le Guin, and Jorge Luis Borges. The book can be read a few different ways: from beginning to end; following topical pathways suggested in the final section; or in any other order chosen by the reader. Each essay and section, like a book or section of a library, may be read independently. Informed by over two decades of leading and studying libraries, these essays include the author's professional as well as personal reflections and encourage a more radical reframing of how AI may be integrated into libraries and society to help create a better future.

Hvar in the Modern Age: Identity and Change in Southeast Europe

Florian Bieber



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Discipline: Humanities	Category: History	Subject: 20th century history: c 1900 to c 2000, European history, Mod

In this open-access book, Florian Bieber traces the history of the Adriatic island of Hvar over half a millennium, from the advent of Venetian rule in the 15th century to the end of Yugoslavia in the late 20th century. The history of Hvar tells a larger story about modernity, the changing states and identity, tourism and the transnational entanglements of the Adriatic and Southeastern Europe. It shows how ordinary people dealt with the challenges of the rise of nations, transnational connections such as migration and tourism, and the shifting empires and states. Based on a wealth of archival materials from Croatia, Serbia, Hungary, Austria, the UK, and the USA, Hvar in the Modern Age also reveals the complexities of the history of the Venetian Republic, the Habsburg Monarchy and Yugoslavia from a bottom-up perspective and the realities and challenges of island life in southeast Europe during the modern period. The ebook editions of this book are available open access under a CC BY 4.0 licence on bloomsburycollections.com. Open access was funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

Kurt Vonnegut in the USSR

Sarah D. Phillips



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Discipline: Humanities	Category: Literature/Literary Studies	Subject: Literary studies: fiction, novelists & prose writers, Literar

Why, at the height of the Cold War, was Kurt Vonnegut freely published in Russian translation in the top literary journals and book series in the USSR? Sarah D. Phillips explores a fascinating yet little-known chapter in the history of literary and cultural diplomacy during the Cold War: the popularity of the American author Kurt Vonnegut in the Soviet Union during the 1970s. Drawing from previously untouched archives of manuscripts, letters, and FBI files, along with her interviews of literary and cultural figures active then in the USSR, Phillips investigates several key yet little-explored questions about Vonnegut's "Soviet Chapter." What was it about Vonnegut's writing that so appealed to readers and literary critics in the 1970s Soviet Union? Were Vonnegut's works censored, and if so, what exactly fell prey to the infamous "Red Pencil"? How much was Vonnegut aware of his cult status in the land of Lenin? Alongside an account of Cold War politics and literary cultural diplomacy, *Kurt Vonnegut in the USSR* is also a book about relationships — between Vonnegut and the Soviet reading public, between Vonnegut and the Soviet literary establishment, and most especially, between Vonnegut and the woman whose masterful translations were devoured by readers of Russian: the famous Soviet translator Rita Rait (1898-1989). A work at the intersection of anthropology, history, and literary, translation, American, and Slavic studies, *Kurt Vonnegut in the USSR* is a close look at the unique contexts around an author and his readers, and the legacies of this literary cultural diplomacy in American and post-Soviet literary cultures today.

LiveJournal and Russian Disinformation: The Rise of Epistemic Sabotage

J.J. Sylvia IV

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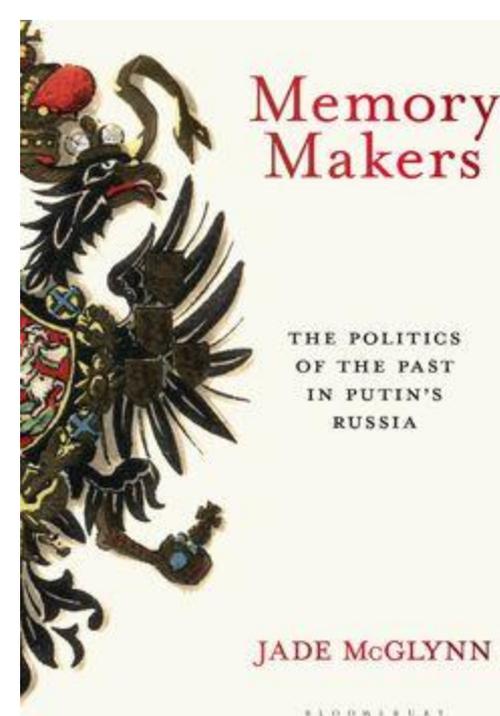
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In *LiveJournal and Russian Disinformation*, J.J. Sylvia IV analyzes the role of blogging platform LiveJournal in Russia's information warfare strategy, examining its evolution and co-optation as a case study. Through rigorous analysis, Sylvia demonstrates how epistemic sabotage became central to the Kremlin's efforts to manipulate truth, and more broadly, how the ever-increasing reach of the internet and social media platforms can be weaponized by authoritarian regimes to disrupt knowledge systems and destabilize democracies. While the growing ubiquity of the internet and its networks have ushered in countless opportunities and benefits on individual, organizational, and international levels, Sylvia emphasizes the double-edged sword of the new risks that must be considered in turn. As fascism is on the rise worldwide and anti-democratic governments wield social media as a tool to stoke division and spread disinformation among citizens worldwide—democratic countries being no exception—he contends that understanding this tactical shift is critically relevant not only to the Russian context, but also to the challenges of navigating truth and democracy on a global scale in the 21st century. *LiveJournal and Russian Disinformation* coherently identifies, documents, and interprets the logics and implications of this evolution in warfare, leaving readers with a more nuanced understanding of the platform as an early battle in a new digital arena—one which is not likely to be the last.

Memory Makers: The Politics of the Past in Putin's Russia

Jade McGlynn



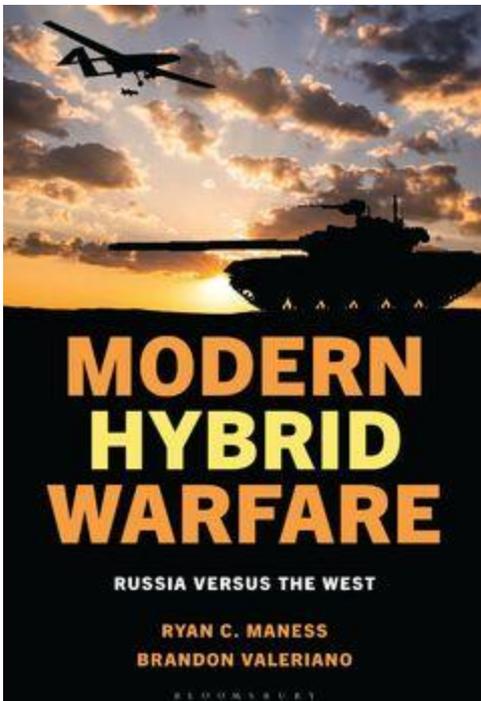
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Why aren't ordinary Russians more outraged by Putin's invasion of Ukraine? Inside the Kremlin's own historical propaganda narratives, Russia's invasion of Ukraine makes complete sense. From its World War II cult to anti-Western conspiracy theories, the Kremlin has long used myth and memory to legitimize repression at home and imperialism abroad, its patriotic history resonating with and persuading large swathes of the Russian population. In *Memory Makers*, Russia analyst Jade McGlynn takes us into the depths of Russian historical propaganda, revealing the chilling web of nationwide narratives and practices perforating everyday life, from after-school patriotic history clubs to tower block World War II murals. The use of history to manifest a particular Russian identity has had grotesque, even gruesome, consequences, but it belongs to a global political pattern – where one's view of history is the ultimate marker of political loyalty, patriotism and national belonging. *Memory Makers* demonstrates how the extreme Russian experience is a stark warning to other nations tempted to stare too long at the reflection of their own imagined and heroic past.

Modern Hybrid Warfare: Russia versus the West

Brandon Valeriano, Ryan C. Maness

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An up-to-date analysis of cyberwarfare and hybrid warfare against the backdrop of the present conflict between Russia and Ukraine. This volume explores and dissects Russia's efforts to leverage modern hybrid warfare against the West including cyber operations, operations in the information environment, energy politics as well as conventional military operations during the Post-Soviet Era with a particular emphasis on the Russian Ukraine War (2022-).

North Korea: A History

Michael J. Seth

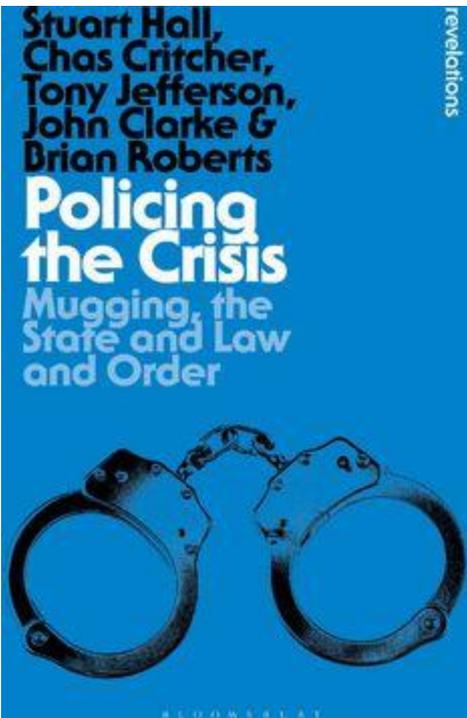
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NORTH KOREA

A HISTORY
REVISED EDITION

MICHAEL J. SETH

North Korea is perhaps the most intriguing, infamous and enigmatic nation of our modern world. Yet how many of us know its full history, and how it came to be? How can we understand such a strange, isolated state? This new edition seeks to provide some answers to these questions. Starting with its origins in the colonial period, Michael J Seth masterfully traces how North Korea transformed itself from a Soviet-style socialist state to the ultra-nationalist, dynastic dictatorship of the 21st century. Born from 20th century Korea's struggles to regain autonomy and achieve modernization, this book follows the story of how a single Korea with a shared ethnic and cultural heritage, evolved into radically different societies. From the birth of the DPRK, through economic collapse, famine and failed revolution, it illuminates North Korea's journey with an engaging understanding of the political, ideological, economic and social forces at play. This edition has been updated to examine recent developments in Korean history, up until 2025, and has analysed over sixty new publications from leading academics. It also incorporates the experiences of prominent North Korean women and analyses the everyday life of ordinary North Koreans, as well as the country's leaders. Seth also uses his expertise to analyse and put more emphasis on Inter-Korean relations. Following the evolution of this uncommon nation, North Korea: A History uses the past to answer questions about the present, and above all shows North Korea as a society with a hard-working, long-suffering population who have made great sacrifices in the hopes for a better future. North Korea: A History is also available in audiobook format from audiobook retailers.



Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State and Law and Order

Brian Roberts, Chas Critcher, John Clarke, Stuart Hall, Tony Jefferson

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As relevant as it was at the time of publication, this landmark work remains timely and urgent in demonstrating how to examine questions of race, politics and crime in contemporary society. A formative text in cultural studies and criminology, it shows the relevance of conjunctural analysis to the current emergence of forms of authoritarian populist politics. Examining the crisis of the British state in the 1970s, the book explores how interacting economic, social and political conflicts and crises were displaced onto the problem of crime. Now in the Bloomsbury Revelations series, this re-issue of the 35th Anniversary Edition includes a personal note from the authors about their co-author, the late Stuart Hall, and a brand new foreword by Michael Denning.

Random Dictatorships: Unpredictability of Authoritarian Politics in Eurasia

Alexander Libman

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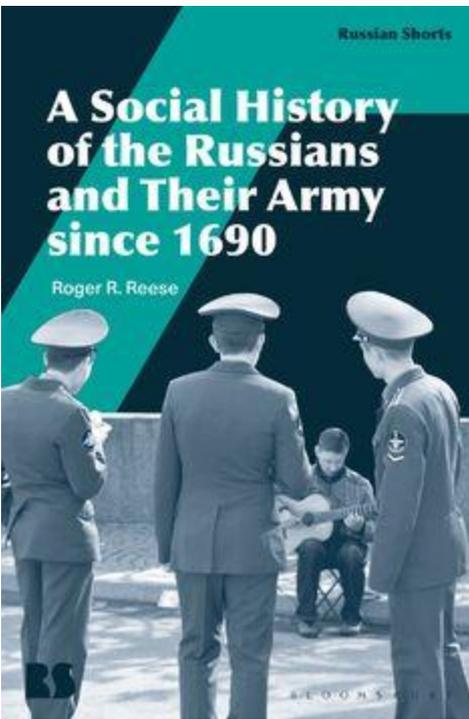
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Post-Soviet Eurasia continues to puzzle observers, defying expectations of experts. Most Russia watchers failed to predict the full-scale invasion against Ukraine in 2022, and this failure triggered intensive debates and multiple rounds of self-reflection. *Random Dictatorships: Unpredictability of Authoritarian Politics in Eurasia* argues that the supposedly unexpected turns of Eurasian politics are a manifestation of a deeper phenomenon – researchers’ limited ability to predict the policymaking in authoritarian regimes in general. Alexander Libman identifies three main factors making authoritarian politics difficult to predict: mistakes of authoritarian leaders, untransparent competition of elite factions, and omnipresent secrecy cultivated by autocrats. While scholars oscillate between two visions of authoritarian regimes – their presentation as highly rational and capable to adapt and as highly inefficient and doomed to poor performance – Libman suggests that many autocracies alternate between these two extremes in a difficult-to-predict fashion. The book explores three important cases from the post-Soviet Eurasia, when autocracies of this region defied expectations of external observers – Russia’s annexation of Crimea in 2014, the Bloody January in Kazakhstan in 2022 and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022. It discusses the reasons for the apparent unpredictability of autocracies in each of these cases, and identifies implications for how authoritarian regimes should be studied.

Social History of the Russians and Their Army since 1690

Roger R. Reese

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This book skilfully probes the conflicted relationship that the Russian peoples have had with their army, most often seeing service as a burden to the individual and family, yet a necessary one to defend the interests of the nation/empire. Roger R. Reese reflects on the fact that even from before its formal institutionalization by Peter I, military service and the army as an institution have not been held in high regard by the Russian peoples, except briefly in exceptional circumstances. Reese examines, illustrates, and explains the varying relationships and expectations of all involved in military service — in their own words wherever possible. From the top down, *A Social History of the Russian Army* shows what the state, whether tsarist, Soviet, or post-Soviet, expected of the army as an organisation and of its members. From the middle, it shows the expectations and behaviors of army leaders, from ensigns to generals and how they related to each other, their soldiers, and civilians. While at the bottom, the book examines the expectations, behaviors, and feelings about service of the enlisted men. Outside the army, civilian attitudes toward the military are probed to reveal what they envisaged from the military, their willingness or unwillingness to serve, and their views of the army as an institution — views that ranged from seeing it as an oppressive force in the hands of the state to a symbol of patriotism. Throughout, this volume emphasizes the agency of all members of society and the army and the degree to which they used it in their interests or in the interest of the army or the state.

Start College Strong: What Every First-Year Student Needs to Know

Michael Keaton

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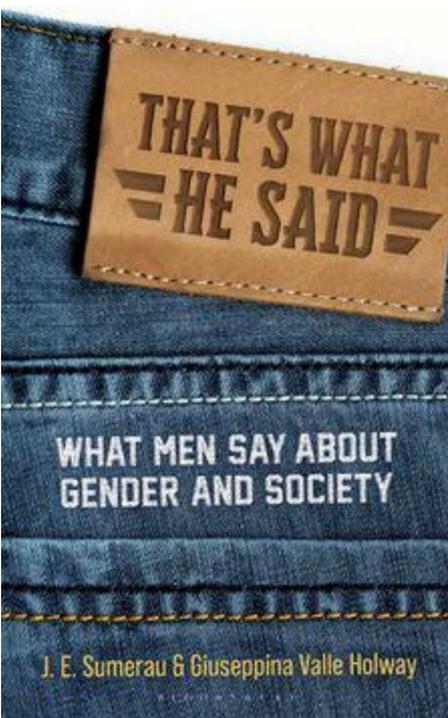
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What exactly is a credit hour? What's an elective course and why should you care? What's the secret to studying for tests? Compact and to-the-point, this is an easy-to-use guide to everything first-year students really need to know about how college works. The first part of the book helps to demystify the academic system. Easy to read bite-sized chapters cover topics such as understanding the college course structure, adding and dropping courses, understanding grading systems, pre-registration and scheduling, and attending class. Part 2 introduces the knowledge and tools students need to succeed at college, including time management, critical thinking, test-taking skills, and writing papers. The final part of the book gives guidance on taking care of your physical and mental health, and looks at goals and career planning. It also features a dedicated chapter which is geared to the needs of commuter students. Each chapter features opportunities for the reader to pause and reflect on how the content applies to their own situation and experience. Chapters end with a list of questions which encourage students to consolidate their learning and identify the relevant policies and supports at their own institution.

That's What He Said: What Men Say About Gender and Society

Giuseppina Valle Holway, J. E. Sumerau

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Discipline: Social Science	Category: Sociology	Subject: Gender studies: men, SOCIAL SCIENCE / Gender Studies



What does it mean to be a “man”? What do men think about contemporary notions of gender and the social issues stemming from these ideas? Drawing from the responses of thousands of men, J. E. Sumerau and Giuseppina Valle Holway invite readers to see how men react to aspects of what it means to be a man today. They argue that an interest in men’s attitudes can provide revelations about broader relationships between gender and society. This book uncovers how men affirm or reject contemporary aspects of manhood, and the ways these attitudes influence important aspects of their lives including relationships, families, religion, health, and sexual behaviors. Bookended by a methodological appendix of the measures, approach, and limitations of the decade-spanning study examined, *That’s What He Said* is an important analytical introduction to manhood in contemporary society.

Ukraine's Euromaidan: From Revolutionary Euphoria to the Madness of War

William Jay Risch

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Discipline: Humanities	Category: History	Subject: 21st century history: from c 2000 -,European history,Revolut



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This book provides a critical survey of Ukraine's 2013-14 Euromaidan Revolution – the 'Revolution of Dignity'. Offering a considered analysis of the protest movement and the counter-protest movement, Ukraine's Euromaidan explores both sides of a revolution that shaped not just Ukraine, but the world, as told by the participants themselves, including the author. Drawing on a varied and complex source base, including thousands of archived videos, articles, personal memoirs, and social media posts, as well as numerous interviews and the author's own eyewitness observations of both sides of the barricades, the book examines the Euromaidan in Kyiv and Ukraine's regions. It foregrounds the Euromaidan's early marginalization of leftist voices, despite gaining international appeal and how activists and politicians failed to win concessions or mobilize broader masses of people. William Jay Risch shines a light on how escalating revolutionary violence badly weakened the state and pitted citizens against one another. Risch also reflects on the 'Russian Spring' counter-protests that swept through Ukraine's south and east, revealing the counter-protesters' agency and revolutionary aspirations, as well as Russia's role in radicalizing them, in the process. With both sides dehumanizing each other and clashes between 'pro-Russian' and 'pro-Ukrainian' protesters often proving lethal, Risch compellingly contends that the Euromaidan Revolution ultimately exposed the limits of revolutionary change in today's world of contentious politics.

War in the Borderland: Four Ways to Interpret the Conflict in Ukraine

Paolo Pizzolo

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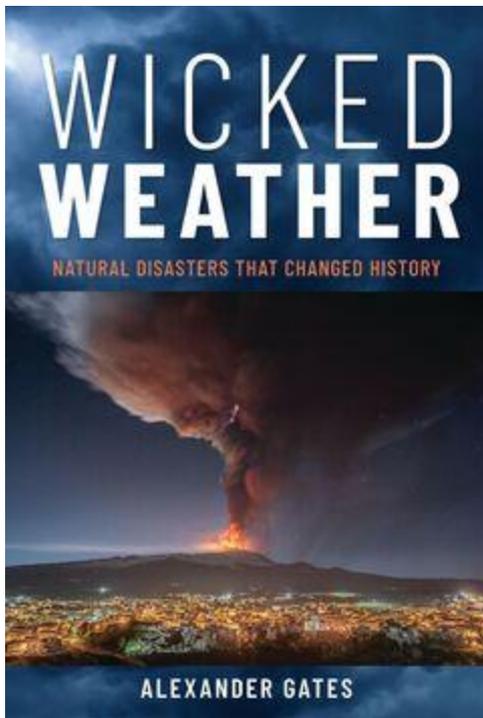
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The 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine represents for Putin what the crossing of the Rubicon represented for Julius Caesar in 49 BC. After making this decision, Moscow can never go back. With this critical choice, one of the most significant since the end of World War II, Russia has decided to accelerate the course of history. In its attack against Ukraine, Putin's Russia confirmed its role as a revisionist power and challenger of the international order, deciding to operate outside the rules set in the post-1945 and post-1991 world system. The arrival point of the historic process will have two possible consequences for the international system: either the confirmation of the hegemonic role of the US-led West or the advent of a centrifugal multipolar world. *War in the Borderland: Four Ways to Interpret the Conflict in Ukraine* examines the reasons why the Russian-Ukrainian war broke out, highlighting four possible interpretations. Specifically, by examining the domains of geopolitics, geostrategy, geoeconomics, and ideology, the book aims to determine how these variables played an important role in the outbreak of this gruesome conflict.

Wicked Weather: Natural Disasters that Changed History

Alexander Gates

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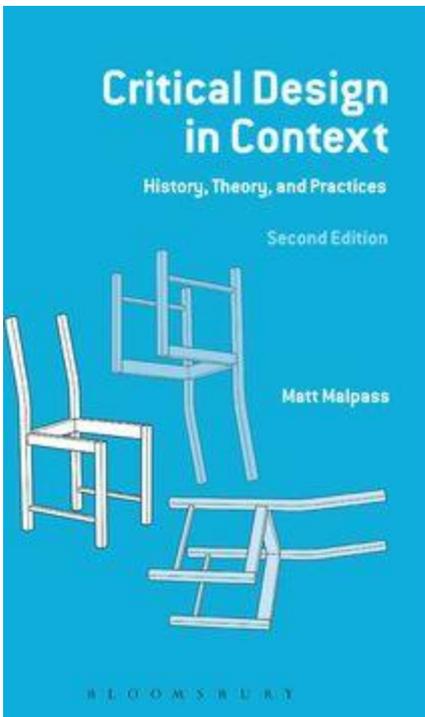


Looks at the most significant natural disasters in Earth's history and considers whether we can prevent them from happening again. Natural disasters occur on a regular basis throughout the world with severe events occurring every few years or less. Each disaster type impacts human settlements in different ways and can be local, affecting small countries or areas, or global, affecting the world. These disasters destabilized populations, the governments of provinces and countries, and drastically impact populations and the priorities of a nation in response to a natural disaster. In other words, they changed history. In *Wicked Weather*, Alexander Gates explores these notable environmental disasters and their impacts, raising the question: What can we do to prevent this from happening again? After an introduction on why certain disasters occur most often in specific areas, Gates covers history's most impactful volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, hurricanes/cyclones/typhoons, tornadoes, droughts, floods, and tsunamis. Each chapter investigates significant cases of each environmental disaster that shifted power in a region, caused wars, toppled governments, or changed policies and the way people approached life in these parts of the world. Gates also examines the field of disaster management and the agencies that handle it—what can be done during, immediately after and well after a natural disaster and how society can respond and recover. These progressions can lead to complete rebuilding of communities with safeguards to reduce the impact of the next disaster. *Wicked Weather* is a fascinating study of our worst disasters, a call to action as we face a dangerously changing climate, and a guide to limiting our susceptibility to the forces of nature.

Critical Design in Context: History, Theory and Practices

Matt Malpass

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Critical Design in Context has become a key text in design literature offering a conceptual introduction to the methods and operation of Critical and Speculative Design practice, and explaining how critical design can work in practice through a range of contemporary examples. Critical Design moves away from traditional approaches that limit design's role to the production of profitable objects, focusing instead on a practice that is interrogative, discursive and experimental. Since its publication and continued dissemination there is a much more diverse and plural body of practice that can be presented and discussed in a context of Critical Speculative Design (CSD) beyond the scope and gaze of the industrial designer. This second edition begins to address this plurality in practice and extends the examples presented. It considers Interaction Design (UI, UX), Futures and anticipatory innovation and design examples from critical service design, fashion design and design led social innovation. The text focuses more on the relationship between critical / speculative design and design futures, experiential futures, and foresight. It introduces plural ontological design and its world-building agency in address to complex matters of concern. In this new edition, the author also draws upon and celebrates the theoretical work of Deepa Butoliya, Daniela K Rosner and others who have moved the contextual discourse of critical design to consider more diverse accounts and interpretations of the practice. Finally, a new discussion will demonstrate how the use and prominence of critical and speculative practices in design culture emerges, re-emerges and is today sustained relative to socio-economic agitation and global matters of concern. This discussion will show a direct correlation of CSD to global events and their impacts on the design profession.

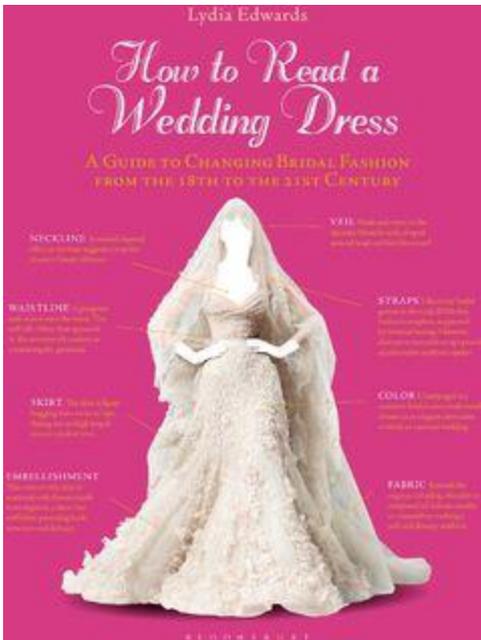


Great Fashion Designers: From Chanel to Galliano, the names that made fashion history

Brenda Polan, Roger Tredre

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Discipline: Humanities	Category: Arts	Subject: Biography: arts & entertainment, Fashion & textiles: design, H

Over the course of the last 180 years, designers have transformed fashion from an elite craft into a cornerstone of global popular culture. This brilliantly written classic guide to the lives and collections of 59 iconic fashion designers was first published in 2009 and is now available in this fully revised and expanded third edition. It draws on the latest academic research and the best of fashion journalism, including the authors' own interviews with designers. Beginning with Charles Frederick Worth and concluding with the star names of the twenty-first century, the book details each designer's working methods and career highlights with engaging essays that capture the spirit of their times. This new edition widens its remit to explore designers making waves beyond the Western world. It features six new designer profiles: Virgil Abloh, Iris van Herpen, Japan's Nigo, China's Uma Wang, India's Sabyasachi and Nigeria's Shade Thomas-Fahm. The text has also been updated throughout to reflect growing concern within the fashion world over sustainability issues, and to document a business in constant ferment, with designers swapping jobs and fashion houses at unprecedented speed. The Great Fashion Designers explores these designers' passion and flair, showcasing fashion at its most inspirational.



How to Read a Wedding Dress: A Guide to Changing Bridal Fashion from the 18th to the 21st Century

Lydia Edwards

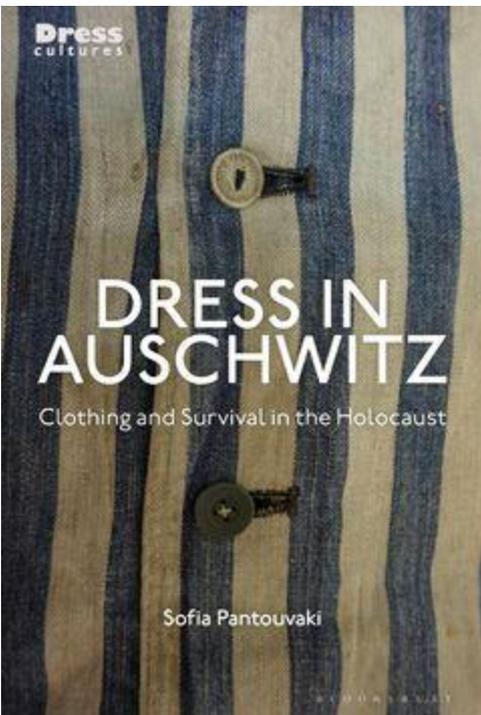
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Discipline: Humanities	Category: Arts	Subject: Fashion & society, Fashion & textiles: design, CRAFTS & HOBBI

Lavishly illustrated in full color, *How to Read a Wedding Dress* displays annotated images of historical garments that outline important features and highlight how styles have developed over time, offering a fascinating overview of changing bridal trends over three centuries. In this ideal companion to her bestselling guide, *How to Read a Dress*, Lydia Edwards offers a fascinating glimpse into the evolution of bridal wear around the world, from the Renaissance up to the modern day. This guide explores prevalent trends and developments, including how the Victorian fashion for white silk (a break from the previous 18th-century tradition of the bride simply donning a 'best' dress) over the course of the 19th century developed into the now familiar and indeed ubiquitous cultural icon of the white wedding dress and veil. Finally, she explores how today, brides worldwide are reimagining the past and incorporating 'vintage' style as an integral part of their big day and considers style choices influenced by gender identity fluidity and same-sex marriage. Equipping the reader with eclectic examples of bridal wear over the centuries, this is the ultimate guide to the wedding dress for students, researchers of fashion history, and anyone looking for inspiration for their big day.

Dress in Auschwitz: Clothing and Survival in the Holocaust

Sofia Pantouvaki

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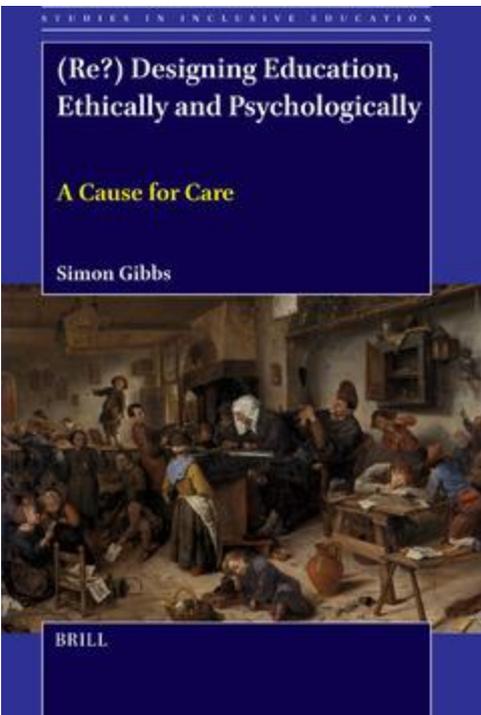


Exploring the experience of Auschwitz prisoners through the lens of dress and clothing, *Dress in Auschwitz* examines clothing's profound importance to the inmates' physical, psychological, and spiritual survival. Drawing on a wide range of sources, including survivor memoirs, testimonies, personal interviews, surviving garments, and rare illustrations, Sofia Pantouvaki focuses on inmates' sartorial activities and the intimate psychological relationships that developed between prisoners and their clothes. In so doing, she highlights how clothing was vital in facilitating inmates' daily lives, improving their chances of survival in the camp, and supporting the desire for personal expression in a dehumanizing environment. Holocaust survivors' memoirs and interviews have increasingly evidenced that the infamous striped uniforms were not the standard clothing throughout the years of the Nazi concentration camp system. As the war continued and shortages intensified, prisoners were often given a wide range of garments, including uniforms of deceased Soviet prisoners-of-war and civilian garments from the piles of clothing of other incoming prisoners. *Dress in Auschwitz* allows us a glimpse of the persons' individual - and sometimes very private - experiences of concentration camp life and suggests that the notion of 'elegance' operated as a social construct and a motivating force even in such punishing conditions. The book proves that the multifaceted functions of dress can remain relevant - and vitally important - even in the most appalling and inhumane conditions and times.

(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.

Artificial Intelligence

An Algorithmic Renaissance in Education, Linguistics, and Arts

Samia Kara and Myint Swe Khine (Eds.)



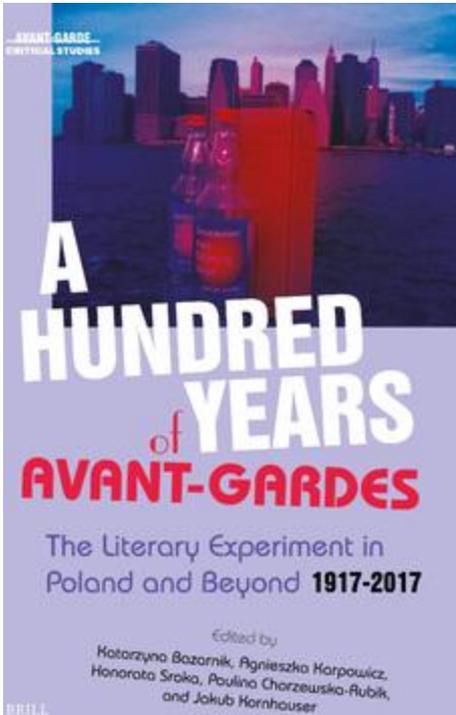
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Artificial Intelligence: An Algorithmic Renaissance in Education, Linguistics, and Arts

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Artificial Intelligence: An Algorithmic Renaissance in Education, Linguistics, and Arts explores the transformative impact of AI across education, linguistics, and the arts. Bridging theory and practice, the volume offers a multidisciplinary perspective on how AI is reshaping these fields. Comprising ten chapters by scholars and practitioners, it provides integrated insights into AI’s influence and promotes informed, creative engagement. Grounded in current research and trends, the book serves as a valuable resource for academics, educators, and professionals. Its accessible style ensures broad appeal for those seeking to understand and apply AI in their respective domains. Contributors are: Ernest Afari, Safa’a Ahmed, Asmaa Ayoub, Fouad Boulkroun, Noha Desouky, Hanaa Youssef Shaarawy Ismail, Samia Kara, Myint Swe Khine, Sarah Magdy, Mai Sleim and Nermine Wanas.

Hundred Years of Avant-Gardes: The Literary Experiment in Poland and Beyond 1917-2017



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For many Central-European countries, the inter- and post-war periods marked the beginning of their statehood and entailed the laying of the foundations for literary language itself. Experimental tendencies became a laboratory of bold and ambiguous visions of the world, inspiring many artists to join in the process of rebuilding their communities. Unlike other parts of the world, in Poland experiments thus conceived were not just about contesting bourgeois habits and forms, or testing the boundaries of social and aesthetic conventions. On the contrary, revolutionary-oriented circles supported the building of new centres of intellectual life, joined the cultural mainstream in the broadest possible sense, and, with time, became an important point of reference for the entire panorama of literary and artistic life.

To Steal the Past: Russia's War on Ukraine's Identity

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When juxtaposed with the practice of aggressive action and the brutal reality of war, Russian ideas appear completely incomprehensible. For more than three hundred years, Russians have cultivated the myth of the community, brotherhood of blood, and the indissoluble bond of the brotherly East Slavic peoples, while only recently they have unleashed a bloody war against the Ukrainians, killing children and defenceless civilians, burning and destroying everything along the way, and threatening the “mother of all Ruthenian cities” – Kyiv. The Russian invasion is difficult to explain using the concepts of realism or political pragmatism. They are also completely useless for understanding the mentality of Russians. To this day, the majority of Russians do not accept the existence of separate Ukrainian and Belarusian identities, considering Ukrainians and Belarusians as subgroups of the Russian nation, and the Belarusian and Ukrainian languages as dialects of Russian. They tacitly accept the Kremlin's arguments about the need to defend the Russian-speaking inhabitants of Ukrainian lands against the “fascist coup of the Banderites” and to bring about the “denazification” of Ukraine. The aim of the present work is to analyse the causes of this state of affairs from a linguocultural perspective.

Writing History in Ottoman Europe
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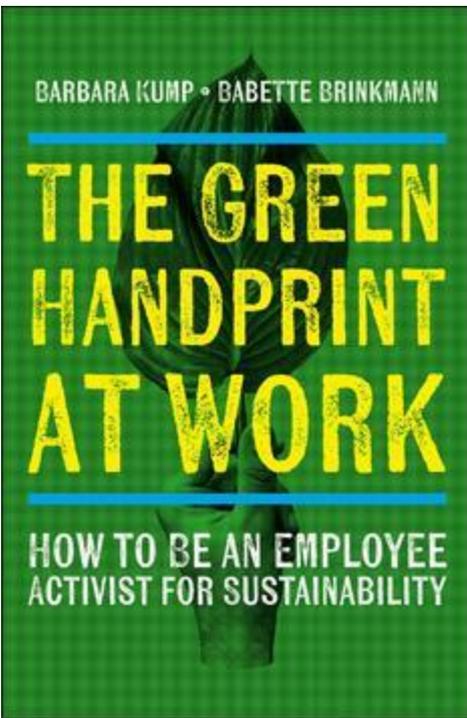
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The various forms of history writing of Early Modern Ottoman Europe were never the object of a comprehensive or comparative approach. The aim of the present volume is to fill in this major gap. Leading specialists in the field, many of them being Brill authors, have joined forces in an attempt to reflect the diversity of history writing in the Ottoman Empire, in its European part.

Green Handprint at Work: How to Be an Employee Activist for Sustainability

Babette Julia Brinkmann, Barbara Kump

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Our future is being dismantled in real time. Ecological collapse, climate breakdown, rising inequalities – and at the heart of it all: business as usual. More and more employees are beginning to realise that the organisations they work for, and often even the tasks they perform each day, are part of the problem rather than the solution.

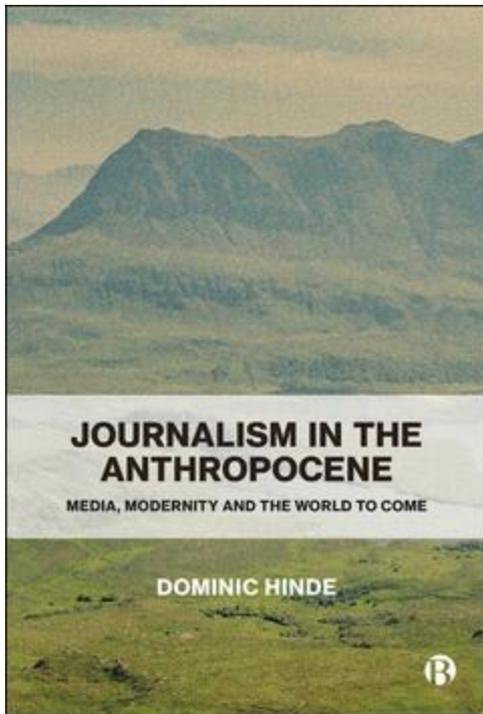
The Green Handprint at Work is a guide for those who want to leave a positive environmental impact at their workplace by becoming an employee activist: someone who cares deeply about the environment and wants to create change from within their organisation.

It offers tools, not just inspiration, providing employee activists with insights into how power works and how change spreads. You don't need a formal role to make a difference. You need a strategy – and the courage to act. This book will help you find both.

Journalism in the Anthropocene: Media, Modernity and the World to Come

Dominic Hinde

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Discipline: Social Science	Category: Sociology	Subject: SCIENCE / Global Warming & Climate Change, SOCIAL SCIENCE / M



What role does journalism play in shaping how we understand climate change and the planet we live on?

This thought-provoking book explores how media systems have helped construct our idea of the 'human' Earth, from early nature reporting to today's digital climate dashboards. Drawing on insights from the humanities and social sciences, it offers a fresh look at how news, data and storytelling influence public thinking in the age of the Anthropocene.

Building on the work of influential thinkers, the book asks how journalism can evolve to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world.

Sovereignty, Patrimony and International Law: Russia's Attack on Ukraine

Kataryna Wolczuk, Rilka Dragneva

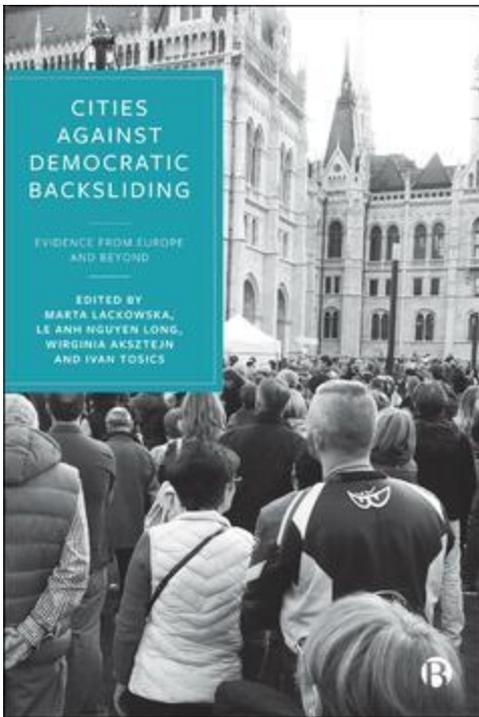
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This book offers a concise yet in-depth analysis of Russia's complex—though consistent—strategic approach to Ukraine over the past 30 years, placing it within a broad historical and geopolitical context. It reveals how Russia's ambitions toward Ukraine have been deeply rooted in a patrimonial paradigm—marked by a long-standing tradition of instrumentalizing sovereignty and (international) law. The book explores Moscow's use of 'legal smokescreens' to gradually erode Ukraine's sovereignty. It argues that the full-scale invasion was the culmination of Russia's failure to assert its patrimonial claims through legal and diplomatic means over 1991-2021, offering an anatomy of that failure.

Cities Against Democratic Backsliding: Evidence from Europe and Beyond

Iván Tosics, Le Anh Nguyen Long, Marta Lackowska, Wirginia Aksztejn



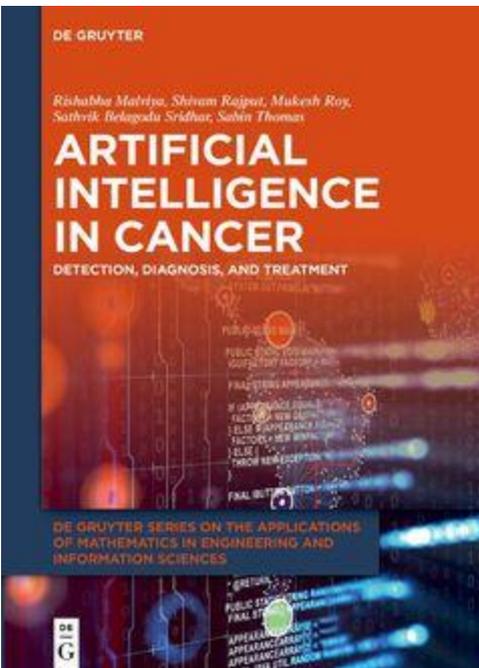
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As nationalist and populist movements gain traction worldwide, democracy faces growing threats. In many cases, large cities have emerged as strongholds of progressive and democratic values, pushing back against authoritarian pressures. This timely book explores the evolving power struggle between cities and central governments, particularly in countries led by populist regimes. It examines key issues such as decentralization, financial autonomy and participatory governance, showing how cities are leading the fight against democratic backsliding. As local governments become "laboratories of democracy", this collection highlights their crucial role in protecting civil liberties and fostering political engagement in an era of rising extremism.

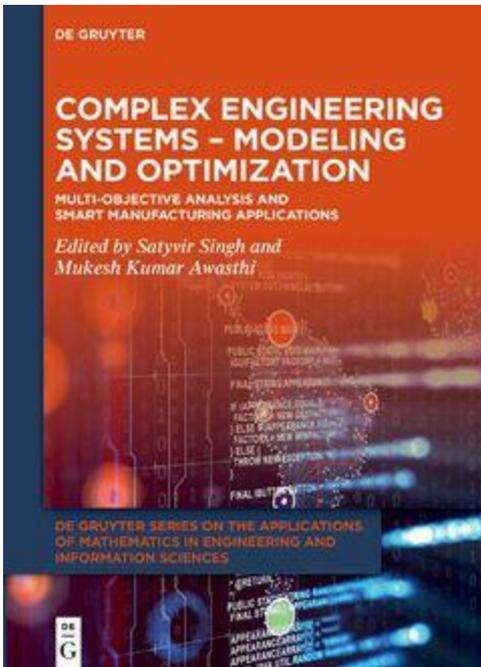
Artificial Intelligence in Cancer: Detection, Diagnosis, and Treatment

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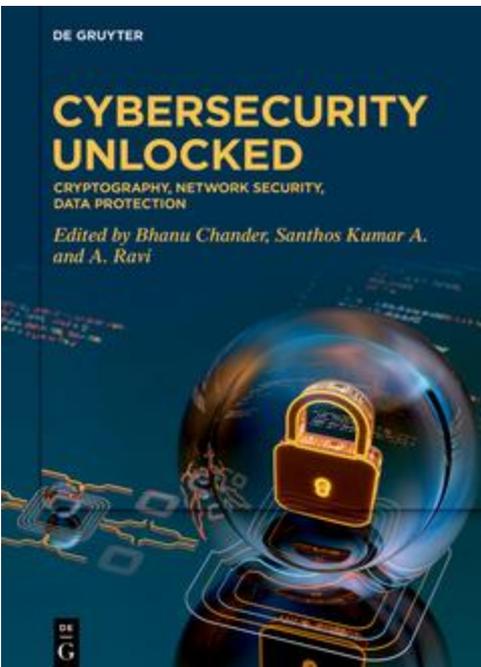
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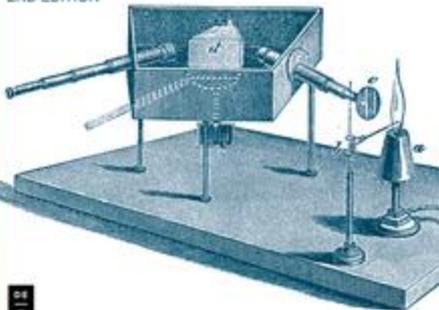
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Renaissance humanism was a broad intellectual and cultural movement, which contributed significantly to the development of various scholarly disciplines from theology to the different branches of natural sciences. While the bulk of the research has focused on Western European and Mediterranean cultural practices in the 15th–17th centuries, major figures of Renaissance humanism in some countries of Central Europe (Bohemia, Hungary, Poland, etc.) remain virtually unknown outside this area. Despite some recent monographs on the most significant humanists and courts of the age in Central Europe, there exists no equivalent of the exemplary "Verfasserlexikon" series for these lands. Consequently, the life and works of important intellectuals remain in the shadows, and are not accessible in English-language reference works. This work provides a complete reexamination of the nature and significance of East-Central European humanism in the period 1420–1620 through a thorough study of the humanists' lives and literary output in a biographical series. This volume present the authors and texts of Renaissance humanism in Hungary in the framework of the multi-volume reference work 'Companion to Humanism in East Central Europe'.

MODES OF SCRIPTURAL INTERPRETATION IN EARLY JUDAISM AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

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The present contributions examine three modes of interpretation—rewriting, appropriation, and commentary—within early Jewish and Christian texts. As is well known, scriptural interpretation was important, even central, for the process of identity formation in early Jewish and Christian communities. The modes of scriptural interpretation covered in the present volume not only betray deep commonalities in their approach and discursive field, but also illuminate the practical side of interpretation to which communal and/or polemical application is intrinsic. These different modes co-exist, operating side by side across the early period, rather than conforming to any clear developmental scheme. In the end, the category of interpretation itself turns out to be capacious, including material from sectarian Halakhah to Valentinian mythology to Rabbinic heresiological discourse. Further, contributors note that in a myriad of ways we remain the heirs of the interpretive projects explored here. Attending to the reception of scriptural texts in their ancient interpretation offers the opportunity for scholars to highlight their possibilities, promises and difficulties, opening them for others with ears to hear.

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Russia's attack on Ukraine marked the beginning of Europe's most consequential war since 1945. The European Union is taking in war refugees, imposing sanctions, and financing arms deliveries, while the superpower USA is setting the course. The second, updated and expanded edition addresses this current development, which in turn underscores the importance of military history for historical and political education and the added value of an inter- and transnational approach. Military dimensions of the past are viewed from a European perspective that includes Russia and the US. Thirty renowned historians examine cross-border relations since the 19th century. With numerous illustrations, graphics, and maps, this innovative volume sheds light on the upheavals of war and peace, the transformation of civil-military relations, the representation of the military in self-images and images of others, and the relationships between armed forces in military alliances since the Napoleonic Wars from a transnational perspective—a valuable guide for historians and the broader public alike.

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This book addresses the challenges associated with information provided in the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) and the attendant opportunities that arise for libraries and other information services. Robotic technology and artificial intelligence are key developments in the information age, with tremendous impact on the way information is processed and used by both information professionals and users, including information service providers such as librarians. Information professionals, practitioners and users will find this book useful in their endeavor to use the emerging technologies to improve their operation and find and access specific information easily. It describes what needs to be done by librarians to stay relevant and functional in the wake of change and addresses the necessary new skills needed by information professionals to be able to deliver effective services in the 4IR.

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Engineering Global Socialism chronicles the journey of the Bosnian global corporation Energoinvest and its workers from its Yugoslav socialist ideals through decades of dissolution, reconstruction, and post-socialist transformation. Author Anna Calori provides a company-centric window into the business history of socialist globalization during periods of national development, destruction, and rebuilding. Contrary to popular perceptions of "centralized" socialist states, Energoinvest actively shaped trade relations with the Global South, driven by a socialist corporate culture that encouraged competition as well as collective decision-making. Even after Yugoslavia's disintegration in 1992 ended its dreams of a socialist path to globalization, these core characteristics shaped Energoinvest's adaptation to capitalist transformations and made it a key player in the struggle for Bosnia's post-war economic reconstruction. Through oral histories and archival research, Calori reveals how Energoinvest's workers paired the promise of a new model of global integration with their own visions of a working world in which they set the rules of engagement—and how, upon its sale to mostly foreign owners, the marginalization and ethnic homogenization of employee shareholders mirrored changes around citizenship in Bosnia. Now, in the twenty-first century, Energoinvest offers new promises of a post-industrial future, but its often hazy parameters leave workers to rely on the memory of "what could have been" to make sense of change. Tracing the long trajectory of a Yugoslav enterprise through decades of large-scale social change, Engineering Global Socialism presents a historical and sociological moment in which workers' ideas about social and corporate enterprise offered the possibility of a more democratic path to globalization.

MODERN and RADICAL

POLITICS, CULTURE, AND SOCIALIZATION OF
JEWISH YOUTH IN INTERWAR POLAND

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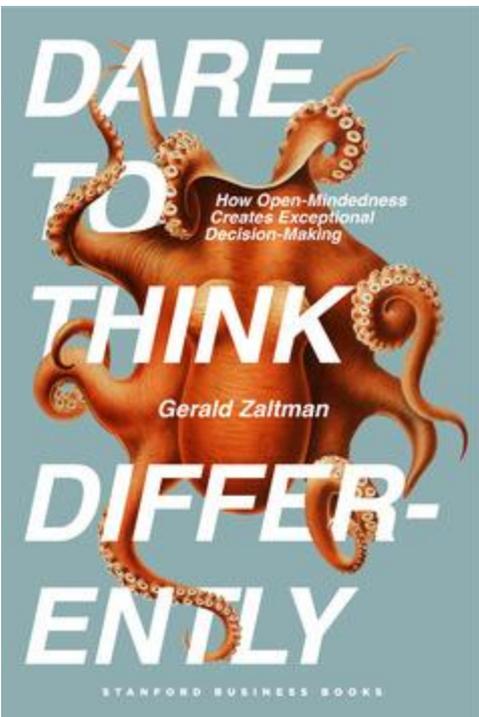
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Why were the last generation of Jews to grow up in Poland before the Holocaust so susceptible to change and new ideas? Despite any major differences between different groups of Jewish youth, whether rich, poor, traditional, orthodox, Zionist, socialist, or communist, the generation as a whole was unified by "radical modernism," engaging with revolutionary political ideologies of the 1930s. *Modern and Radical* explores the political consciousness of this generation of Jewish youth who came of age in 1930s Poland. Author Kamil Kijek describes how Jewish youth in the 1920s and '30s, unlike their parents and grandparents, attended Polish public schools, adapted to the realities of a Polish national state, and were significantly influenced by both Polish elite and popular cultures – despite the state's emphasis on ethnic Polish nationalism creating a strong feeling of exclusion. This, combined with discrimination in higher education and employment, as well as the growth of antisemitism, created a generation of Jewish youth with a complex, love-hate relationship with the Polish state. Drawing on hundreds of autobiographies penned by young Polish Jews throughout the 1930s, *Modern and Radical* provides rich insight into how this unique group of Jewish youth in the interwar period experienced life in the emerging national Polish state., reviewing a previous edition or volume



Dare to Think Differently: How Open-Mindedness Creates Exceptional Decision-Making

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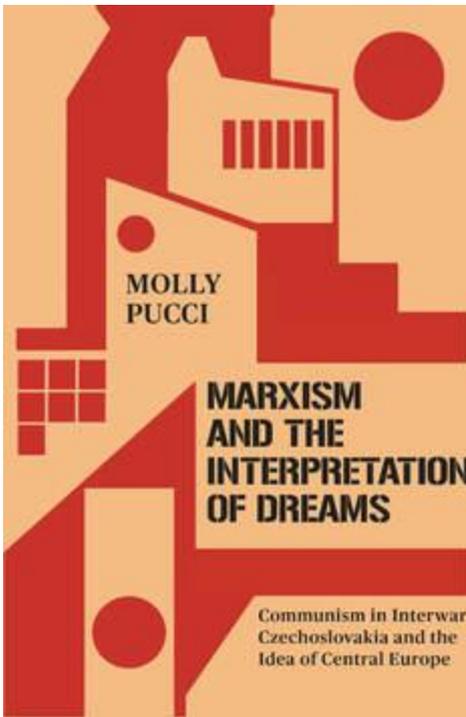
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Professor Gerald Zaltman's pioneering research methods for understanding the unconscious desires of customers are used by companies around the world. Dare to Think Differently uses the same groundbreaking methods to explain the deep and innovative thinking used by highly successful executives. Multiple forces, not just a brain, collaborate to produce a mind, and much of our creativity is locked in our unconscious. Highly effective decision-makers are able and willing to go beyond their conscious thinking and surface powerful, creative, unconscious thoughts and feelings. They candidly ask whether what they feel they "know" is actually warranted, opening their minds to new alternatives. Harvard Business School professor Gerald Zaltman has conducted myriad one-on-one in-depth interviews with highly creative leaders around the globe, and drawn on research findings from neuroscience literature, to develop six powerful techniques for daring to think differently, including "befriending your ignorance," "serious play," "chasing your curiosity," asking the right "discovery questions," "panoramic thinking," and using the "voyager outlook." The techniques constitute a research-based approach to decision-making that goes beyond the existing literature on "thinking smarter. They have also proven highly effective, helping Zaltman's students at Harvard, and his executive clients at Apple, P&G, Chase, and many Fortune 100 companies, tap into the creative power of their unconscious. Mirroring Zaltman's Harvard Business School classroom practice, each chapter opens with an exercise that helps readers surface the mental processes and biases that unconsciously close minds and constrict thinking. This creative surfacing is the crucial foundation for any leader operating in a complex, uncertain environment, who needs unconventional solutions to challenging problems.

Marxism and the Interpretation of Dreams: Communism in Interwar Czechoslovakia and the Idea of Central Europe

Molly Pucci

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This book tells the story of one of the largest and most multinational communist parties in interwar Europe: the Czechoslovak communist party. Rather than telling a story rooted in later divisions between East and West, Molly Pucci considers the party in a Central European context, shaped by the common experiences of postwar displacement, imperial collapse, economic and social upheaval, grassroots violence, and the uncertain power of revolution. Starting with the party's unique approach to socialism, derived from its Austro-Marxist heritage, she discusses its diverse Czech, Slovak, Jewish, Hungarian, Ruthenian, Polish, and German national groups and unique role in fostering radical emigre communities from across the region. Pucci offers a vibrant new history of how the party's artists, novelists, poets, photographers, lawyers, and journalists made sense of, and sought inspiration from, the socialist experiment in the East. Placing the party's history in a regional, transnational, and global perspective, she provides a multinational, multilingual perspective on early communist ideas, networks, and culture in Central Europe.