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This volume addresses its reader after Covid, a time when the distinction between “the fantastic” or “the virtual” and “the real” was blurred and what man would have thought to be a part of an American science fiction movie, became a real experience. A viral attack blocking life globally and a half online life experience thereafter... While each essay, in their specific contexts, explores “the nonhuman bodies”, it should be once again noted that this volume was inspired by all of the inhabitants of the World that are inevitably connected by geographical relation and physical interaction as well as through collective traumas incorporated into individual stories. The essays in this volume focus on the relationship between human and nonhuman bodies while offering in-depth analyses and various insights on their specific subjects, exploring transformed contexts, literary traditions, and genres, guided by rich theoretical engagements with posthumanism, ecocriticism, and digital humanities. As our writers’ essays speak to one another, the whole collection reflects on the notion of “connection” within the universe.

In various contexts, acting on the Catalan stage...

Comedy has been a constant presence in the history of Catalan theatre, but it is rarely recognized as a separate generic identity, worthy of academic study as a whole. This volume is the first concentrated attempt to analyse Catalan theatre under the comic lens, with essays in English and Catalan. It studies comic form, performative innovation, and sociopolitical function. As well as providing detailed analyses of figures excluded from standard accounts, it makes a strong case for the originality of many authors, directors, and actors. This is definitely another realm in which the Catalan contribution to European culture needs to be acknowledged and appreciated. Moreover, the book provides an exceptional platform on which theatre is considered – within the same project – from several regions where Catalan is spoken: Spanish Catalonia, the Valencia region, and different towns in French Catalonia. La hilaritat sempre ha tingut una presència molt important en l’evolució del teatre català, tot i que rarament ha comptat amb un estudi i reconeixement acadèmics. Aquest volum proposa una anàlisi de diverses formes d’humor de l’escena catalana, amb una selecció d’assaigs en anglès i català d’experts de diferents universitats. S’hi examinen algunes propostes de comicitat, innovacions performatives i la projecció sociopolítica d’aquesta jocositat. També s’hi estudia l’originalitat d’un conjunt d’autors, directors i actors al marge de l’humor políticament correcte. Sens dubte, un altre àmbit, el de riure, en el qual cal reconèixer i posar en valor la contribució catalana a la cultura europea. El llibre constitueix un cas rar on es considera el teatre dins d’un mateix projecte – de diversos espais geogràfics on es parla català: Catalunya (sobretot Barcelona), el País Valencià i diferents pobles del Rosselló.

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Adolf Piquer Vidal · Adéla Koťátková (eds.)

Character and Gender in Contemporary Catalan Literature

The question of gender has been ignored sometimes or mystified in historical literary analyses. This book focuses on contemporary Catalan literature and adopts a gender perspective that is difficult to overlook today. The very limited number of female authors in earlier times – whose numbers are increasing as more and more names of female writers consigned to oblivion by the historical canon are being unearthed – provided the justification for their discrimination. This volume contributes to the analysis of those past views on gender (all gender perspectives) as they appear through the lens of contemporary Catalan literature. In the social roles they adopt, female characters act, express, and assert themselves in the language they use and are based on the society of which they form part.

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Mayowa Akinlotan (ed.)

Englishes in Africa

Englishes in Africa is an important new edited collection which explores various aspects of English in contemporary Africa. The authors examine the current state of English in eight countries where the language plays a major role: Cameroun, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Morocco, and Zimbabwe. Collectively they demonstrate the growing strength of English in Africa as part of globalization, notwithstanding the time that has elapsed since these countries gained their independence. The book also illuminates the clear tendency among people in anglophone Africa to claim ownership of the forms of English spoken in those countries today.

“This book is different in that it opens a range of other topics of research that erupt when one thinks ‘from Africa’ and considers Englishes as African languages in all their functions. In this sense it is original and could be considered as seminal in a growing field.”
— Maarten Mous, Professor of African Linguistics, Leiden University

“The present volume, which brings together African scholars to present their research into African varieties of English, is a welcome and much needed addition to the World Englishes canon.”
— Thomas Hoffmann, Professor of English Language and Linguistics, Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt

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Claire E. Scott

Murderous Mothers

Late Twentieth-Century Medea Figures and Feminism

«Murderous Mothers is both an homage to and a critical reflection on the multiple Medea figures that populate late twentieth-century German literature. Claire Scott artfully demonstrates how feminist politics and women’s issues—from abstract questions about the power of women’s bodies and voices, to concrete matters like abortion and sexual violence—speak through this ancient myth, transforming it into something vital and urgent. Scott’s own voice is crystal clear throughout, which allows the layers of productive critique to shine through. With its sophisticated literary analyses, its deep engagement with feminist and postcolonial theory, and its lucid and accessible style, Murderous Mothers will interest and provoke a range of readers and critics.» (Kata Gellen, Duke University)

«Murderous Mothers explores the ambiguities of literary Medea adaptations in beautifully written, engaging prose. For anyone interested in the aesthetics and politics of contemporary literature, this book offers brilliant examples of how literary adaptations of classical myths can contribute to contemporary political discourses on motherhood, reproductive rights, gender, and rage.» (Maria Stehle, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

This book explores German-language Medea adaptations from the late twentieth century and their relationship to feminist theory and politics. Close readings of novels and plays by Ursula Haas, Christa Wolf, Dagmar Nick, Dea Loher, and Elfriede Jelinek reveal the promise and the pitfalls of using gendered depictions of violence to process inequity and oppression. The figure of Medea has been called many things: a witch, a barbarian, a monster, a goddess, a feminist heroine, a healer, and, finally, a murderous mother. This book considers Medea in all her complexity, thereby reframing our understanding of identity as it relates to feminism and to mythological storytelling.

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Jürgen Klein

On Modernism

Modernism in British arts, literature and philosophy is manifest as a unique thing around and after 1900. This paradigm shift in all arts and modern science made traditional beliefs, norms, and social patterns obsolete. Forerunners were 19th-century intellectuals, who favoured a new and lively spiritual culture. A new concept of reality not only changed the view of nature (atomic physics) but also the structure and gist of literature. As the belief in the visible world declined, consciousness and symbolism (surface and depth structures) occupied the focus of attention. Literature became an autonomous field. From artistic subjectivity modernism led the way to crystallizing creations of complex imagina- tive structures. Simultaneously, neorealism in philosophy and relativity in physics substituted a worn-out mechanistic world picture by a scientific reality reaching far beyond the visible world.

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Rethinking Black German Studies
Approaches, Interventions and Histories

«Rethinking Black German Studies certainly pushes the envelope in Afro-German Studies. Its contributors travel the paths less traveled in the vast field of Afro-European studies, thus boldly enriching it by presenting salient, new, provocative, and topical material.» (Marilyn Sephocle (Monatshefte 113,1, Spring 2021) Black German Studies is an interdisciplinary field that has experienced significant growth over the past three decades, integrating subjects such as gender studies, diaspora studies, history, and media and performance studies. The field’s contextual roots as well as historical backdrop, nevertheless, span centuries. This volume assesses where the field is now by exploring the nuances of how the past – colonial, Weimar, National Socialist, post-1945, and post-Wende – informs the present and future of Black German Studies; how present generations of Black Germans look to those of the past for direction and empowerment; how discourses shift due to the diversification of power structures and the questioning of identity-based categories; and how Black Germans affirm their agency and cultural identity through cultural productions that engender both counter-discourses and counter-narratives. Examining Black German Studies as a critical, hermeneutic field of inquiry, the contributions are organized around three thematically conceptualized sections: German and Austrian literature and history; pedagogy and theory; and art and performance. Presenting critical works in the fields of performance studies, communication and rhetoric, and musicology, the volume complicates traditional historical narratives, interrogates interdisciplinary methods, and introduces theoretical approaches that help to advance the field.

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Jim Curtis
The Coherence of the Russian Classics
Essays on the Dynamics of Creativity

This innovative book presents some fundamentally new interpretations of the best-known and best-loved classics of Russian literature. It does so by applying to them the latest Western research on creativity and literary theory. Readers will come away from the book with an enhanced understanding of individual works by classic authors such as Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky as well as of the overall evolution of nineteenth-century Russian literature.

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Linetto Basilone  
**The Distance to China**

Twentieth-Century Italian Travel Narratives of Patriotism, Commitment and Disillusion (1898–1985)

Over the course of the twentieth century, China became a destination of choice for hundreds of the most prominent Italian writers, journalists, and politicians. Informed by the cultural, economic, and political relationship between Italy and China since the late 1890s, the travel narratives of these authors contributed to the creation of multiple and varied representations of the country. This book fills a gap in the study of the development of Italian travel narratives on twentieth-century China. It classifies the major portraits of China under five chronologically and ideologically ordered types of representation and offers readers a structured understanding of the processes of «writing» China in Italy. The study sheds new light on how China was associated with the specific cultural, political, and social traits of Italy and Italian culture; how it reinforced ideological indoctrination among Italian intellectual elites; and how significant such travel narratives were for the ideological orientation of the Italian readership.

The authors discussed in the book include, among others: Luigi Barzini Sr., Mario Appelius, Arnaldo Cipolla, Franco Fortini, Carlo Cassola, Curzio Malaparte, Alberto Moravia, Goffredo Parise, Maria Antonietta Macciocchi, Gianni Rodari, Luigi Malerba, Alberto Arbasino, Edoarda Masi, and Tiziano Terzani.

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Gerald Dawe  
**Dreaming of Home**

Seven Irish Writers

«Gerald Dawe observes in the concluding lines of Dreaming of Home that the writers he admires most are those who convey a sense of «the sheer joy in witnessing the world for its own sake.» Those same words could apply to Dawe himself. His readings of seven writers here – Sean O’Casey, W.B. Yeats, John Montague, Patrick Kavanagh, Derek Mahon, Collette Bryce, and Gail McConnell – are animated as much by the sheer joy of reading as by the need to analyse or explain. This is not just a wise book, but a joyous one.» (Chris Morash, MRIA, FTCD Seamus Heaney Professor of Irish Writing, TCD) In this vibrant and accessible sequence of readings, Gerald Dawe explores the meaning of home in the work of Irish writers, including W.B. Yeats, Sean O’Casey, Derek Mahon and Gail McConnell. Providing ample encouragement to think about literary questions in a fresh and engaging way, Dreaming of Home concludes with an afterword of praise for the example of the great American poet William Carlos Williams, who mattered greatly to Dawe’s own development as a poet. Scholarly and stylish in approach, Dreaming of Home is an invaluable study for the general reader and student alike.

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Ștefan Baghiu • Ovio Olaru • Andrei Terian (eds.)

Beyond the Iron Curtain
Revisiting the Literary System of Communist Romania

Drawing on methodologies pertaining to Digital Humanities, World Literature, and Comparative Literature, the volume aims to challenge some of the enduring clichés regarding the literary production of Romanian communism. The first section focuses on socialist realism, socialist modernism, representations of the rural, and rural modernity. The second section deals with literary cosmopolitanism, literary dissidence, countercultural literary production, minority literatures in Romania, and the relationship between genre fiction and state politics. The third section looks at the communist literary production from a transnational perspective, exploring the Romanian polisystem during the ideological thaw, as well as forms of literary dissidence across the Soviet bloc.

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Miłosz Wojtyna • Barbara Miceli • Roksana Zgierska

Reading Contemporary TV Series
Aesthetics, Themes, and Reception

The rapid development of the TV series in the twenty-first century has resulted in an emergence of new aesthetic, cultural, and social trends. The development has influenced both the mainstream of popular culture and reception practices of audiences across nations and platforms. This book observes how the means employed in key contemporary TV series texts and a specific thematic variety have promoted new reception styles and redefined conventional interpretive practices. The authors analyze a variety of series released since 2000 to discuss historical (dis)continuities of genres and conventions, and observe how interpretive competences promoted by the rhetoric of contemporary TV series result from, and are polemical with, the conventions of visual and verbal cultures of preceding decades.

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Tuna Tetik • Hasan Kemal Süher • Ömer Vatanartıran (eds.)

Digitalization of the Industry in a Brand New Normal

Media and Art

Approaches “the brand new normal” as the digitalization itself. The collection of research and studies explores and questions contemporary novelties in media and art related to the transformative effects of the digitalization. Featuring a broad range of topics, covering creative industries, video-on-demand services and film industry, representation of reality television on quality television, adaptations from theater to digital platforms, transformation of gender representations in digital, VR (Virtual Reality), digital festivals, player experience and engagement in video games, NFT (Non-Fungible Token), social media and crisis communication, digital self-presentation, digitalization of theater stage, new music trends in digital era, and audience development in classical music, this book is designed for scholars, researchers, intellectuals, media professionals, and artists.

Tuna Tetik is an assistant professor in the Film and Television Department and the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Communication at Bahçeşehir University. He received his doctoral degree at Bahçeşehir University, Cinema and Media Research Ph.D. program, and directed short films and a documentary that received international awards. His research interests are superheroes and comics, transmedia, film genres, video-on-demand services, and video games. He has edited several international books. Tetik is currently teaching several undergraduate courses on digital editing and film production, and graduate courses on screenwriting.

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Head Game: Mental Health in Sports Media

We are witnessing a sea change regarding mental health in sports media, led in part by professional athletes such as Michael Phelps, Kevin Love, Naomi Osaka, and Simone Biles, who are sharing their own experiences with mental illness, bucking stereotypes in which people experiencing mental health issues are condemned to unfulfilling lives. From quarterbacks to pitchers, power forwards to Olympic swimmers, athletes are increasingly using the mass media—including social media—to share their experiences with depression, anxiety, and other disorders.

Head Game: Mental Health in Sports Media uses interviews with key athletes, leading journalists and sportscasters, and organizational and league leaders to show how media has been used—and could be used in the future—to advance greater understanding of mental health. The intelligence of this exceptional book is a perfect ten. The theoretical depth of every chapter reflects research brilliance. The authors’ clarity with ideas, ancient and contemporary, is knowledge production at its substantive best.

—Clifford G. Christians, Research Professor of Communications Emeritus, University of Illinois

Whether your interests include communication theory, rhetorical criticism, ethnography, or theology, regardless of your faith tradition—or absence of a faith tradition—it is a stimulating read. I highly recommend it.

—Steven A. Beebe, Regents’ and University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Texas State University; Past President, National Communication Association

As a religious communication scholar who also identifies as a theist-scholar, I found every chapter empowering, as they encourage the field to reconsider its positionality towards an area of scholarship that attempts to «measure the immeasurable.» This book is a must!

—Tina M. Harris, Professor, Endowed Chair of Race, Media, and Cultural Literacy, Louisiana State University

A much-needed contribution to the growing body of research at the intersection of communication and religion, this scholarly volume gathers work from established and ...
Retail Marketing Communication and the Consumer Behaviour of Selected Generations

The focus of this tri-authored scholarly work is on marketing communication and consumer behaviour of the selected generations X, Y, and Z in terms of the size of purchases and the types of retail outlets they use. The main part of the book deals with theoretical aspects of retail business and with marketing communication and consumer behaviour of specific generations in the retail sector. The main outcome lies in identifying the optimal location of retail units in combination with customer service to be provided to selected generations and the market potential of the buying gradient in terms of competitors’ impacts. The book also focuses on applying the results of the analyses whilst outlining the potential of the prediction models of generational tendencies towards the realisation of purchases in relation to marketing communication of the retail sector and its subsequent stimulation.

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David E. Sumner • Samir A. Husni

The Magazine Century

American Magazines Since 1900, Second Edition

The second edition of The Magazine Century: American Magazines Since 1900 offers the freshest and most up-to-date history of American magazines through 2020. It includes chapters telling the stories of new magazine launches in each decade since 1900. These chapters offer a behind-the-scenes look at America’s best-known magazines and publishers and how they got started. It also includes this key information not included in the first edition:
• Updated circulation data for major magazines
• Major magazine closings and new launches
• Ownership changes at major publishing companies
• Histories of several magazines not in the 1st edition
• The internet’s effect on magazine publishing
• Biographies of colorful and controversial editors
• New details about the history of Black-owned magazines
• The pandemic’s effect on magazine publishing
• Recent interviews with magazine editors and publishers
• The surprising rebound of print magazines

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Kenon A. Brown · Joshua Dickhaus · Mia Long Anderson

The United States of Sport

Whether it’s the Roosevelt administration’s impact on the formation of the NCAA, the protest of the Vietnam War by Muhammad Ali, or the rise of rap and hip-hop in the 90s and its penetration of the NBA’s image, American culture and politics have intersected regularly with sports. The impact of American politics and culture on the sports industry, and vice versa, is evident throughout the halls of history and, in particular, the 20th and 21st centuries mark an interesting period of time to explore this relationship. One avenue to be considered during this time is the amplification and growth of mass media and its role in framing these intersections of American pop culture, politics and the sports industry. Many of the values that Americans hold dear to their identity, such as activism and protest, capitalism, freedom of expression, and competition, are permeated through the history of collegiate and professional sports in the United States, and the media has played a role in shaping those opinions and values among Americans through its various outlets. The United States of Sport looks at how media outlets portrayed several of these intersections in politics, culture and sports, with each chapter highlighting a moment or phenomenon in American history and its direct or indirect impact on some aspect of the sports industry through the eyes of newspapers, magazines, television, radio and online news outlets.

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Tuna Tetik · Deniz Gürgen Atalay · Nilay Ulusoy (eds.)

Turkish Cinema and Television Industry in the Digital Streaming Era

Turkish Cinema and Television Industry in the Digital Streaming Era addresses three main comprehensions: aesthetic transformation in the Turkish Cinema and television industry, new authors and changing filmmaking ways in the Turkish Cinema’s SVOD age, and Turkish originals on national and international SVODs. The book is a collection of contemporary studies and research to explore the current scene in the Turkish Cinema and television industry’s ways of production, features of the contents, and structures of the SVOD catalogs. Featuring coverage of a broad range of topics and studies, including production and post-production, independent and arthouse filmmaking, immersive sound, local narratives, digital watching experiences, quality tv, digital auteurism, and participatory culture, the collection of chapters is designed in a specific structure for academics, researchers, scholars, students, and media professionals.

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**Simon Bacon (eds.)**

**Toxic Cultures**

A Companion

«We live in an age defined by toxicity. Bacon and the contributors have produced a timely, astute collection that intelligently and creatively engages and analyzes the wide panoply of trauma and poisoned discourse. Entertaining, fascinating and, honestly, terrifying, this book is paradoxically a delight and purgative to read! An antidote to the very thing it explores.» (Professor Kevin J. Wetmore, Jr., author of *Post-9/11 Horror in American Cinema*)

**What is Toxic?**

This volume provides a timely and original examination of the concept of «toxic» that today seems to inform all areas of popular culture and society. Connoting many forms of negativity, denial or disillusion, «toxic» has become central to the experience of living in the twenty-first century.

Comprising twenty-nine original essays by experts in their fields, this collection offers something of a guide to how areas of toxicity often overlap and/or inform other ones. Topics as diverse as «fake news», environmental denialism, toxic nostalgia, deep fakes, Black Lives Matter, #MeToo and cancel culture are covered. Studied texts include popular culture from the film *Get Out* (2018) to the Pussy Hat Movement, from social media «sadfishing» to governmental responses to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This companion unravels the often purposely entangled narratives that are used to fuel much cultural and political populism. It serves as an important intervention into the conversations occurring around extreme partisanship and divisive views on where we might be heading and how dystopian the future will really be.

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**Tamer Bayrak (ed.)**

**Digital Future**

This book contains 24 research papers by 30 expert academicians in communication science and new media technologies. Within the scope of their expertise, the contributors determine situations about today’s digital society, analyze research methods, and make suggestions and observations about the digital future. Particular attention is given to digital games, artificial intelligence, digital media, digital public relations, social media, the effect of the digital on academic production process, journalism and artificial intelligence, post-pandemic cinema education, marketing and digitality, the effect of women on 3D printer technologies, media literacy and family, digital citizenship, data mining, preschool and primary school children and their relationship with technology, digital footprint, and the relationship of child audiences with semantic digital technology.

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Serving Equality: Feminism, Media, and Women’s Sports

*Serving Equality: Feminism, Media, and Women’s Sports* offers a much-needed methodological innovation to sports media research by expanding the focus beyond traditional sports media outlets to examine the diversity of media outlets writing about sports. In doing so, *Serving Equality* draws analytical attention to the ways in which feminism and feminist principles such as equality, progress, empowerment, and intersectionality shape media narratives of women’s sports. With a focus on networked sports media spaces, including news coverage, promotional cultures, and sports films, chapters examine narratives of Title IX, the Olympics, the treatment of women sports journalists, the activism of women athletes, the routine coverage of the sports world, as well as the COVID-19 global pandemic. *Serving Equality* illustrates how feminism informs not only the media narratives of women’s sports, but how women’s sports contribute to and mobilize feminism in networked media spaces. *Serving Equality* ultimately encourages students, instructors, researchers, athletes, sport media content producers, and those in the sports industry to consider the ways we can tell stories differently about sportswomen and women’s sports.

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We are living in an age of permanent crisis. Pandemics, war and climate change are just some of the unexpected yet predictable events shaping the world today. In this timely book, David Ridley examines how we collectively respond to these events, whether we face them bravely and intelligently or turn to nostalgia or utopianism. While politicians, corporations and intellectuals all fall prey to what Ridley calls «consolation», drawing on the work of John Dewey, a new generation is rising up to the challenge. Standing alongside teachers, posties, train drivers, refuse workers - young activists are part of an emerging, global movement saying «enough is enough» «This fiery, startling yet engaging polemic is an injunction to think and act together. Eschewing glib or easy answers, Ridley builds on his experiences as a political activist to think about how we got here, while visioning ahead to a near future of reaction, struggle and opportunity. Read this and be prepared to think it all again, upside down, inside-out – together. Rip it up and start again.» (Dan Taylor, Lecturer in Social and Political Thought, Open University and author of the Orwell Prize shortlisted book Island Story: Journeys Through Unfamiliar Britain)

«An essential resource for the resistance now growing.» (Hilary Wainwright, Red Pepper co-founder and author of Arguments for A New Left: Answering the Free Market Right)

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David Ridley

*No Consolation*

Radical Politics in Terrifying Times

David Ridley

Peter Lang


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Peter Roberts

Paulo Freire

Philosophy, Pedagogy, and Practice

This book provides a fresh perspective on the work of the influential educationist, Paulo Freire. The author emphasizes both the coherence and the dynamism in Freire’s thought, with some consistent core concepts, but also a strong commitment to ongoing reflection and development. The book includes a detailed overview of Freire’s biography, major publications, and key ideas, but also adds a distinctive voice to existing conversations in the new comparisons it makes with other writers and thinkers, its Freirean analysis of policy developments and pedagogical relationships at the tertiary level, and its consideration of ethical and educational questions in the light of lessons from literature. The Freirean virtues of openness, humility, tolerance, trust, and rigor are found to be highly relevant to today’s world. The hope is that this book will provide a number of avenues for further inquiry in the future, while also addressing educational questions and themes of interest to a wide range of scholars and practitioners in the present.

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Marion Eggert · Eun-Jeung Lee · Vladimir Tikhonov

**Intellectuals in Between**

Koreans in a Changing World, 1850 to 1945

During the decades around 1900, Koreans experienced a world falling apart and the need to quickly build a new one. Intellectuals naturally took centre stage in this era of epistemic paradigm change. This book is devoted to the study of the life and ideas of some of these intellectuals, focussing on how they dealt with the challenges of their times. Where did their respective moral and intellectual stances lead them, and what were the social, economic, and political constraints that bounded their trajectories? Their life stories provide micro-historical insights into a period that has been formative for modern and contemporary Korea, and illustrate the intellectual ferment inherent in an era of crisis and transition.

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Marlon Simmons

**Notes from the Diaspora**

What are the ways in which the study of Black life becomes a field of knowledge, institutionalized and at the same time forming epistemological modes of inclusion and exclusion within academe? *Notes from the Diaspora* tends to these distinctive forms of Black life as they become situated within particular sociocultural networks, institutions, organizations, and community establishments, conveying bearings generative of synergies in the quest of solidarity through Diasporic memory. The essays query the circumstances through which Black life comes together, remains whole, although sometimes fragile under historical pressures, to produce public forces constitutive of knowledge, subjectivities, and multiple modes of identification which come to be organized through a digitized politics of relations in sociomaterial forms. As Black life traverses through different Diasporic pathways, the author responds to how connections with place come to be, and what social networks are formed, dissolved, or made sustainable. At the same time troubling what these relationships mean for decolonial enactments, how Black people assemble and make wholesome the chunks and remnants of the Diaspora, which constitute their becoming. How at times within their relational experiences, Black life tacitly marks moments as being codified through race, to in turn open an assemblage with linkage to self-determination as enunced within Black living. This is the potential of *Notes from the Diaspora*, having the capacity to attend to contingent collations as sequenced through Diasporic difference, whilst insisting on civic responsiveness to the experiences immanent to Black life.

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**Bartosz Pietrzak**

**The Concept of Honor in the Language of Early Arabic Poetry**

A Cultural Linguistic Study

The book presents an ethnolinguistic study on lexical expressions of honor in the Language of Early Arabic Poetry. It is the first application of Cultural-Linguistic methodology in research on the language and culture of al-Jahiliyya Arabs. Consequently, it is one of the first cultural cognitive linguistic studies on Classical Arabic semantics and lexicology. The book examines the use of Arabic honor-related lexis in the oral-formulaic pre-Islamic poetry, and interprets lexical expressions as encoding cultural conceptualizations: cognitive schemata and categories, and conceptual metaphors and metonymies. An exhaustive description of pre-Islamic Arabic cultural models of honor and social evaluation is offered alongside semantic frames for discourses of honor available to pre-Islamic Arabs.

**Erhan Özdemir**

**Socio-Economic Disparities in the Integration Process of Immigrants in Western Europe**

A Comparative Study for Six EU Countries

International migration is one of the prominent facts in the contemporary world, which affects the political, socio-economic and cultural processes both in origin and destination countries. Historically, Western Europe has been one of the most attractive destinations for migrants because of the level of socio-economic development and political stability. However, there are many complex institutional, socio-economic and cultural issues to be addressed to achieve the integration of migrants and to eliminate social inequalities between the native populations and migrants in these host countries. In this respect, this book examines some aspects of socio-economic disparities between native populations and the migrants in Belgium, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Different migration histories, labour market features and welfare state characteristics of these countries are expected to provide insight about how the integration-related and inequality-related issues emerge in diverse social and institutional settings. The study covers the empirical analyses of the disparities in the labour market and accessing the social benefits between 2004 and 2016 by using comparable cross-country survey data. These analyses attempt to demonstrate the relationships between these two domains. The study has a comparative approach, which aims at providing comparable evidence both across the countries and over time in each of the selected countries.

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**Marco Prandoni**  
**Essays on Contemporary Dutch Literature**  
Migration – Identity Negotiation – Cultural Memory

Dutch culture continues to attract curiosity and interest worldwide, even more so now that many are puzzled by the shifting image of the Netherlands in the 21st century: from a country with a long-established progressive tradition and of diffuse cosmopolitanism to a polarized country where a part of the public opinion reverts to nationalism and isolationism. The book examines contemporary Dutch literature, both fiction and nonfiction, that raises topical themes and preoccupations and documents as much as shapes the discursive formations in society around migration, diasporic identity and the cultural memory of colonialism, slave trade and coal mining. Transnationally oriented authors tackle these issues in ways that appear relevant to a global audience.

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Contemporary Kazakh Proverb Research

This edited volume is a feast of contemporary Kazakh proverb research. You are invited to the low table, the Kazakh dastarkhan, where special dishes cover the table. Everything is within easy reach, and each of the delicacies is homemade, with a distinctive Kazakh flavor. Whether you are a linguist, folklorist, anthropologist, or just someone wanting to know more, this feast has something to offer. Come join us for a cup of tea, some respite, and the opportunity to enter into the world of Kazakh proverb research! There are five courses: current use of Kazakh proverbs at home, in school, and on the internet; the content of proverbs used historically and in fiction; the dynamic relationship between proverbers and culture in Kazakhstan; the role of proverbs in education (both the ecologies of proverbial interaction between languages and the opportunities provided by technology); and finally, new vistas for the future of Kazakh proverb use. With the expanded role of the internet, Kazakhs have ventured beyond using traditional Kazakh proverbs. They are now recrafting proverbial content and forms to find fitting words for contemporary issues. The book’s finale is a ground-breaking piece of research which documents the twists and tweaks that keep Kazakh proverb use vibrant.

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Remote Interpreting in Healthcare Settings

The increasing practice of remote interpreting (RI) by telephone and video link has profoundly changed the ways in which interpreting services are being delivered. Although clinical research on RI has reported positive results, empirical research in other settings, such as legal contexts, has demonstrated that RI can affect the quality of interpreter-mediated communication. This book investigates the possible effects of using RI on the quality of healthcare interpreting. Central to the research design are three series of simulated interpreter-mediated doctor-patient encounters, each involving a different interpreter and using three different interpreting methods: face-to-face interpreting, telephone interpreting and video interpreting. These sessions were video recorded, transcribed and annotated according to categories previously established in interpreting studies. First, quantitative analyses of miscommunication and interaction management were carried out to identify potential relationships between message equivalence issues and interactional issues and to establish the possible influence of environmental and technological factors. These data were submitted to comparative, qualitative analyses, which were triangulated with the findings from the participants’ perceptions, collected by means of thirty post-simulation interviews. The insights generated by this work are highly relevant for all users of RI to anticipate and overcome communication problems.

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The language of fashion

Linguistic, cognitive, and cultural insights

The specialised language of fashion draws the research interest of linguists and semioticians as well as communication experts and fashion historians. This volume contributes to advancing the knowledge of crucial aspects in the language of fashion that still need deep investigation. It brings together contributions that shed light on the morphological, lexical, pragmatic, and cultural aspects of the language of fashion, without ignoring cognitive and semiotic phenomena. The diversity of topics and perspectives of the chapters presented here testifies to the variety and vitality of scientific research in the complex and multifaceted language of fashion.

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Approaches to Migration, Language and Identity

WINNER! NCA Diane Hope Book of the Year Award. Dangerous. Sexy. All-American—or rather All-World—Girl. Pin Up! The Subculture is the first book to explore the contemporary international subculture of pin up, women (and men) who embrace vintage style, but not vintage values. Award-winning filmmaker and author Kathleen M. Ryan spent more than five years in the subculture. It’s a world of cat eye makeup, carefully constructed hairstyles, and retro-inspired fashions. But it’s also a world that embraces the ideals of feminism. Beauty, according to the pin up, is found not in body type or skin color, but in the confidence and sexual agency of the individual. Pin ups see their subculture as a way to exert empowerment and control of their own sexual and social identities—something that is part of the pin up’s historical legacy. This lavishly illustrated book includes interviews with more than fifty international pin ups and helps readers to understand how they use social media and personal interactions to navigate thorny issues such as racism, sexism, homophobia, sizeism, and other difficult topics. Ryan demonstrates how even within subcultures, identity is far from homogeneous. Pin ups use the safety of their shared subcultural values to advocate for social and political change. A fascinating combination of cultural history, media studies, and oral history, Pin Up! The Subculture is the story about how a subculture is subverting and reviving an historic aesthetic for the twenty-first century.

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Mao Nie

The Literary Expressions of Chinese Experience

The book consists of a comprehensive in-depth analysis of the Chinese post-1970s writers group, especially the literary xiangjun five young writers and their representative works. It includes a multi-dimensional interpretation of the writing characteristics, narrative law, and artistic construction of the «generation in the seam,» fully displaying this transformation period of Chinese traditional values. Specifically, in terms of the book’s content and structure, there is (1) a broad vision with the ideological premise of modernity, (2), a high degree of «local» and «globalization,» and (3), a demonstration of the importance of China’s excellent cultural resources.

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Leopold Leeb

One Dragon, Two Doves

A Comparative History of the Catholic Church in China and in Vietnam

This comparative study of the history of the Catholic Church in China and Vietnam from the seventeenth to the twentieth century opens up new perspectives for the understanding of the presence of Christianity in Asia. The author narrates the biographies of a number of outstanding missionaries and Christians from China and Vietnam and tries to understand them in their respective historical backgrounds by applying the principle of mutual illumination: the experience of China may help to understand the Vietnamese reality and vice versa. In this way some interesting similarities between European missionaries and local Christians are revealed. At the same time the parallel biographies from China and Vietnam throw a light on the peculiar cultural and political contexts of Christianity in the two nations. The book, based on recent research in several languages, is a pioneering attempt at writing comparative ecclesiastical history in Asia and offers an insightful synopsis, occasionally even including observations on Japan and Korea. The study presents new questions and fields for further research, including native church leadership, Christian architecture, arts, and literature, and common theological vocabularies. The work discloses hitherto unnoticed spiritual links between China and Vietnam.

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Thomas Bremer

Orthodoxy in Two Manifestations?

The Conflict in Ukraine as Expression of a Fault Line in World Orthodoxy

In 2018/19, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople initiated the establishment of an autocephalous (independent) Orthodox Church in Ukraine. This process was met with harsh criticism by the Russian Orthodox Church and eventually led to a split in the entire Orthodox world. The contributions to this volume examine this conflict and discuss the underlying causes for it in a broader perspective. They deal with several aspects of Orthodox theology, history, church life and culture, and show the existence of a serious rift in the broader Orthodox world. This became visible most recently in the conflict over the Ukrainian Church autocephaly, yet it has a longer, and more complex historical background.

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Struan Gray

Picturing Ghosts

Memories, Traces and Prophesies of Rebellion in Postdictatorship Chilean Film

How can the afterlives of anticapitalist and antidictatorship resistance enliven contemporary imaginaries of social justice? Where can the legacies of authoritarianism be spatially located and challenged? And what roles can film play in reckoning with these spectral inheritances? Picturing Ghosts addresses these questions in relation to postdictatorship Chile, a country that has become a nodal point in global geopolitical narratives about the obsolescence of socialism, the birth of neoliberalism and «the end of history». Exploring how the Chilean «transition to democracy» has been narrated in film, the book focuses on stories of haunting and rebellion that unsettle hegemonic temporalities and frameworks of memory. Engaging with the idea of haunting as a trope, a conceptual metaphor and a structure of feeling, it considers different approaches to reckoning with the present past as an emancipatory presence – a multiplicity of unfinished projects and unanswered questions that the cultural imaginary of late capitalism hastens to smooth over.

Through a cartographic approach to analysis, this study looks beyond established landscapes of memorialisation in Chile, encountering rebellious subjects and stories in houses and haciendas, poblaciones, the presidential palace, the Atacama Desert, shopping malls, public schools and university campuses. In doing so, it contributes to an emerging field of research that problematises the dominant spatial and temporal imaginaries of «post-conflict» transitions, striving to construct more inclusive and transformative conceptions of truth, justice and emancipation.

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Radha O’Meara · Tessa Dwyer · Stayci Taylor · Craig Batty (eds.)

TV Transformations & Transgressive Women

From Prisoner: Cell Block H to Wentworth

«Just like Prisoner and Wentworth, this book is an instant cult classic. Written with love by a collective of expert aca-fans, TV Transformations & Transgressive Women takes us on a fascinating journey through the cultural legacies of Australia’s favourite prison TV dramas. Contributors use a rich palette of methods, from genre analysis to production research, to unpack the significance of these shows. An exemplary textual study, this richly multi-perspectival collection is essential reading for anyone interested in television genres.» (Ramon Lobato, Associate Professor, RMIT University) «This collection is a wonderful example of how certain TV shows can have tremendous impact, not only in the time of their making, but for several decades, when suddenly there’s the opportunity to travel even further in an on-demand age and meet new audiences, academics and analytical approaches. The chapters offer a wide range of interesting interpretations and discussions, not the least on the way women have been represented on screen then and now. A good read for academics, fans and aca-fans.» (Eva Novrup Redvell, Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen)

A deep dive into iconic 1980s Australian women-in-prison TV drama Prisoner (aka Cell Block H), its contemporary reimagining as Wentworth, and its broader, global industry significance and influence, this book brings together a range of scholarly and industry perspectives, including an interview with actor Shareena Clanton (Wentworth’s Doreen Anderson). Its chapters draw on talks with producers, screenwriters and casting; fan voices from the Wentworth twitterverse; comparisons with Netflix’s Orange is the New Black; queer and LGBTQ approaches; and international production histories and contexts. By charting a path from Prisoner to Wentworth, the book offers a new mapping of TV shifts and transformations through the lens of female transgression, ruminating on the history, currency, industry position and cultural value of women-in-prison series.

The editors of this volume are screen studies and screenwriting scholars with specialist skills in a range of areas and practices, including script development, gender studies and television studies. Radha O’Meara is Lecturer in Screenwriting at the University of Melbourne. Her critical research concentrates on serial storytelling and industrial authorship in contemporary film and television. ...
**Media, Power and Public Opinion**

**Essays on Communication and Politics in a Historical Perspective**

This book aims at exploring in a long historical perspective and in a wide historical context the reactions of political institutions and players towards new media and new forms of communication, as well as their strategies in order to combat and/or exploit their effects and potential. This is an original and innovative attempt to combine traditional approaches to the history of the media and politics with studies that aim to directly provide some historical perspective on contemporary preoccupations with ‘fake news’ and manipulation of public opinion. Addressing these topics by focusing on specific events and specific contexts as case studies allows us to connect the hic et nunc dimension with the general trend of the history and verify the particular effects of general long-term trends.

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A.B Abrams

**Power and Primacy: A History of Western Intervention in the Asia-Pacific**

2023 Updated Edition

East Asia has been a growing focal point of geopolitical conflict since the 1940s, and today increasingly sits at the heart of the global economy and high tech as rising regional powers challenge the centuries-old primacy of the Western world. With half a millennium of Western dominated order in the region facing unprecedented challenges and possibly nearing its end, it is now more than ever essential to understand the history behind it and its objectives. This book undertakes the task of elucidating the complex and little-known history of the West’s involvement in the Asia-Pacific, providing context critical to understanding contemporary developments.

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Jun Chen

**Study on Overseas Chinese and Ethnic Chinese of Yunnan Origin in Southeast Asia**

This book is concerned with the historical fact of overseas Chinese and ethnic Chinese living in Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos before 1949.

Against the social background of acute class and ethnic conflicts in Yunnan in modern times, many Chinese people had immigrated. The immigration of overseas Chinese of Yunnan origin was influenced by the condition of transportation. There were economic and political reasons for the immigration, and the former was the chief reason.

Myanmar was a preferred destination for emigration. The Chinese immigrants of Yunnan origin there were mainly engaged in business and mining, supplemented by agriculture and handicraft. Overseas Chinese received different treatments by different countries in different periods: sometimes they were well-received and accepted, while sometimes isolated, suppressed, and cracked down.

Overseas Chinese had made indelible contributions to the agriculture, industry, commerce, culture, and education in both their adopted homeland and their country of origin.

In the Ming and Qing Dynasties and the Republic of China, the central government and the local government of Yunnan implemented different overseas Chinese policies. The overseas Chinese policy of the Yunnan government in the Republican Era were all in all a success. They were a foundation of the overseas Chinese policy adopted by the government of the People’s Republic of China.

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**Luis Martínez-Fernández**

**When the World Turned Upside Down**

**Politics, Culture, and the Unimaginable Events of 2019-2022**

*When the World Turned Upside Down* is a collection of 66 essays and opinion columns written between 2019 and 2022, a period of momentous—some unimaginable—developments in the United States and across the world. This book stands at the intersection of opinion journalism, history, and chronicling offering a dialogue between past and present (or present and past). They are, to use the often-quoted phrase, first drafts of history. Over the past five years, the world has witnessed several «unimaginables» about which the author felt compelled to write. Some of the book’s essays identify, analyze, and connect parallels between the U.S. Antebellum and Civil War and the contemporary increasingly polarized context that reached an explosive peak during the 2020 elections and the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Shrouded in a cloud of unprecedented global pestilence, the world has witnessed dramatic political and geopolitical change, mostly for the worse: China, Russia, Hungary, Belarus, Myanmar, Cuba, even Puerto Rico. Essays in this book discuss these transformations from a historical perspective as well as mass popular resistance, in places like Cuba, where they seemed unimaginable. The book’s final section, «Not Boring at All: Globalization and World Politics,» explores the global ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical rearrangements related to China’s meteoric ascendance as a world power, Russia’s militaristic expansionism, and related topics.

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**David Clark • Teresa von Sommaruga Howard (eds.)**

**The Journey Home**

Emerging out of the Shadow of the Past

*The Journey Home* is an engrossing anthology oftwenty essays. Each one tells a different story about what it means to grow up in the shadow of the Holocaust and then to find a way of breaking free of the residual darkness of childhood by making a physical and emotional journey back into the past, to the «home» of one’s ancestors: the «home» they were forced to physically leave. Some of these journeys are undertaken with a parent. Others are undertaken with friends or partners and some venture back alone. Along the way, new connections are forged with the living and with the dead, with the past and with the present. Together with an introduction and epilogue, the book provides not only examples of the lived experience of being «second generation» but also offers some theoretical background to the stories and relates them to current and important themes, such as the role of acknowledgement, memorialization and commemoration. With eighty million people around the world currently displaced by disaster, war and famine, many of these stories speak for descendants of refugees and survivors of all such catastrophes.

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**Europe Day**

How European Integration Got Started

One might be forgiven for thinking that the founding of The European Union is not exactly the stuff that myths are made of. Not at all, for here it comes – though it is not a myth, but a real story that only sounds like a myth: The 9th of May 1950 was the day when the destiny of European integration (began to take) took shape, with the declaration by the French foreign Minister Robert Schuman, aiming at the creation of a European Coal and Steel Community. One can retrace the events of these historical moments day by day, sometimes hour by hour, the main actors emerging with highly animated proles, the tension mounting to thrilling heights – but nally the solution is found! And this solution is, as much as it seems pragmatic, nothing less than revolutionary: It is – to use the words of the French foreign minister himself! – the rst “breach into national sovereignty”. The political system of the EU can be traced directly back to this initial moment.

Once the story of the 9th of May 1950 is told, one can contemplate it from dierent angles and learn a lot: What about the relationship between the external pressure of the Allies on France, in order to prepare for a common defense line of the Western bloc – and the in-tra-European, Franco-German desire to overcome their old conicts and reach a fair tradeo of interests? What about the relationship between economics and politics – was and is European integration mainly an economic project or does it ultimately aim at a political union? And maybe the most dicult question: Would others have taken dierent decisions from those of Jean Monnet, Robert Schuman and Konrad Adenauer? Could they have? And if it was their own free will to decide as they did, what led them to do so?

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**Contemporary Islamist Perspectives on International Relations**

Mainstream Voices from the Sunni and Shii Arab World

This book lies at the intersection of two important and expanding elds of study: Political Islam and International Relations (IR). It contributes to both elds by analyzing the discourses of six moderate-reformist (mainstream) scholar sheikhs from the Sunni and Shii Arab World of the 20th and early 21st centuries. Four of the scholar sheikhs are Sunni Egyptians who received their education at al-Azhar and/or maintained a long-term afiliation with the institution. They are Mahmoud Shaltut (1893-1963), Muhammad Abu Zahra (1897-1974), Muhammad al-Bahi (1905-1982), and Yusuf al-Qaradawi (1926- ). The ght is the Sunni Syrian Sheikh Wahbah al-Zuhaili (1932-2015). Finally, there is Sayyd Muhammed Hussein Fadlallah (1935-2010), a renowned Lebanese Shia cleric, who received his religious training at al-Hawza in Najaf, Iraq, the Shia equivalent of al-Azhar.

The aims of the book are three: (1) to demonstrate the presence of a moderate-reformist (mainstream) strand within political Islam that advocates a dierent perspective on international relations from that of the radical Muslims; (2) to identify and scrutinize the principal elements of this mainstream perspective, while underscoring the variations with it; and (3) to situate the international relations’ discourses of the examined mainstream Islamist scholar sheikhs within their proper historic and ideational contexts.

The book appeals to a wide and diverse readership that is not restricted to specialists. While academics and graduate students working on political Islam and/or the Middle East are its primary audience, the work is written in an accessible style, that is kept free of academic jar- gain, that any reader who is proficent in English and interested in political Islam and/or theo ries of international relations can enjoy reading and engage with the main arguments.

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Angieszka Bieńczyk-Missala

Preventing Mass Human-Rights Violations and Atrocity Crimes

The problem of preventing mass human-rights violations and atrocity crimes is one of the key issues in international relations. The book presents the capacity of the international community in the field. The available instruments of early warning, preventive diplomacy as well as legal, economic, and military measures of prevention are included. Cases of Chechnya, Rwanda, Côte d'Ivoire and Libya allowed the analysis of international engagement in typical situations involving mass human-rights violations and atrocity crimes related to self-determination, ethnic tensions, power struggles and attempts to overthrow a dictatorship. They show that although the international community has significantly increased its capacity to prevent, it has not created a coherent system of prevention.

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Yılmaz Esmer (eds.)

Culture, Politics, Ideology and Reproductive Health in Turkey

The main objective of the book is to evaluate the impact of education programs targeting women’s reproductive health, initiated and sponsored by Willows International. The book focuses on Turkey, and the fieldwork was carried out in Istanbul. The analyses of Turkey’s cultural values and their relation to reproductive attitudes and behavior are a unique contribution based on the findings of a recent nationwide survey while the chapter on the historical background of Turkey’s family planning policies provides a useful background to interpret the findings from the field. The book will serve as a reference and a useful resource for scholars and policymakers interested in family planning and reproductive health in Turkey as well as those with a broader and theoretical perspective.

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**Ewelina Kancik-Kołtun & Josef Smolík (eds.)**

**New Political Parties in the Party Systems of the Czech Republic**

The book introduces readers to the basic knowledge about changes in the political party system, which started to take place after the parliamentary elections in 2010. The introductory part introduces the basic development of the political party system in the Czech Republic, discusses the characteristics of new actors and described the two concepts used, i.e. the business firm-party and the far-right populist parties. On the basis of this introductory chapter, new political parties are introduced in more detail, namely Public Affairs, the Dawn of Direct Democracy and Freedom and Direct Democracy (associated with Tomio Okamura) and Andrej Babiš's ANO movement.

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**The United States Involvement in the South China Sea Dispute**

The South China Sea dispute not only involves the sovereignty and security interests of the countries concerned, but also the stability and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region. As the South China Sea dispute has evolved, the United States, with its continuous engagement, has played a vital role in contributing to the complexity and internationalization of the dispute. This book summarizes American strategies in the South China Sea, and comprehensively examines the role of the United States in this maritime dispute from both historical and realistic perspectives. It argues that the U.S. policy towards the South China Sea dispute is highly skillful and targeted. The degree of the U.S. involvement in the disputes mainly depends on three factors, namely its Asia-Pacific strategy and interest demand, its strategy towards China, and the speed of China’s rise and how the United States perceives it. This book will be of great interest to those who study or focus on international relations, China-U.S. relations, maritime affairs, U.S. foreign policy, and East Asian security studies. University libraries, public libraries, think tanks, institutes for marine affairs, and engaged private individuals who are interested in international relations, China-U.S. relations, maritime disputes, South China Sea issues, etc., will also be interested in this book.

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Refugees, Migration, and Conflicts in South Asia
Rethinking Lives, Politics, and Policy

Refugees, Migration, and Conflicts in South Asia: Rethinking Lives, Politics, and Policy is designed to make an interdisciplinary in-depth study of refugees, migration, conflicts, and development in the South Asian context. The region of South Asia is the most populous in the world, with preexisting problems of refugees, migration, conflicts, and violence. Since their formation, most of the South Asian states have been experiencing these problems. This book attempts to critically delineate the inflow and outflow of refugees and migrants. This book also critically addresses civil wars, ethnoreligious conflicts, and political violence in the South Asian region. By depicting the socioeconomic and security aspects of migration along with human security, this book has projected the vulnerability of this region.

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In 1816, the publication in Italian of Madame de Staël’s essay “On the Spirits of Translation” marked the beginning of a controversy between classicists and romantics. The theoretical principles and practices of translation received special attention in Italy, a territory that was trying to define itself in terms of culture, given the impossibility of a unitary political project in this historical period. Translation became the means of enriching Italian language, culture and literature. A Translation Studies perspective focusing on the foreign, rather than the indigenous, traits of Italian culture, will demonstrate how difference, via translation, became one of the constitutive elements of new definitions of Italian national identity.

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Neo-Disneyism
Inclusivity in the Twenty-First Century of Disney’s Magic Kingdom

«The Disney Corporation has recently found itself embroiled in the so-called ‘Don’t Say Gay’ legislation debates in Florida. Disney, as both filmmaker and global conglomerate, remains a powerful force in representations of diversity in American culture. The essays in Neo-Disneyism include examinations of films such as Return to Neverland, Luca, and Encanto, and Disney’s own reinterpretations of its classics in its live-action remakes, as well as examining the theme parks. This groundbreaking book offers new perspectives in Disney scholarship as well as bringing a critical eye to the most pressing issues of identity in our current time.» (Professor Johnson Cheu, Michigan State University) «This collection is a needed reassessment of Disney media adaptations in the last twenty years. The essays consider examples of inclusivity and the gaps needing transformation, underscoring the potential for an iconic American symbol of commercial success to advance social justice, gender equity, and racial/ethnic inclusivity, encouraging difficult conversations.» (Professor Pushpa Parekh, Spelman College) In 2003 Brenda Ayres published The Emperor’s Old Groove: Decolonizing Disney’s Magic Kingdom with Peter Lang. The contributors to its collection of essays argued that although the Disney Company had been making attempts to represent multicultural diversity, it persisted in inculcating insidious racial, cultural, and gender stereotypes. Nearly twenty years have passed since that analysis, and current scholars—many of them young and non-Western—are reassessing more recent Disney films and finding them to be more inclusive, tolerant, and affirmative than previous works from the magic kingdom. The appraisal of Disney entertainment in the twenty-first century is the focus of the thirteen chapters by scholarly contributors from around the globe, finding it to be more inclusive, tolerant, and affirmative of multiple cultures, ethnicities, nationalities, and gender as well as the differently abled and mentally challenged. The analysis also suggests what Disney might yet do to promote peace, harmony, and wellbeing in a world that desperately needs to learn how to get along with others.

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Kenyan Cinema provides one of the most striking case studies in the growth and development of film in Eastern Africa. The film industry has grown tremendously at the turn of the 21st century. Notably, there has been a significant increase in the number of domestic film productions, film screenings, film audiences and film festivals in the country. Indeed, Kenya has become one of Africa’s major film markets. Kenyan actors, actresses and films are increasingly entering and featuring in global films and markets, and are connecting with international audiences in commercial cinemas and at major international film festivals. Adding to this impressive success is an upsurge in the number of tertiary institutions training in film and a corresponding surge in the number of students pursuing film studies in and outside the country currently. In the academic circles, interest in Kenyan Cinema as a serious scholarly subject has grown exponentially. The evolution of Kenyan Cinema scholarship is also noteworthy. Therefore, Reimagining Kenyan Cinema seeks to situate current scholarship on Kenyan Cinema within the ongoing debates in national and contemporary global film studies. It thus advocates for diverse methodologies, critical tools and theoretical perspectives in interrogating Kenyan film. This approach is premised on the realization that critical discussions on film should lead out of the films themselves towards matters of aesthetics, culture, history and society. The cumulative effect of this approach is that it allows for the presentation of a simultaneously synchronic and diachronic approach to the study of Kenyan cinema. While individual chapters will provide in-depth analyses of particular films, historical moments in Kenyan and key film texts, the chapters as a whole will cohere into a well-grounded and deeply informative collection of original contributions on the practice of Cinema in Kenya.

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Richard McCulloch · William Proctor (eds.)

**The Scandinavian Invasion**

Nordic Noir and Beyond

«The Scandinavian Invasion offers an important and timely interrogation of Nordic Noir. Putting the concept under a microscope in a series of diverse chapters, it reveals that Nordic Noir is still teeming with vigorous life as it has emerged, proliferated and travelled across borders, becoming in the process a cultural phenomenon that has had significant implications for global television in the new millennium.» (Sue Turnbull, University of Wollongong) You might think you know what Nordic Noir is. Brutal crimes. Harsh landscapes. Brilliant but socially dysfunctional protagonists. Stylish knitwear. Yet, as a generic category and cultural phenomenon, Nordic Noir has always been far more complex. The story of its success owes as much to adaptation and evolution as it does to geographical migration or cosmopolitan curiosity. But how did this happen? What was it about the genre that struck such a chord with international audiences and readers? How did it build on previous trends and influences? And how has the category changed in order to survive in a cutthroat commercial landscape? Has it become less «Nordic »? Less «noir »? Has its proverbial moment in the sun passed? Featuring twelve original chapters and an editorial introduction, *The Scandinavian Invasion* brings together leading media and literature scholars from the UK, Denmark and Australia to critically examine how the phenomenon took shape and what we can learn from it. By exploring the cultural, aesthetic and industrial forces that propelled Nordic Noir across borders, the book provides a kaleidoscopic look at a disruptive cultural phenomenon in transition. Nordic Noir is dead. Long live Nordic Noir!

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Simon Bacon (eds.)

**The Undead in the 21st Century**

A Companion

«Beyond the narrow application to the pop-cultural zombie, Simon Bacon’s editorial definition of the concept of being «undead» generates discussions in each chapter that creatively engage with the full agenda of critical debates in studies of horror and the gothic. With each chapter, the book unpacks the dense implications of its key concept, as it explores what it means to be undead, to determine who is and who isn’t, and how this matters. The book earns its rewards as a «Companion» in the true sense of the term since it is sure to accompany many curious and critical journeys through undead twenty-first-century culture.» (Professor Steffen Hantke, Sogang University, Seoul, author of *Monsters in the Machine: Science Fiction Film and the Militarization of America after World War II*) Who are the Undead? The twenty-first century is truly the age of the undead. They are no longer just vampires or zombies, but every kind of monster that can be imagined. More so, they not only live in the alien terrain of our imaginations or nightmares but are embedded into the very nature of our existence in the neverending catastrophe of the 2000s. Featuring leading scholars such as David Punter, Roger Luckhurst, Jeffrey Andrew Weinstock and Lorna Piatti-Farnell amongst many others, the 30 original essays in *The Undead in the 21st Century: A Companion* describe and explain how the various fears and anxieties we have around such things as contagion, the environment, geopolitics and even ageing give form to the multifarious undead that plague our existence and seem bent on our destruction. However, as shall be argued here, if we can recognise and understand the undead they might not be the end of humanity as we know it, but possibly a way to exist beyond it.

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Ufuk Bingöl (eds.)

#Trending Topics on Social Media Researches

This book covers deep researches from different perspectives and disciplines upon Social Network on social, legal, economic and cultural issues by successful and expert researchers in their field. In this book, different and rigorous analyses of all areas influenced by social media and social networking were carried out in order to be one of the emerging reliable sources on the Digital Age literature with various dimensions.

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**Gabriele Taschetti (eds.)**

**Giuseppe Tartini: Fundamental Questions**

The present volume, which inaugurates the series called Giuseppe Tartini and the Musical Culture of the Enlightenment, includes contributions presenting a wide range of materials and methodologies, revealing a rich multiplicity of perspectives on Giuseppe Tartini’s work, ideas, personality and reception history. By casting new light on some fundamental and unanswered questions, this collection of essays aims to increase our awareness of the vastness, complexity, and relevance of Tartini and his world, which inevitably will always inspire new research and new approaches to his music.

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