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Twilight of Impunity
The War Crimes Trial of Slobodan Milosevic
JUDITH ARMATTA

An eyewitness account of the first major international war-crimes tribunal since the Nuremberg trials, Twilight of Impunity is a gripping guide to the prosecution of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The historic trial of the “Butcher of the Balkans” began in 2002 and ended abruptly with Milosevic’s death in 2006. Judith Armatta, a lawyer who spent three years in the former Yugoslavia during Milosevic’s reign, had a front-row seat at the trial. In Twilight of Impunity she brings the dramatic proceedings to life, explains complex legal issues, and assesses the trial’s implications for victims of the conflicts in the Balkans during the 1990s and international justice more broadly. Armatta acknowledges the trial’s flaws, particularly Milosevic’s grandstanding and attacks on the institutional legitimacy of the International Criminal Tribunal. Yet she argues that the trial provided an indispensable legal and historical narrative of events in the former Yugoslavia and a valuable forum for victims to tell their stories and seek justice. It addressed crucial legal issues, such as commanders’ responsibility for crimes committed by subordinates, and it helped to create a framework for conceptualizing and organizing other large-scale international criminal tribunals. The prosecution of Slobodan Milosevic in The Hague was an important step toward ending impunity for leaders who perpetrate egregious crimes against humanity.

“In Twilight of Impunity, Judith Armatta has done for the trial of Slobodan Milosevic, the Butcher of the Balkans, what Hannah Arendt did for the trial of Adolf Eichmann, the Architect of the Holocaust: present an unflinching depiction of the crimes, the anguish of the victims and witnesses, the arrogance of the killers, the virtues and flaws of the judicial process, and the banality of the evil that can arise when leaders assume they enjoy impunity.”—CHUCK SUDETIC, author of Blood and Vengeance: One Family’s Story of the War in Bosnia and co-author of Madame Prosecutor: Confrontations with Humanity’s Worst Criminals and the Culture of Impunity

“As the only independent lawyer to have monitored and reported regularly from the Milosevic trial courtroom from its first day, Judith Armatta has produced an unparalleled account of the first truly international war crimes trial of a national leader in history. Armatta captures courtroom atmosphere and personalities with a thoroughly engaging reportorial style, but brings her legal and regional expertise to bear in explaining and analyzing important testimony and judicial decisions.”—NINA BANG-JENSEN, former Executive Director/Counsel, Coalition for International Justice
Nobody Does the Right Thing
A Novel
AMITAVA KUMAR

"Nobody Does the Right Thing imaginatively portrays the forces shaping contemporary India, and it is a remarkable reader of mass culture and popular narrative forms, of the worlds of Hindi cinema, pulp fiction, sensational journalism, and globalized media."—SIDDHARTHA DEB, author of An Outline of the Republic and The Point of Return

A young poet is killed by her lover, a politician, in the eastern Indian state of Bihar. Soon afterward, across India in Bombay, an idealistic journalist is hired by a movie director to write a Bollywood screenplay about the murdered poet. Research for the script takes the writer, Binod, back to Bihar, where he and his cousin Rabinder were raised. While the high-minded Binod struggles to turn the poet’s murder into a steamy tale about small towns, desire, and intrigue, Rabinder sits in a Bihari jail cell, having been arrested for distributing pornography through a cybercafé. Rabinder dreams of a career in Bollywood filmmaking, and unlike his cousin, he is not burdened by ethical scruples. Nobody Does the Right Thing is the story of these two cousins and the ways that their lives unexpectedly intertwine. Set in the rural villages of Bihar and the metropolises of Bombay and Delhi, the novel is packed with telling details and anecdotes about life in contemporary India. At the same time, it is a fictional investigation into how narratives circulate and vie for supremacy—through gossip, cinema, popular fiction, sensational journalism, and the global media.

Amitava Kumar is a novelist, poet, journalist, and Professor of English at Vassar College. He is the author of Husband of a Fanatic, a New York Times “Editors’ Choice” selection; Bombay-London-New York, a New Statesman (UK) “Book of the Year”; and Passport Photos. He is the editor of several books, including Away: The Indian Writer as an Expatriate, The Humour and the Pity: Essays on V. S. Naipaul, and World Bank Literature. He is also an editor of the online journal Politics and Culture and the screenwriter and narrator of the prize-winning documentary film Pure Chutney. Kumar’s writing has appeared in the Nation, Harper’s, and Vanity Fair.

A Foreigner Carrying in the Crook of His Arm a Tiny Bomb
AMITAVA KUMAR

"Amitava Kumar has written a unique book. It is ultimately a book about neoliberalism, about the public interest defined as militarism rather than as well-being. It is a book about the imagination reduced to suspicion and fear rather than hope and liberty. It is a book that swells from India to Indiana, depicting the global ecology of antiterrorism."—VIJAY PRASHAD, author of The Darker Nations: A People’s History of the Third World

Part reportage and part protest, A Foreigner Carrying in the Crook of His Arm a Tiny Bomb is an inquiry into the cultural logic and global repercussions of the war on terror. At its center are two men convicted in U.S. courts on terrorism-related charges: Hemant Lakhani, a seventy-year-old tried for attempting to sell a fake missile to an FBI informant, and Shahawar Matin Siraj, who was baited by the New York Police Department into a conspiracy to bomb a subway. Lakhani and Siraj were caught through questionable sting operations involving paid informants; both men received lengthy jail sentences. Their convictions were celebrated as major victories in the war on terror. In Kumar’s riveting account of their cases, Lakhani and Siraj emerge as epic bunglers, and the U.S. government as the creator of terror suspects to prosecute. Kumar analyzed the trial transcripts and media coverage, and he interviewed Lakhani, Siraj, their families, and their lawyers. Juxtaposing such stories of entrapment in the United States with narratives from India, another site of multiple terror attacks and state crackdowns, Kumar explores the harrowing experiences of ordinary people entangled in the war on terror. He also considers fierce critiques of post-9/11 surveillance and security regimes by soldiers and torture victims as well as artists and writers including Coco Fusco, Paul Shambroom, and Arundhati Roy.

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The Czech Reader
History, Culture, Politics
JAN BAŽANT, NINA BAŽANTOVÁ & FRANCES STARN, EDITORS

The Czech Reader brings together more than 150 primary texts and illustrations to convey the dramatic history of the Czechs, from the emergence of the Czech state in the tenth century, through the creation of Czechoslovakia in 1918 and the Czech Republic in 1993, into the twenty-first century. The Slav-speaking Czechs have lived for more than a millennium surrounded on three sides by German-speaking people. The Czechs have preserved their language, traditions, and customs, despite their incorporation into the Holy Roman Empire, the Habsburg Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Third Reich, and the Eastern Bloc. Organized chronologically, the selections in The Czech Reader include the letter to the Czech people written by the religious reformer and national hero Jan Hus in 1415, and Charter 77, an influential anticommunist initiative launched in 1977 in reaction to the arrest of the Plastic People of the Universe, an underground rock band. There is a speech given in 1941 by Reinhard Heydrich, a senior Nazi official and Deputy Reich-Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, as well as one written by Václav Havel in 1984 for an occasion abroad, but read by the Czech-born British dramatist Tom Stoppard, since Havel, the dissident playwright and future national leader, was not allowed to leave Czechoslovakia. Among the songs, poems, folklore, fiction, plays, paintings, and photographs of monuments and architectural landmarks are “Let Us Rejoice,” the most famous chorus from Bedřich Smetana’s comic opera The Bartered Bride; a letter the composer Antonín Dvořák sent from New York, where he directed the National Conservatory of Music in the 1890s; a story by Franz Kafka; and an excerpt from Milan Kundera’s The Joke. Intended for travelers, students, and scholars alike, The Czech Reader is a rich introduction to the turbulent history and resilient culture of the Czech people.

Jan Bažant is a senior researcher at the Institute of Philosophy in Prague. He was previously director of the Institute for Classical Studies. Nina Bažantová is an art historian and former curator of historical textiles at the Museum of Applied Arts in Prague. Frances Starn is a writer living in Berkeley, California.

“The Czech Reader is a real gem, an immensely informative, balanced, and up-to-date compendium on Czech history and culture.”—JOHN NEUBAUER, University of Amsterdam

“There is nothing comparable to The Czech Reader. It makes a unique and highly valuable contribution to understanding the Czech interpretation of their own history, of who they are, and what historical events constituted them as a nation and a people.”—SILVIA TOMASKOVA, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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Boy dressed as a girl in a South Moravian folk ceremony. Photo by Vladislav Galgonek. Courtesy of ČTK.
The Mirage of a Space between Nature and Nurture
EVELYN FOX KELLER

“Evelyn Fox Keller’s diagnosis of prevalent confusions in our thinking about nature and nurture is so lucid, informed, and sensitive that it is tempting to insist that scientists, journalists, philosophers, and policymakers who intend to talk about ‘nature and nurture’ should be required to demonstrate their mastery of her arguments before their thoughts are let loose on society.”—PHILIP KITCHER, author of Living with Darwin: Evolution, Design, and the Future of Faith

On the Modern Cult of the Factish Gods
BRUNO LATOUR

“What immense spiritual and intellectual relaxation! With what vivacity and cunning Bruno Latour gets us out of the cage holding us hostage of the mumbo-jumbo of Subjects and Objects all these long years of Western Civ. Out-fetishizing these fetishes, nudging us towards the mastery of non-mastery, he invites us thereby to the sort of thinking needed to remake a failing world.”—MICHAEL TAUSSIG, Columbia University

In this powerful critique, the esteemed historian and philosopher of science Evelyn Fox Keller addresses the nature-nurture debates, including the persistent disputes regarding the roles played by genes and the environment in determining individual traits and behavior. Keller is interested in both how an oppositional “versus” came to be inserted between nature and nurture, and how the distinction on which that opposition depends, the idea that nature and nurture are separable, came to be taken for granted. How, she asks, did the illusion of a space between nature and nurture become entrenched in our thinking, and why is it so tenacious? Keller reveals that the assumption that the influences of nature and nurture can be separated is neither timeless nor universal, but rather a notion that emerged in Anglo-American culture in the late nineteenth century. She shows that the seemingly clear-cut nature-nurture debate is riddled with incoherence. It encompasses many disparate questions knitted together into an indissoluble tangle, and it is marked by a chronic ambiguity in language. There is little consensus about the meanings of terms such as nature, nurture, gene, and environment. Keller suggests that contemporary genetics can provide a more appropriate, precise, and useful vocabulary, one that might help put an end to the confusion surrounding the nature-nurture controversy.

Evelyn Fox Keller is Emerita Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is the author of numerous books, including The Century of the Gene; Reflections on Gender and Science; and A Feeling for the Organism: The Life and Work of Barbara McClintock.

On the Modern Cult of the Factish Gods continues the project that the anthropologist, philosopher, and influential science studies theorist Bruno Latour advanced in his book We Have Never Been Modern. There he proposed to redescribe the Enlightenment idea of universal scientific truth, arguing that there are no facts separable from their fabrication. In this concise work, Latour delves into the “belief in naïve belief,” the suggestion that fetishes, objects invested with mythical powers, are fabricated, and that “facts” are not. Mobilizing his work in the anthropology of science, he uses the notion of “factishes” to explore a way of respecting the objectivity of facts and the power of fetishes without forgetting that both are fabricated. While the fetish-worshipper knows perfectly well that fetishes are man-made, the Modern icon-breaker inevitably erects new icons. Yet Moderns sense no contradiction at the core of their work. Latour pursues his critique of critique, or of the possibility of mediating between subject and object, or the fabricated and the real, through the notion of “iconoclash,” making productive comparisons between scientific practice and the worship of visual images and of religious icons.

Bruno Latour is Professor and Dean for Research at Sciences Po in Paris. His many books include Reassembling the Social: An Introduction to Actor-Network Theory; Politics of Nature: How to Bring the Sciences into Democracy; Pandora’s Hope: Essays on the Reality of Science Studies; Aramis, Or, The Love of Technology; and We Have Never Been Modern.

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An Epistemology of the Concrete
Twentieth-Century Histories of Life
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With a foreword by Timothy Lenoir

“An Epistemology of the Concrete offers a methodological framework and a set of research exemplars that will shape science studies for years to come.”—TIMOTHY LENOIR, from the foreword

An Epistemology of the Concrete brings together case studies and theoretical reflections on the history and epistemology of the life sciences by Hans-Jörg Rheinberger, one of the foremost philosophers of science. In these essays he examines the history of experiments, concepts, model organisms, instruments, and the gamut of epistemological, institutional, political, and social factors that determine the actual course of the development of knowledge. Building on ideas in his influential book Toward a History of Epistemic Things, Rheinberger considers ways of historicizing scientific knowledge, different configurations of genetic experimentation in the first half of the twentieth century, and the interaction between apparatuses, experiments, and concept formation in molecular biology in the second half of the twentieth century. He delves into fundamental epistemological issues bearing on the relationship between instruments and objects of knowledge, laboratory preparations as a special class of epistemic objects, and the note-taking and write-up techniques utilized in research labs. He takes up topics ranging from the French “historical epistemologists” Gaston Bachelard and Georges Canguilhem to the liquid scintillation counter, a radioactivity measuring device that became a crucial tool for molecular biology and biomedicine in the 1960s and 1970s. Throughout An Epistemology of the Concrete, Rheinberger shows how assemblages—historical conjunctures—set the conditions for the emergence of epistemic novelty.

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Asian Biotech
Ethics and Communities of Fate
AIHWA ONG & NANCY N. CHEN, EDITORS

“This exciting collection of ethnographic essays introduces readers to the deployment of specific biotechnologies in Asia, revealing their enmeshment with local and global politics and a situated ethics that extends to the good of families, communities, and nations, not merely that of individuals. This book, harbinger of impending futures, demands introspection.”—MARGARET LOCK, author of Twice Dead: Organ Transplants and the Reinvention of Death

Providing the first overview of Asia’s emerging biosciences landscape, this timely and important collection brings together ethnographic case studies on biotech endeavors such as genetically modified foods in China; clinical trials in India; blood collection in Singapore and China; and stem cell research in Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan. While biotech policies and projects vary by country, the contributors identify a significant trend toward state entrepreneurialism in biotechnology, and they highlight the ways that political thinking and ethical reasoning are converging around the biosciences. As ascendant nations in a region of postcolonial emergence with an “uncanny surplus” in population and pandemics, Asian countries treat their populations as sources of opportunity and risk. Biotech enterprises are allied to efforts to overcome past humiliations and restore national identity and political ambition, and they are legitimized as solutions to national anxieties about food supplies, diseases, epidemics, and unknown biological crises in the future. Biotechnological responses to perceived risks stir deep feelings about shared fate, and they crystallize new ethical configurations, often re-inscribing traditional beliefs about ethnicity, nation, and race. As many of the essays in this collection illustrate, state involvement in biotech initiatives is driving the emergence of “biosovereignty,” an increasing pressure for state control over biological resources, commercial health products, corporate behavior, and genetic-based identities. Asian Biotech offers much-needed analysis of the interplay among biotechnologies, economic growth, biosecurity, and ethical practices in Asia.

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EXPERIMENTAL FUTURES: TECHNOLOGICAL LIVES, SCIENTIFIC ARTS, ANTHROPOLOGICAL VOICES
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African Rhythms
The Autobiography of Randy Weston

**COMPOSED BY RANDY WESTON**
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The pianist, composer, and bandleader Randy Weston is one of the world's most influential jazz musicians and a remarkable storyteller whose career has spanned five continents and more than six decades. Packed with fascinating anecdotes, *African Rhythms* is Weston's life story, as told by him to the music journalist Willard Jenkins. It encompasses Weston's childhood in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, where his parents and other members of their generation imbued him with pride in his African heritage, and his introduction to jazz and early years as a musician in the artistic ferment of mid-twentieth-century New York. His music has taken him around the world, where he has performed in eighteen African countries, in Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines in Japan, and for the Princess of Morocco, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the grand opening of a new library in Alexandria, Egypt. Africa is at the core of Weston's music and spirituality. He has traversed the continent on a continuous quest to learn about its musical traditions, produced its first major jazz festival, and lived for years in Morocco, where he opened a popular jazz club, The African Rhythms Club, in Tangier.

Weston's narrative is replete with tales of the people he has met and befriended, and with whom he has worked. He describes his unique partnerships with Langston Hughes, the musician and arranger Melba Liston, and the jazz scholar Marshall Stearns, as well as his friendships and collaborations with Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins, Thelonious Monk, Billy Strayhorn, Max Roach, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, the Cuban percussionist Candido Camero, the Ghanaian musicians Kofo Gnaba and Kwabena Nketia, the Gnawa musicians of Morocco, the novelist Paul Bowles, the photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson, and many other artists. A full discography of Weston's recordings includes song titles and the names of all of the musicians who performed on the records. With *African Rhythms*, an international jazz virtuoso creates cultural history again.

**PRAISE FOR RANDY WESTON**

“When Randy plays, a combination of strength and gentleness, virility and velvet emerges from the keys in an ebb and flow of sound seemingly as natural as the waves of the sea.”—LANGSTON HUGHES, in the original liner notes for Randy Weston's *Uhuru Afrika*

“Mr. Weston draws from the musical well of the entire black world without losing his distinctive voice. . . . [He] is a truth seeker who sees a power in music much greater than all of us.”—ROBIN D. G. KELLEY, the New York Times
I’m Black When I’m Singing, I’m Blue When I Ain’t and Other Plays
SONIA SANCHEZ
Edited and with an introduction by Jacqueline Wood

This collection brings together for the first time the plays of Sonia Sanchez, a prolific, award-winning poet and one of the most prominent writers in the Black Arts movement. In addition to Sanchez’s five previously published plays The Bronx Is Next (1968), Sister Son/ji (1969), Dirty Hearts (1971), Malcolm/Man Don’t Live Here No Mo (1972), and Uh, Uh; But How Do It Free Us? (1974), the collection also includes her two unpublished plays, I’m Black When I’m Singing, I’m Blue When I Ain’t (1982) and 2 x 2 (2009). It reveals the thematic and formal exchanges between Sanchez’s poetry and dramatic works over the course of four decades. Sanchez emerged as a black nationalist poet and playwright in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Like her poetry, her dramas reflect her critique of the racism and sexism that she encountered as a young female writer in the black militant community, her ongoing concern with the well-being of the black community, and her commitment to social justice. I’m Black When I’m Singing, I’m Blue When I Ain’t and Other Plays includes three essays in which Sanchez reflects on her art and activism, and an introduction by Jacqueline Wood situating Sanchez’s plays in relation to her poetry, activism, and the feminist dramatic voice in black revolutionary art.

“Sonia Sanchez remains one of the most read, respected, and visible figures of the Black Arts movement, as well as its most significant female figure. I’m Black When I’m Singing, I’m Blue When I Ain’t and Other Plays only adds to that legacy.”—AMIRI BARAKA

“Breathtaking. . . . filled with shifting images, jarred rhythms, prancing angers and embarrassments and defiances.”—WALTER KERR, the New York Times, writing about Sanchez’s play Sister Son/ji

“Whether I encounter Sonia in poetry, prose, or drama, I am always struck by the fearlessness of her intellect, the effortless musicality of her language, and her commitment to putting these gifts—always—in service of the Struggle. I rejoice for those who, through this book, will encounter Sonia for the first time.”—RUBY DEE

Sonia Sanchez is a poet, playwright, and activist living in Philadelphia. Her many books of poetry include Shake Loose My Skin, Does Your House Have Lions?, Under a Soprano Sky, Homegirls and Handgrenades, We a BaddDDD People, and Homecoming. She is the recipient of numerous honors recognizing her writing and activism, among them a PEN Writers’ Award and an American Book Award, as well as the Community Service Award from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the Peace and Freedom Award from the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. Jacqueline Wood is Associate Professor of African American Literature and the Interim Director of the African American Studies Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
**Leaving Art**

Writings on Performance, Politics, and Publics, 1974–2007

Suzanne Lacy

With an introduction by Moira Roth and an afterword by Kerstin Mey

Since the 1970s, the performance and conceptual artist Suzanne Lacy has explored women’s experiences, violence, race, ethnicity, aging, and economic disparities through her pioneering work. Combining aesthetics and politics, and often collaborating with other artists and community organizations, she has staged large-scale public art projects, sometimes involving hundreds of participants. She has consistently written about her work: planning, describing, and analyzing it; advocating socially engaged art practices; theorizing the relationship between art and social intervention; and questioning the boundaries separating high art from popular participation.

*Leaving Art* brings together thirty pieces that Lacy has written since 1974. In different ways, each one relates to questions arising during performances and installations; five were written as scripts or artworks. The chronological arrangement of the pieces reveals Lacy’s intense focus on questions of gender, violence, and the body during the 1970s, and her turn in the 1980s toward political performance art and questions about how the media could be used by artists to instigate social change. Lacy later engaged questions of race relations, criminal justice, and education in the 1990s, developing community art initiatives designed to spark substantive discussion about charged social and political issues. More recently, in her reflections on what art is and should be now, she has compared socially engaged public art with Buddhist practices, and examined the influence of one of her mentors, the late Allan Kaprow, on the development of feminist performance art in the 1970s. *Leaving Art* includes an introduction to Lacy’s art and writing by Moira Roth, and an afterword in which Kerstin Mey situates Lacy’s work in relation to contemporary cultural theory and practice.
Correspondence Course
An Epistolary History of Carolee Schneemann and Her Circle
KRISTINE STILES, EDITOR

Creator of such acclaimed works as the performance Meat Joy and the film Fuses, the artist Carolee Schneemann has saved the letters she has written and received for decades. Much of this correspondence is published here for the first time, providing an epistolary history of Schneemann and other figures central to the international avant-garde of happenings, Fluxus, performance, and conceptual art. Schneemann corresponded for more than forty years with some individuals, including the composer James Tenney, the filmmaker Stan Brakhage, the artist Dick Higgins, the dancer and filmmaker Yvonne Rainer, the poet Clayton Eshleman, and the psychiatrist Joseph Berke. Her “tribe,” as she called it, altered the conditions under which art is made and the form in which it is presented, shifting art away from private acts and the creation of unique objects to art engaged directly with the public in ephemeral performances and in expanded, nontraditional forms of music, film, dance, theater, and literature.

Kristine Stiles selected, edited, annotated, and wrote the introduction to the letters, assembling them so that readers can follow the development of Schneemann’s art, thought, and private and public relationships. The correspondence chronicles a history of energy and invention, as well as of charged personal and artistic struggles, arguments, and displays of ego. It sheds light on internecine aesthetic politics and the mundane activities that constitute the exasperating vicissitudes of making art, building an artistic reputation, and negotiating an industry as unpredictable and demanding as the art world in the mid-to-late twentieth century. For her part, Schneemann discusses financial dilemmas, grapples with her career, shares her success, joy, and love, and contends with loneliness, aging, and disappointment. Her correspondence reveals a writer of considerable literary talent, as well as one whose letters are consummately visual, both in communicating textual images of sensate and corporeal experience and as material objects, as shown in the volume’s many illustrations.

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Carolee Schneemann is a multidisciplinary artist whose painting, photography, film, video, performance art, and installation works have been shown at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Centre Georges Pompidou (Paris), the National Film Theatre (London), and the Anthology Film Archives (New York). She is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Art Association and the author of Imaging Her Erotics; More Than Meat Joy: Performance Works and Selected Writings; and Cezanne, She Was A Great Painter, among other publications.

PRAISE FOR CAROLEE SCHNEEMANN

“Carolee Schneemann is an original, and a nexus. Lissome bansheeprogenitrix of Body Art and downtown doyenne whose influences span the New York School, the Judson Dance Theater, and contemporary performance.”—FRANCES RICHARD, Artforum

Carolee Schneemann, Vulva’s Morphia, 1992. Multimedia installation with suspended photogrid, text panels, and electric fans, each panel 11 x 8.5 in., text 2 x 58 in., installation 96 x 60 in.
**A World of Becoming**

**WILLIAM E. CONNOLLY**

In *A World of Becoming* William E. Connolly outlines a political philosophy suited to a world whose powers of creative evolution include and exceed the human estate. This is a world composed of multiple, interacting systems, including those of climate change, biological evolution, economic practices, and geological formations. Such open systems, set on different temporal registers of stability and instability, periodically resonate together to generate profound, unpredictable changes. To engage such a world reflectively is to feel pressure to alter established practices of politics, ethics, and spirituality. In pursuing such a course, Connolly draws inspiration from philosophers such as Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Alfred North Whitehead, and Gilles Deleuze, as well as the complexity theorist of biology Stuart Kauffman and the theologian Catherine Keller.

Attunement to a world of becoming, Connolly argues, may also help us address dangerous resonances between global finance capital, cross-regional religious resentments, neoconservative ideology, and the 24-hour mass media. Coming to terms with subliminal changes in the contemporary experience of time that challenge traditional images can help us grasp how these movements have arisen and perhaps even inspire creative counter-movements. The book closes with the chapter "The Theorist and the Seer," in which Connolly draws insights from early Greek ideas of the Seer and a Jerry Lewis film, *The Nutty Professor*, to inform the theory enterprise today.

**ALSO BY WILLIAM E. CONNOLLY**

**Capitalism and Christianity, American Style**


“William E. Connolly is a towering figure in contemporary political theory whose profound reflections on democracy, religion, and the tragic unsettle and enrich us. In this powerful work he casts his philosophical gaze on the internal dynamics of the American Empire—especially the role of Christian traditions and capitalist practices. The result is vintage Connolly, namely, indispensable!”

— Cornel West, Princeton University

**Pluralism**


“Pluralism is a brilliant study. Powerful, cogent, and compulsively readable, it presents a strong case for a democratic pluralism that is worthy of embrace by all who think the fundamentalism of our age needs to be countered, not with more of the same from another direction, but with the best-articulated and most profoundly true vision of another way of being together politically. If taken up, this book will change hearts and minds.”

— Thomas Dumm, author of *A Politics of the Ordinary*
The Marcus Garvey and Universal Negro Improvement Association Papers, Volume XI
The Caribbean Diaspora, 1910–1920

MARCUS GARVEY
Robert A. Hill, Editor in Chief

PRAISE FOR THIS MULTIVOLUME PROJECT

“Now is our chance, through these important volumes, to finally begin to come to terms with the significance of Garvey’s complex, fascinating career and the meaning of the movement he built.”—The New Republic

“...will reshape our understanding of the history of black nationalism.”
—The Nation

With Volume XI: The Caribbean Diaspora, 1910–1920, Duke University Press proudly assumes publication of the final volumes of The Marcus Garvey and Universal Negro Improvement Association Papers. This invaluable archival project documents the impact and spread of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), the organization founded by Marcus Garvey in 1914 and led by him until his death in 1940. Volume XI is the first to focus on the Caribbean, where the UNIA was represented by more than 170 divisions and chapters. Revealing the connections between the major African American mass movement of the interwar era and the struggle of the Caribbean people for independence, this volume includes the letters, speeches, and writings of Caribbean Garveyites and their opponents, as well as documents and speeches by Garvey, newspaper articles, colonial correspondence and memoranda, and government investigative records. The primary documents are extensively annotated, and the volume includes twenty-two critical commentaries on the territories covered in the book, from the Bahamas to Guatemala, and Haiti to Brazil. A trove of scholarly resources, Volume XI: The Caribbean Diaspora, 1910–1920 illuminates another chapter in the history of one of the world’s most important social movements.

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Mao Zedong and China in the Twentieth-Century World
A Concise History
REBECCA E. KARL

“In this succinct and compact narrative of Mao’s personal and intellectual development, Rebecca E. Karl offers an impressive exposition of the formation and evolution of the theory and practice of the Chinese Revolution. Her analysis of ideological tenets in China’s revolutionary movement is convincing and more sophisticated than other narratives of Mao’s life and thought.”—BAN WANG, author of Illuminations from the Past: Trauma, Memory, and History in Modern China

Throughout this lively and concise historical account of Mao Zedong’s life and thought, Rebecca E. Karl places the revolutionary leader’s personal experiences, social visions and theory, military strategies, and developmental and foreign policies in a dynamic narrative of the Chinese revolution. She situates Mao and the revolution in a global setting informed by imperialism, decolonization, and third worldism, and discusses worldwide trends in politics, the economy, military power, and territorial sovereignty. Karl begins with Mao’s early life in a small village in Hunan province, documenting his relationships with his parents, passion for education, and political awakening during the fall of the Qing dynasty in late 1911. She traces his transition from liberal to Communist over the course of the next decade, his early critiques of the subjugation of women, and the gathering force of the May 4th movement for reform and radical change. Describing Mao’s rise to power, she delves into the dynamics of Communist organizing in an overwhelmingly agrarian society, and Mao’s confrontations with Chiang Kaishek and other nationalist conservatives. She also considers his marriages and romantic liaisons and their relation to Mao as the revolutionary founder of Communism in China. After analyzing Mao’s stormy tenure as Chairman of the People’s Republic of China, Karl concludes by examining his legacy in China from his death in 1976 through the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

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ASIA-PACIFIC
A Series Edited by Rey Chow, Michael Dutton, H. D. Harootunian, and Rosalind Morris
Contemporary Chinese Art
Primary Documents
EDITED BY WU HUNG
With the assistance of Peggy Wang

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PRAISE FOR WU HUNG

“Respected on both sides of the Pacific. . . . [Wu Hung] has helped introduce Chinese avant-garde art to the West.”—ERIK ECKHOLM, the New York Times

“Recognized as one of the foremost authorities in both ancient and contemporary Chinese art, [Wu Hung] has served as a consultant on some of the most highly acclaimed exhibitions of current Chinese art to tour the United States.”—GARRETT HOLG, the Chicago Sun-Times

Despite the liveliness and creativity of avant-garde Chinese art in the post-Mao era and its prominence in the world of international contemporary art, until now there has been no systematic introduction to this important work in any Western language. Moreover, most of the relevant primary documents have existed only in Chinese, scattered in hard-to-find publications. Contemporary Chinese Art remedies this situation by bringing together carefully selected primary texts in English translation. Arranged in chronological order, the texts guide readers through the development of avant-garde Chinese art from 1976 until 2006. Because experimental Chinese art emerged as a domestic phenomenon in the 1970s and 1980s and its subsequent development has been closely related to China’s social and economic transformation, this volume focuses on art from mainland China. At the same time, it encompasses the activities of mainland artists residing overseas, since artists who emigrated in the 1980s and 1990s were often key participants in the early avant-garde movements and have continued to interact with the mainland art world. The primary documents include the manifestos of avant-garde groups, prefaces to important exhibitions, writings by representative artists, important critical and analytical essays, and even some official documents. Each chapter and section begins with a concise preface explaining the significance of the texts and providing the necessary historical background; the volume includes a timeline summarizing important art phenomena and related political events.

Publication of The Museum of Modern Art
MoMA PRIMARY DOCUMENTS
The Record
Contemporary Art and Vinyl
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The Record is the full-color catalog accompanying the groundbreaking exhibition The Record: Contemporary Art and Vinyl, at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University from September 2, 2010, through February 6, 2011. The first museum exhibition to explore the culture of vinyl records in the history of contemporary art, The Record features rarely exhibited work and recent and newly commissioned pieces by thirty-three artists from around the world. These artists have taken vinyl records as their subject or medium, producing sound work, sculpture, installation, drawing, painting, photography, video, and performance. Works by well-known artists such as Laurie Anderson, Jasper Johns, Ed Ruscha, and Carrie Mae Weems appear alongside those of other North American artists and of artists from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America, some of whom have never before exhibited in a U.S. museum. Among the works shown are David Byrne's original Polaroid photomontage used for the cover of the 1978 Talking Heads album More Songs about Buildings and Food, the fictive soul “album covers” created by the outsider artist Mingering Mike in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and Wheel of Steel (2006), an arresting narrative of record-playing told through digital photos by the South African-born and Berlin-based artist Robin Rhode. In addition to the 225 images, 200 of which appear in color, the catalog includes personal reflections and critical analyses. All of the artists in the exhibition contribute personal statements about their work in relation to the vinyl record, and critics and scholars explore the historical impact of the record on art and music and the ways the medium has helped shape individual and collective identities.

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Jeroen Diepenmaat, Pour des dents d’un blanc éclatant et saines, 2005. Record players, vinyl records, taxidermied birds, and sound; dimensions variable. Courtesy of the artist.

Mingering Mike, Mingering Mike—Can Minger Mike Stevens Really Sing (Fake Records/Nations Capitol Records), 1969. Fictive LP record and cover, mixed media on cardboard, gelatin silver print, 12.25 x 12.25 inches; opens to 12.25 x 24.75 inches. Courtesy of Mingering Mike, Inc. and Hemphill Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
**Black Mirror/Espejo Negro**  
**PEDRO LASCH, EDITOR**

The provocative three-part project *Black Mirror/Espejo Negro* by the artist Pedro Lasch encompasses a museum installation, photographic artworks based on the installation, and this bilingual book, including many of the photos, the artist’s statement, and critical commentaries. The project began as an installation commissioned by the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University to accompany the exhibition *El Greco to Velázquez: Art during the Reign of Philip III*. In a gallery adjacent to the exhibition of Spanish Golden Age masterpieces, Lasch placed black rectangular mirrors on the walls, each with an image of a Spanish painting behind it. Pre-Columbian stone and ceramic figures, chosen by Lasch from the museum’s permanent collection of Meso-American art, stood on pedestals facing toward each mirror and away from visitors entering the room. Viewers were drawn into a meditation on colonialism and spectatorship when, on looking into the black mirrors, they saw the pre-Columbian figures, seventeenth and eighteenth-century Spanish priests and conquistadores, themselves, and the contemporary gallery environment. The book *Black Mirror/Espejo Negro* includes full-color reproductions of thirty-nine photographs of the installation, as well as the text that Lasch wrote to accompany it. In short essays, scholars reflect on Lasch’s work in relation to current debates in art history and visual studies, race discourse, pre-Columbian studies, postcolonial theory, and de-colonial thought.

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**Lines of Attack**  
**Conflicts in Caricature**  
**NEIL McWILLIAM, EDITOR**

*Lines of Attack* raises broad questions about the nature of political caricature by juxtaposing two distinct historical moments in the development of the medium: its emergence in France in the 1830s, as artists including Honoré-Victorin Daumier ridiculed King Louis-Philippe, and its recent history during the presidencies of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. The contributors assess the state of caricature at a moment when traditional outlets for the political cartoonist’s art—particularly the daily newspaper—face an uncertain economic future, and technological change is radically transforming the media landscape that has sustained journalistic caricature for almost two centuries. Along with the cartoons featured in the book (most of which appear in color), the essays illuminate the development of caricature as a journalistic form, its changing visual languages, and its effectiveness in commenting on politics and instigating debate and dissent. Published in connection with the exhibition of the same name at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, *Lines of Attack* features not only the satirical art of Daumier and his contemporaries, but also images by some of the most provocative political cartoonists working in the United States and Great Britain today: artists including Steve Bell, Steve Brodner, Joe Cardiello, Pat Oliphant, Gerald Scarfe, Edward Sorel, Tom Tomorrow, and Garry Trudeau.

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**PUBLICATION OF THE NASHER MUSEUM OF ART AT DUKE UNIVERSITY**

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Cultural Studies in the Future Tense

LAWRENCE GROSSBERG

“Lawrence Grossberg, author of numerous profound and highly influential studies, has produced his magnum opus. . . . Going through the manuscript, I realized with growing awe and enthusiasm, that in one book we have been offered by far the most comprehensive and best-written history of cultural studies from its inception to its most recent accomplishments and challenges, as well as a program that deserves to be called a definite introduction to all future studies of culture. This book is an obligatory and invaluable reading for the established professionals of the area as much as its aspiring newcomers.”—ZYGMUNT BAUMAN, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Leeds

Lawrence Grossberg is one of the leading figures in cultural studies internationally. In Cultural Studies in the Future Tense, he offers a powerful critique of the present state of cultural studies, and, more broadly, of the intellectual left, especially in the Anglo-American academy. He develops a vision for the future of cultural studies as conjunctural analysis, a radically contingent and contextual study of the articulations of lived discursive and material contexts. Proposing a compelling analysis of the contemporary political problem-space as a struggle over modernity, he suggests the possibility of multiple ways of being modern as an analytic and imaginative frame. He develops an ontology of the modern as the potentialities of multiple configurations of temporaliities and spatialities, differences, territorialities, and powers, and argues that euro-modernity is a specific geohistorical realization of this complex diagram. Challenging the euro-modern fragmentation of the social formation, he discusses the rigorous conceptual and empirical work that cultural studies must do—including rethinking fundamental concepts such as economy, culture, and politics, as well as modernity—to reinvent itself as an effective political-intellectual project. This book offers a vision of a contemporary cultural studies that embraces complexity, rigorous interdisciplinary practice, and experimental collaborations in an effort to better explain the present in the service of the imagination of other futures and the struggles for social transformation.

“Lawrence Grossberg’s book does something much more useful than giving us an introduction to cultural studies. It demonstrates what cultural studies can do, giving a broadly interdisciplinary and politically engaged analysis of our contemporary conjuncture. This is an excellent model for future work in the field.”—MICHAEL HARDT, co-author of Commonwealth

“Lawrence Grossberg was one of the first to pioneer cultural studies in the United States. Since then, he has not only meticulously and with rare critical insight tracked its international development but also made several original contributions to it in his own distinctive voice. Forty years after the foundation of the Centre for Cultural Studies in the U.K., people constantly ask, “Cultural studies: where is it going?” Grossberg’s latest book, Cultural Studies in the Future Tense, is one of the most important, insightful, cogent, wide-ranging, and persuasive attempts to offer an answer to that question. It is required reading for anyone interested not only in the future of cultural studies, but in contemporary culture itself and its political meanings. It is not to be missed.”—STUART HALL

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“Cultural Studies in the Future Tense is an immensely enjoyable book to read, fizzing with ideas and of real relevance to the current situation. It is also a brave book: defining cultural studies is always going to be a difficult task, even for one of its founders. Yet Lawrence Grossberg does not shrink from the task, and the political emphasis he places on the future and imagination seems to me to be absolutely right. The Left needs to think as never before about what it is doing and why.”—NIGEL THRIFT, author of Non-Representational Theory: Space, Politics, Affect

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The Affect Theory Reader

MELISSA GREGG & GREGORY J. SEIGWORTH, EDITORS

“Written by some of the most interesting and important thinkers in the field, the essays in this superb collection prove how serious consideration of culture and politics needs to involve serious attention to affect. The Affect Theory Reader covers remarkable ground: from the ontology of ‘future threat’ in Bush’s preemptive politics to the management of workplace affects in the information economy; from the biology of human mimicry to attachments to promises of the ‘good life’ that often cruelly wear out economically precarious subjects. Thoughtfully curated and genuinely interdisciplinary with contributors from fields ranging from media studies to geography, Melissa Gregg and Gregory J. Seigworth’s reader will be indispensable to anyone working in or adjacent to affect theory.”—SIANNE NGAI, author of Ugly Feelings

This field-defining collection consolidates work and builds momentum in the burgeoning area of affect studies. Major thinkers in affect studies theorize affect: visceral forces beneath, alongside, or generally other than conscious knowing that can serve to drive us toward movement, thought, and ever-changing forms of relation. As Lauren Berlant explores “cruel optimism,” Brian Massumi theorizes the affective logic of public threat, and Elspeth Probyn examines shame, they, along with the other contributors, show how an awareness of affect is opening up exciting new insights in disciplines from anthropology, cultural studies, geography, and psychology to philosophy, queer studies, and sociology. In essays diverse in subject matter, style, and perspective, the contributors demonstrate how affect theory illuminates the intertwined realms of the aesthetic, the ethical, and the political as they play out across bodies (human and non-human) in both mundane and extraordinary ways. They reveal the broad theoretical possibilities opened by an awareness of affect as they reflect on topics including ethics, food, public morale, glamour, snark in the workplace, and mental health regimes. The Affect Theory Reader includes an interview with the cultural theorist Lawrence Grossberg and an afterward by the anthropologist Kathleen Stewart. In the introduction, the editors suggest ways of defining affect, trace the concept’s history, and highlight the role of affect theory in various areas of study.

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What’s the Difference?

The Question of Theory

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A special issue of DIFFERENCES

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This special anniversary issue of DIFFERENCES considers how critical theory has changed in the twenty years since the journal’s inception. DIFFERENCES first appeared in 1989 in the midst of heated debates about the relative merits of poststructural theories of difference and the politics of racial and sexual diversity. In the ensuing years, the journal has established itself as a critical forum where the problematic of differences is explored in texts ranging from the literary and the visual to the political and social. In this issue, contributors bring their own critical convictions, personal passions, and sometimes unexpected investments to bear on questions of what counts as theory today and what kinds of work theory still does.

Distinguished contributors from a variety of disciplines and political positions look at the contemporary theoretical landscape. One contributor argues that the modern university needs to move away from its emphasis on output and to acknowledge instead the pleasures of teaching, learning, and thinking. Another suggests that the confluence of physiology and fantasy in psychoanalyst Melanie Klein’s work offers a new way to think about critical theories of embodiment. Yet another contributor racializes “whiteness,” asking whether a male-authored work that contains no black characters of consequence is nevertheless fair game for a black feminist reading.

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Time Binds
Queer Temporalities, Queer Histories
ELIZABETH FREEMAN

“Time Binds is an elegant book bristling with intelligence and wit. A fascinating blend of the familiar and the new, it will have a major hand in opening up queer theory to its own repressed, to its own dreams, to take its chances.”
—CAROLYN DINSHAW, author of Getting Medieval: Sexualities and Communities, Pre- and Postmodern

Time Binds is a powerful argument that temporal dissonance and sexual dissonance are intertwined, and that the writing of history can be both embodied and erotic. Challenging queer theory’s recent emphasis on loss and trauma, Elizabeth Freeman foregrounds bodily pleasure in the experience and representation of time as she interprets an eclectic archive of queer literature, film, video, and art. The visual artists whose work she examines emerged as artists in a commodified “postfeminist” and “post-gay” world. Yet they do not fully accept the dissipation of political and critical power implied by the idea that various political and social battles have been won and are now consigned to the past. By privileging temporal gaps and narrative detours in their work, these artists suggest ways of putting the past into meaningful, transformative relation with the present. Such “queer asynchronies” provide opportunities for rethinking historical consciousness in erotic terms, thereby countering the methods of traditional and Marxist historiography. Central to Freeman’s argument are the concepts of chrononormativity, the use of time to organize individual human bodies toward maximum productivity; temporal drag, the visceral pull of the past on the supposedly revolutionary present; and erotohistoriography, the conscious use of the body as a channel for and means of understanding the past. Time Binds emphasizes the critique of temporality and history as crucial to queer politics.

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PERVERSE MODERNITIES
A Series Edited by Judith Halberstam and Lisa Lowe

Theory Now
GRANT FARRED & MICHAEL HART, EDITORS

A special issue of the SOUTH ATLANTIC QUARTERLY

This special issue of the South Atlantic Quarterly focuses on theory’s role in contemporary politics, reading, and critiques of literature. Although there will always be questions raised about what theory is, what it can do, and its overall efficacy, “Theory Now” argues that those questions obscure the fact that theory is, and always has been, the precondition for thought.

This issue demonstrates what it means to engage with theory in this particular historical moment. One contributor takes a critical look at Michel Foucault’s final lectures, which have only recently been published in French, and evaluates their potential to instruct contemporary theory and politics. Another contributor contemplates Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick’s legacy and insists that the only way to read her work is to anticipate the effects it may have in the future rather than assume that interpretations of her scholarship are now settled.

With this issue, recently appointed editor Michael Hardt inaugurates “Against the Day,” a new section composed of short essays that focus on a topic of contemporary political importance.

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Andrés Waissman, Tránsitante I, 2004. Mixed technique on canvas. 120 x 100 cm.

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A White Side of Black Britain
Interracial Intimacy and Racial Literacy
FRANCE WINDDANCE TWIN
Photographs by Michael Smyth

“A White Side of Black Britain is likely to become a landmark text in the fields of ‘mixed race’ and whiteness studies. France Winddance Twine offers a sympathetic and generous treatment of a complex and fraught subject, and she combines compelling, intimate vignettes and photos with nuanced analysis and thought-provoking links to contemporary debates.”—Claire Alexander, author of The Art of Being Black: The Creation of Black British Youth Identities

One of the interviewees prepares a jerked chicken dinner with her daughter. Photo by Michael Smyth.

“Investigating the meaning of hip hop for a dedicated group of South Asian American producers, DJs, rappers, and enthusiasts, Nitasha Tamar Sharma does important work illuminating the complexities of the racial order in the United States. She shows how identities formed through consumption and creative expression shape and reflect civic and political identities.”—George Lipsitz, author of Footsteps in the Dark: The Hidden Histories of Popular Music


Hip Hop Desis
South Asian Americans, Blackness, and a Global Race Consciousness
NITASHA TAMAR SHARMA

Hip Hop Desis explores the worldviews of young Americans of South Asian descent (desis) who create hip hop music. Nitasha Tamar Sharma argues that through their lives and lyrics, “hip hop desis” express a global race consciousness reflecting both their sense of connection with Blacks as racialized minorities in the United States and their diasporic sensibility as part of a global community of South Asians. Sharma emphasizes the role of appropriation and sampling in the ways that hip hop desis craft their identities, create art, and pursue social activism. Some of the desi artists at the center of her ethnography produce what she calls “ethnic hip hop,” incorporating South Asian languages, instruments, and immigrant themes. Through ethnic hip hop, desi artists such as KB, Sammy, and Bella DeeJay express “alternative desiness,” challenging assumptions about their identities as South Asians, children of immigrants, minorities, and Americans. Desi artists also contest and seek to bridge perceived divisions between Black and South Asian Americans through “racialized hip hop.” They uncover connections between South Asians and Blacks, highlighting in their lyrics links such as the relationship between Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Mahatma Gandhi. Desi performers including D’Lo, Chee Malabar of Himalayan Project, and Rawj of Feenom Circle create a multiracial form of Black popular culture to fight racism and enact social change.

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Thieving Sugar
Eroticism between Women in Caribbean Literature
OMISE’EKE NATASHA TINSLEY

“Through writing that is as lyrical as the poetry and fiction she analyzes, Omise’ekte Natasha Tinsley makes connections between sugar production in the Caribbean, the paradoxical ‘ungendering’ of black female slaves that makes their sexual self-hood possible, and the landscape of the ‘Global South’ to argue that the history of the black woman’s body in the African Diaspora is shrouded not just in metaphor, but in the materiality of their own world-making.”—E. PATRICK JOHNSON, author of Appropriating Blackness: Performance and the Politics of Authenticity

In Thieving Sugar Omise’ekte Natasha Tinsley explores the poetry and prose of Caribbean women writers, revealing in their imagery a rich tradition of erotic relations between women. She takes the book’s title from Dionne Brand’s novel In Another Place, Not Here, where eroticism between women is likened to the sweet and subversive act of cane cutters stealing sugar. The natural world is repeatedly reclaimed and reinterpreted to express love between women in the poetry and prose Tinsley analyzes. She not only recuperates stories of Caribbean women loving women, which have been ignored or passed over by postcolonial and queer scholarship until now; she also shows how those erotic relations and their literary evocations form a poetics and politics of decolonization. Her interpretations of twentieth-century literature by women from the Dutch-, English-, and French-speaking Caribbean take into account colonialism, migration, labor history, violence, and revolutionary politics. Throughout Thieving Sugar, Tinsley connects her readings to contemporary matters such as neoimperialism and international GLBT and human-rights discourses. She explains too how the texts she examines intervene in black feminist, queer, and postcolonial studies, not least by highlighting the cultural liminations of the metaphors that dominate queer theory in North America and Europe, including those of the closet and “coming out.”

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Monstrous Intimacies
Making Post-Slavery Subjects
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“Monstrous Intimacies is an original, enriching look at the variety of artistic forms and practices that interrogate the illness of the post-slavery subject. It is international in its scope, interdisciplinary in its approach, and consistently intelligent in its execution.”—ASHRAF RUSHDY, author of Remembering Generations: Race and Family in Contemporary African American Fiction

Arguing that the fundamental, familiar sexual violence of slavery and racialized subjugation have continued to shape black and white subjectivities into the present, Christina Sharpe interprets African Diasporic and Black Atlantic visual and literary texts that address those “monstrous intimacies” and their repetition as constitutive of post-slavery subjectivity. Her illuminating readings juxtapose Frederick Douglass’s narrative of witnessing the brutal beating of his Aunt Hester and Essie Mae Washington-Williams’s declaration of freedom in Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond, as well as the “generational genital fantasies” depicted in Gayl Jones’s novel Corregidora and a firsthand account of such monstrous intimacies in the journals of an antebellum South Carolina senator, slave-holder, and vocal critic of miscegenation. Sharpe explores the South African-born writer Bessie Head’s novel Maru—about race, power, and liberation in Botswana—in light of the history of the Khoi San woman Saartje Baartman, who was displayed in Europe as the “Hottentot Venus” during the nineteenth century. Reading Isaac Julien’s film The Attendant, Sharpe delves deeper into issues of representation, slavery, and the sadomasochism of everyday black life. Her powerful meditation on intimacy, subjection, and subjectivity culminates in an analysis of the black and white silhouettes created by Kara Walker and critiques of both the work and the artist.

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So Much Wasted
Hunger, Performance, and the Morbidity of Resistance
PATRICK ANDERSON

“In this brilliant and important book, Patrick Anderson dramatically expands our understanding of anorexia by foregrounding its theatricality and reflexivity, and linking it to prison hunger strikes and certain kinds of endurance art. He shows us how central the self is to all of these practices, both as object and as agent. Self-starvation is often the theater of last resort, the stage on which a person performs when all others have been removed. It can also be a way of spitting out the poisonous images that one has been forced to incorporate. And even a well-balanced meal is not psychically nourishing when you are compelled to eat it, Anderson argues in the last and most compelling chapter of this book. Force-feeding does not support life; it promotes, rather, a living death.”—KAJA SILVERMAN, University of California, Berkeley

In So Much Wasted
Patrick Anderson analyzes self-starvation as a significant mode of staging political arguments across the institutional domains of the clinic, the gallery, and the prison. Honing in on the complicated relationship between those who starve themselves for various reasons and the cultural and political contexts of which they are a part, he examines the diagnostic history of anorexia nervosa, fasts staged by artists including Ana Mendieta and Marina Abramović, and a hunger strike initiated by Turkish prisoners. Anderson explores what it means for the clinic, the gallery, and prison for one to perform a refusal to consume as a strategy of negation or resistance, and how self-starvation, as a project of refusal aimed (however unconsciously) toward death, produces violence, suffering, disappearance, and loss differently from other practices. Drawing on the work of Martin Heidegger, Sigmund Freud, Giorgio Agamben, Peggy Phelan, and others, he considers how the subject of self-starvation is refigured in relation to larger institutional and ideological drives, including those of the state. The ontological significance of performance as disappearance constitutes what Anderson calls the “politics of morbidity,” the embodied, interventional embrace of mortality and disappearance not as destructive but rather as the radically productive stagings of subject formations in which subjectivity and objecthood, presence and absence, and life and death, intertwine.

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Biomedicalization
Technoscience, Health, and Illness in the U.S.
ADELE E. CLARKE, LAURA MAMO, JENNIFER RUTH FOSKET, JENNIFER R. FISHPHMAN & JANET K. SHIM, EDITORS

“The rise of Western scientific medicine fully established the medical sector of the U.S. political economy by the end of the Second World War, the first “social transformation of American medicine.” Then, in an ongoing process called medicalization, the jurisdiction of medicine began expanding, redefining certain areas once deemed moral, social, or legal problems (such as alcoholism, drug addiction, and obesity) as medical problems. The editors of this important collection argue that since the mid-1980s, dramatic and especially technoscientific changes in the constitution, organization, and practices of contemporary biomedicine have coalesced into biomedicalization, the second major transformation of American medicine. This volume offers in-depth analyses and case studies along with the groundbreaking essay in which the editors first elaborated their theory of biomedicalization.

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Surfer Girls in the New World Order

KRISTA COMER

“Surfer Girls in the New World Order is fantastic. The only book that I know of to address girls’ and women’s surfing from an analytical perspective, it opens into provocative questions about globalization and its discontents, ‘ecotourism’ and the surf safari, and conflicting paradigms of gender, economics, race, and culture.”—LESLIE HEYWOOD, author of The Women’s Movement Today: An Encyclopedia of Third-Wave Feminism

In Surfer Girls in the New World Order, Krista Comer explores surfing as a local and global subculture, looking at how surfing has affected girls and how the culture of surfing has been affected by girls, from baby boomers to members of Generation Y. Her analysis encompasses the mostly American middle-class women who come to Las Olas, a surf camp in Sayulita, Mexico, the women of Sayulita who work in the service industries supporting tourism, and the Mexican women and girl surfistas. It includes a write-in candidate for mayor of San Diego, whose political activism grew out of surfing and a desire to protect threatened ecosystems of surf spots; the owners of the Paradise Surf Shop in Santa Cruz and Surf Diva in San Diego, the only two girl-focused surf shops in California; and the observant Muslim woman who started a business from her Huntington Beach home, selling swimsuits that fully cover the body and head. Comer examines texts such as the Roxy Girl series of novels sponsored by the surf wear company Quiksilver, the biography of the champion surfer Lisa Anderson, the Gidget novels and films, the movie Blue Crush, and Surf Diva: A Girl’s Guide to Getting Good Waves. She develops the concept of “girl localism” to argue that the experience of fighting for waves and respect in male-majority surf breaks, along with advocating for the health and sustainable development of coastal towns and waterways, has empowered surfer girls around the world.

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Harem Histories

ENVISIONING PLACES AND LIVING SPACES

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“Harem Histories includes magisterial essays by a number of leading scholars at the top of their game, and takes us through a series of insightful and inspiring examinations of the harem system. Delightful cultural analyses of literary and visual depictions of the harem link Western and Eastern cultural producers, drawing out the tensions and relationships between different socio-sexual orders.”—REINA LEWIS, author of Rethinking Orientalism: Women, Travel, and the Ottoman Harem

Harem Histories is an interdisciplinary collection of essays exploring the harem as it was imagined, represented, and experienced in Middle Eastern and North African societies, while also attending to its representational and political uses by visitors to those societies. One theme that threads through the collection is the intimate interrelatedness of West and East through encounters in and around the harem, whether in the elite socializing of precolonial Tunis or in popular historical novels published in Istanbul and Cairo from the late nineteenth century onward. Several of the contributors focus on European culture as a repository of harem representations, but most of them tackle indigenous representations of home spaces and their significance for how the bodies of men and women, and girls and boys, were distributed in social space, from early Islamic Mecca to early-twentieth-century Cairo.

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Izzy Tihanyi teaches Surf Diva students. Photo by Elizabeth Pepin.
Rethinking Sex
HEATHER LOVE, ANN CVETKOVIĆ & ANNAMARIE JAGOSE, SPECIAL ISSUE EDITORS
A special issue of GLQ

This special issue of GLQ celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of Gayle Rubin’s groundbreaking essay, “Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality.” Credited with inaugurating the contemporary field of sexuality studies, Rubin’s essay calls for an “autonomous theory and politics specific to sexuality.” Looking at the intellectual and political gains of sexual freedom movements over the past two decades, “Rethinking Sex” explores the critical and activist afterlife of the controversial 1982 Barnard Conference on Sexuality, where Rubin originally presented the essay.

In her contribution to this special issue, Rubin reflects on her earlier essay and examines developments in “pro-sex” feminism since the publication of “Thinking Sex.” Other noted scholars assess the significance of Rubin’s work for histories of sexuality and for new areas in queer studies, such as transgender studies, disability studies, and transnational studies. In honoring Rubin’s scholarship, the contributors address the history of sexual theory and politics and the forms that they might take in the twenty-first century.

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Crash
Cinema and the Politics of Speed and Stasis
KAREN BECKMAN

“Karen Beckman’s new book, Crash: Cinema and the Politics of Speed and Stasis, is an inventive exploration of the startling figure of the car crash in the history of film, critical theory, and art practice. In this compelling book, Beckman invokes the crash as a way of working through questions of mobility and stasis, security and transgression, hybridity, and technology, spectatorship, and the body in new and exciting ways. Moving fluidly from the comic and reflexive moments of the car crash in early and silent cinema, to concerns with accident and trauma, especially in non-theatrical films from the thirties to the sixties, and then to the more contemporary work of Warhol, Ballard, Iñárritu, Godard, and Davenport, Beckman exhibits an impressive range of historical, artistic, and theoretical interests, while showing convincingly how the trope of the car crash weaves its way into the cultural life of the twentieth century in ways that parallel Wolfgang Schivelbusch’s pioneering work on the train accident in the nineteenth century. This is a path-breaking book of broad interest to readers in art history, film studies, and critical theory.”—D. N. RODOWICK, Professor of Visual & Environmental Studies, Harvard University

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Laurel and Hardy in Two Tars, 1928.
The Apartment Plot
Urban Living in American Film and Popular Culture, 1945 to 1975
PAMELA ROBERTSON WOJCIK

“I was convinced every step of the way by Pamela Robertson Wojcik’s arguments about the apartment plot, including how it works as a genre as well as a cycle, how it makes concrete and sometimes problematizes an urban philosophy, and how it represents alternative ideological perspectives on postwar adult life otherwise obscured by all the attention to suburban living. This remarkable book offers a necessary corrective to many dominant and simplistic assumptions about postwar American life.”—STEVEN COHAN, author of Incongruous Entertainment: Camp, Cultural Value, and the MGM Musical

Rethinking films including Pillow Talk, Rear Window, and The Seven Year Itch, Pamela Robertson Wojcik examines the popularity of the “apartment plot” from the baby boom years into the 1970s. Wojcik’s term for narratives in which the apartment figures as a central device, the apartment plot was not only central to the era’s films; it also surfaced repeatedly in TV shows, Broadway plays, literature, and comic strips, from The Honeymooners and The Mary Tyler Moore Show to Subways are for Sleeping, Breakfast at Tiffany’s, and Apartment 3G. By identifying the apartment plot as a film genre, she reveals affinities between movies generally viewed as belonging to such distinct genres as film noir, romantic comedy, and melodrama.

Wojcik analyzes the apartment plot as part of a mid-twentieth-century urban discourse, showing how it offers a vision of home centered on values of community, visibility, contact, mobility, impermanence, and porousness that contrasts with views of home as private, stable, and family-based. She suggests that the apartment plot presents a philosophy of urbanism related to the theories of Jane Jacobs and Henri Lefebvre. Urban apartments were important spaces for negotiating gender, sexuality, race, and class in mid-twentieth-century America.

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Lost in Translation
Orientalism, Cinema, and the Enigmatic Signifier
HOMAY KING

“With Lost in Translation, her powerful analysis of Asia as an ‘enigmatic signifier’ for those who inhabit ‘the West,’ Homay King stages a compelling encounter between psychoanalytic theory, especially as reformulated in the texts of Jean Laplanche, and the politics of racial, national, and ethnic representation. Identifying East and West alike as sites of internal alterity, this smart, provocative, and persuasive book resists the familiar reductiveness of multiculturalist piety in order to insist on the ongoing work of finding ourselves, no less than our others, as always already in translation.”—LEE EDELMAN, author of No Future: Queer Theory and the Death Drive

In a nuanced exploration of how Western cinema has represented East Asia as a space of radical indecipherability, Homay King traces a long-standing association of the Orient with the enigmatic. The fantasy of an inscrutable East, she argues, is not merely a side note to film history, but rather a kernel of otherness that has shaped Hollywood cinema at its core. Through close readings of The Lady from Shanghai, Chinatown, Blade Runner, Lost in Translation, and other films, she develops a theory of the “Shanghai gesture,” a trope whereby orientalist curios and decor become saturated with mystery. These objects and signs come to bear the burden of explanation for riddles that escape the Western protagonist or cannot be otherwise resolved by the plot. Turning to visual texts from outside Hollywood which actively grapple with the association of the East and the unintelligible—such as Michelangelo Antonioni’s Chung Kuo: Cina, Wim Wenders’s Notebook on Cities and Clothes, and Sophie Calle’s Exquisite Pain—King suggests alternatives to the paranoid logic of the Shanghai gesture. She argues for the development of a process of cultural “de-translating” aimed at both untangling the psychic enigmas prompting the initial desire to separate the familiar from the foreign, and heightening attentiveness to the internal alterities underlying Western subjectivity.

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Cone’s bohemian apartment in Barefoot in the Park, 1967.

Humphrey Bogart in The Big Sleep, 1946.
The Republic of Therapy
Triage and Sovereignty in West Africa’s Time of AIDS
VINH-KIM NGUYEN

“A tour de force. This sharp, urgent, and intellectually daring book brings uncommon critical insight to the violence of humanistic global health interventions and the searing paradoxes of triage.”—NANCY ROSE HUNT, author of A Colonial Lexicon: Of Birth Ritual, Medicalization, and Mobility in the Congo

The Republic of Therapy tells the story of the global response to the HIV epidemic from the perspective of community organizers, activists, and people living with HIV in West Africa. Drawing on his experiences as a physician and anthropologist in Burkina Faso and Côte-d’Ivoire, Vinh-Kim Nguyen focuses on the period between 1994, when effective antiretroviral treatments for HIV were discovered, and 2000, when the global health community acknowledged a right to treatment, making the drugs more available. He describes how in the intervening years, when antiretrovirals were scarce in Africa, triage decisions were made determining who would receive lifesaving treatment. He explains too how those decisions altered social relations in West Africa. In 1994, anxious to “break the silence” and “put a face to the epidemic,” international agencies unwittingly created a market in which stories about being HIV positive could be bartered for access to limited medical resources. Being able to talk about oneself became a matter of life or death. Tracing the cultural and political logic of triage back to colonial classification systems, Nguyen shows how it persists in contemporary attempts to design, fund, and implement mass treatment programs in the developing world. He argues that as an enactment of decisions about who may live, triage constitutes a partial, mobile form of sovereignty: what might be called therapeutic sovereignty.

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The Professional Guinea Pig
Big Pharma and the Risky World of Human Subjects
ROBERTO ABADIE

“Roberto Abadie has given us a deep, complex, and profoundly disturbing investigation into the dark underside of the clinical trials industry. The Professional Guinea Pig is not just ethnography. It is a call to action.”—CARL ELLIOTT, author of Better than Well: American Medicine Meets the American Dream

The Professional Guinea Pig documents the emergence of the professional research subject in Phase I clinical trials testing the safety of drugs in development. Until the mid-1970s, Phase I trials were conducted on prisoners. After that practice was outlawed, the pharmaceutical industry needed a replacement population and began to aggressively recruit healthy, paid subjects, some of whom came to depend on the income, earning their living by continuously taking part in these trials. Drawing on ethnographic research among self-identified “professional guinea pigs” in Philadelphia, Roberto Abadie examines their experiences and views on the conduct of the trials and the risks they assume by participating. Some of the research subjects he met had taken part in more than 80 Phase I trials. While Abadie found that the professional guinea pigs tended to believe that most clinical trials pose only a moderate health risk, he contends that the hazards presented by continuous participation, such as exposure to potentially dangerous drug interactions, are discounted or ignored by research subjects in need of money. The risks to professional guinea pigs are disregarded by the pharmaceutical industry, because it has become dependent on the routine participation of experienced research subjects. Arguing that financial incentives compromise the ethical imperative for clinical-trials subjects to freely give informed consent, Abadie confirms the need to reform policies regulating the participation of paid subjects in Phase I clinical trials.

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The Elusive Promise of Indigenous Development
Rights, Culture, Strategy
KAREN ENGLE

“If you are interested in indigenous rights, social lawyering, and the strange alchemy by which identity is transformed into right, you will want to read this book. Karen Engle has written a powerful history of the indigenous rights movement, which is simultaneously a meditation on the nature of identity and a primer on international legal strategy.”—DAVID KENNEDY, author of The Dark Sides of Virtue: Reassessing International Humanitarianism

Across the world, indigenous peoples use international law to make claims for heritage, territory, and economic development. Karen Engle traces the history of these claims, considering the prevalence of particular legal frameworks and their costs and benefits for indigenous groups. Her vivid account highlights the dilemmas that accompany each legal strategy, as well as the persistent elusiveness of economic development for indigenous peoples. Focusing primarily on the Americas, Engle describes how cultural rights emerged over self-determination as the dominant legal framework for indigenous advocacy in the late twentieth century, bringing unfortunate, if unintended, consequences.

Conceiving of indigenous rights as cultural rights, Engle argues, has largely displaced or deferred many of the economic and political issues that initially motivated much indigenous advocacy. She contends that by asserting static, essentialized notions of indigenous culture, indigenous rights advocates have often made concessions that threaten to exclude many claimants, force others into norms of cultural cohesion, and limit indigenous economic, political, and territorial autonomy. Engle explores one use of the right to culture outside the context of indigenous rights, through a discussion of a 1993 Colombian law granting certain Afro-descendants the right to apply for collective land title. Following the aspirations for and disappointments in this law, Engle cautions advocates for marginalized communities against learning the wrong lessons from the recent struggles of indigenous peoples at the international level.

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In the Name of Humanity
The Government of Threat and Care
ILANA FELDMAN & MIRIAM TICKTIN, EDITORS

“Like ‘nature,’ ‘humanity’ is a Protean concept that confers immense capacity on those able to act in its name. Exploring the term and its effects from three key vantage points—humanitarianism, medicine, and environment—the papers in this outstanding collection offer a stream of provocative insights and challenging perspectives. In the Name of Humanity is sure to become an essential reference point for future discussions of the human, its outsides, and its negations.”—HUGH RAFFLES, author of Insectopedia

Scientists, activists, state officials, NGOs and others increasingly claim to speak and act on behalf of “humanity.” The remarkable array of circumstances in which humanity is invoked testifies to the category’s universal purchase. Yet what exactly does it mean to govern, fight, and care in the name of humanity? In this timely collection, leading anthropological and cultural critics grapple with that question, examining configurations of humanity in relation to biotechnologies, the natural environment, and humanitarianism and human rights.

The editors argue that ideas about humanity find concrete expression in the governing work that operationalizes those ideas to produce order, prosperity, and security. As a site of governance, humanity appears as both threatened, whether by environmental catastrophe or political upheaval, providing a justification for the elaboration of new governing techniques. At the same time, humanity itself is identified as a threat (to nature, to nation, to global peace) which governance must contain. These apparently contradictory understandings of the relation of the threat to the category of humanity coexist and remain in tension, helping to maintain the dynamic co-production of governance and humanity.

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Pretty Modern
Beauty, Sex, and Plastic Surgery in Brazil
ALEXANDER EDMONDS

“A masterpiece. Pretty Modern is one of the most nuanced and beautifully crafted ethnographies out there.”—JOÃO BIEHL, Princeton University

Pretty Modern is a riveting account of Brazil’s emergence as a global leader in plastic surgery. Intrigued by a Carnival parade that mysteriously paid homage to a Rio de Janeiro plastic surgeon, the anthropologist Alexander Edmonds conducted research that took him from Ipanema socialite circles to glitzy telenovela studios to the packed waiting rooms of public hospitals offering free cosmetic surgery. The result is a provocative exploration of the erotic, commercial, and intimate aspects of beauty in a nation with extremes of wealth and poverty and a reputation for natural sensuality. Drawing on conversations with maids and their elite mistresses, divorced housewives, black celebrities, and favela residents aspiring to be fashion models, he analyzes what sexual desirability means and does for women in different social positions. Edmonds argues that beauty is a distinct realm of modern experience that does not simply reflect other inequalities. It mimics the ambiguous emancipatory potential of capital, challenging traditional hierarchies while luring consumers into a sexual culture that reduces the body to the brute biological criteria of attractiveness. Illustrated with color photographs, Pretty Modern offers a fresh theoretical perspective on the significance of female beauty in consumer capitalism.

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Cosmologies of Credit
Transnational Mobility and the Politics of Destination in China
JULIE Y. CHU

“Cosmologies of Credit is a rich ethnography of migration that describes departures rather than arrivals, debts to gods that loom as large as debts to humans, and the lived experience of mobility without movement. Julie Y. Chu provides wonderfully subtle renderings of passionate and painful longings not to be left behind. One of the most astute and beautifully written ethnographies about China, Cosmologies of Credit is a pleasure to read.”—LISA ROFEL, author of Desiring China: Experiments in Neoliberalism, Sexuality, and Public Culture

Year after year a woman sits in her bare living quarters with her bags packed. She is waiting for a phone call from her snakehead, or human smuggler. That longed-for call will send her out the door, away from Fuzhou, China, on a perilous, illicit journey to the United States. Nothing diffuses the promise of an overseas destiny: neither the ever-increasing smuggling fee for successful travel (currently averaging $60,000) or her knowledge of the deadly risks in transit and the exploitative labor conditions abroad. The sense of imminent departure enchants her every move and overshadows the banalities of her present life. In this engrossing ethnographic account of how the Fuzhounese translate their desires for mobility into projects worth pursuing, Julie Y. Chu focuses on Fuzhounese efforts to recast their social horizons beyond the limitations of “peasant life” in China. Transcending utilitarian questions of risks and rewards, she considers the overflow of aspirations in the Fuzhounese pursuit of transnational destinations. Chu attends not just to the migration of bodies, but also to flows of shipping containers, planes, luggage, immigration papers, money, food, prayers, and gods. By analyzing the intersections and disjunctures of these various flows, she shows how mobility operates as a sign embodied through everyday encounters and the transactions of persons and things.

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Arrested Histories
Tibet, the CIA, and Memories of a Forgotten War
CAROLE MCGRANAHAN

“Arrested Histories is dense with insights, and new ways of looking at its subjects. It shows incredible range, from person- and innovative family-centered approaches to broad regional analysis to even broader international relations on the borders between Tibet, India, and China and on the border-like edge of relations between the Tibetan resistance army and the CIA. A book that will be of intense interest to scholars interested in incisive political economic analysis of imperial formations of any era or locale.”—CATHERINE LUTZ, author of *Homefront: A Military City and the American Twentieth Century*


In the 1950s, thousands of ordinary Tibetans rose up to defend their country and religion against Chinese troops. Their citizens’ army fought through 1974 with covert support from the Tibetan exile government and the governments of India, Nepal, and the United States. Decades later, the story of this resistance is only beginning to be told and has not yet entered the annals of Tibetan national history. In *Arrested Histories*, the anthropologist and historian Carole McGranahan asks how and why histories of this resistance army are “arrested” and what the ensuing repercussions are for the Tibetan refugee community.

Drawing on rich ethnographic and historical research, McGranahan tells the story of the Tibetan resistance and the social processes through which this history is made and unmade, and lived and forgotten in the present. Veterans’ desires for recognition hinge on the Dalai Lama and “historical arrest,” a practice in which the telling of certain pasts is suspended until an undetermined time in the future. In this analysis, struggles over history emerge as a profound pain of belonging. Tibetan cultural politics, regional identities, and religious commitments cannot be disentangled from imperial histories, contemporary geopolitics, and romanticized representations of Tibet. Moving deftly from the military battlefield to nonviolent hunger strikes, and from diplomatic offices to refugee camps, *Arrested Histories* provides powerful insights into the stakes of political engagement and the cultural contradictions of everyday life.

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In the Shadows of the State
Indigenous Politics, Environmentalism, and Insurgency in Jharkhand, India
ALPA SHAH

“In the Shadows of the State suggests that well-meaning indigenous rights and development claims and interventions may misrepresent and hurt the very people they seek to help. It is a powerful critique based on extensive ethnographic research in Jharkhand, a state in eastern India officially created in 2000. While the realization of an independent Jharkhand was the culmination of many years of local, regional, and transnational activism for the rights of the region’s culturally autonomous indigenous people, Alpa Shah argues that the activism unintentionally further marginalizes the region’s poorest people. Based on a decade of ethnographic research in Jharkhand, she follows the everyday lives of some of the poorest villagers as they chase away protected wild elephants, try to cut down the forests they allegedly live in harmony with, maintain a healthy skepticism about the revival of the indigenous governance system, and seek to avoid the initial spread of an armed revolution of Maoist guerrillas who claim to represent them. Juxtaposing these experiences with the accounts of the village elites and the rhetoric of the urban indigenous-rights activists, Shah reveals a class dimension to the indigenous-rights movement, one easily lost in the cultural-based identity politics that the movement produces. *In the Shadows of the State* brings together ethnographic and theoretical analyses to show that the local use of global discourses of indigeneity often reinforces a class system that harms the poorest people.

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Adopted Territory
Transnational Korean Adoptees and the Politics of Belonging

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“Adopted Territory is amazing: deeply felt, moving, and true. It is an exemplary work of the new ‘transnationalism’ scholarship, and it moves adoption scholarship beyond some unhelpful ideas that haunt the field. Eleana J. Kim is both detached and engaged, embracing ambiguity and irony, while valuing the multiple kinds of ethnographic subjects she studies and the labor of identity-making by the Korean adoptees. In addition, the history of the emergent networks of Korean adoptees has not been told, and I imagine that its existence will come as a revelation for many.” —LAURA BRIGGS, co-editor of International Adoption: Global Inequalities and the Circulation of Children

Since the end of the Korean War, an estimated 200,000 children from South Korea have been adopted into white families in North America, Europe, and Australia. While these transnational adoptions were initiated as an emergency measure to find homes for mixed-race children born in the aftermath of the war, the practice grew exponentially from the 1960s through the 1980s. At the height of South Korea’s “economic miracle,” adoption became an institutionalized way of dealing with poor and illegitimate children. Most of the adoptees were raised with little exposure to Koreans or other Korean adoptees, but as adults, through global flows of communication, media, and travel, they came into increasing contact with each other, Korean culture, and the South Korean state. Since the 1990s, as infants have continued to leave Korea for adoption to the West, a growing number of adult adoptees have been returning to seek their cultural and biological origins. In this fascinating ethnography, Eleana J. Kim examines the history of Korean adoption, the emergence of a distinctive adoptee collective identity, and the politics of belonging of South Korean modernity and globalization. Kim draws on interviews with adoptees, social workers, NGO volunteers, adoptee activists, scholars, and journalists in the U.S., Europe, and South Korea, as well as on observations at international adoptee conferences, regional organization meetings, and government-sponsored motherland tours.

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Over There
Living with the U.S. Military Empire from World War II to the Present

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“Over There is a splendid book. Maria Höhn and Seungsook Moon are themselves experienced investigators into the multi-layerings of U.S. military influence in Germany and South Korea. Here they’ve combined their gender-smart research with that of insightful contributors to offer us fresh understandings of how German, Japanese, and Korean women and men see the American bases in their midst and cope with U.S. policies designed to make them complicit. I have learned a lot from Over There.” —CYNTHIA ENLOE, author of Nimo’s War, Emma’s War: Making Feminist Sense of the Iraq War

Over There explores the social impact of America’s global network of more than 700 military bases. It does so by examining interactions between U.S. soldiers and members of host communities in the three locations—Korea, Japan/Okinawa, and West Germany—where more than two thirds of American overseas military bases and troops were concentrated for the past six decades. The essays in this collection highlight the role of shared cultural and racial assumptions in the maintenance of the American military base system and the ways that civil-military relations play out locally. The contributors describe how political, spatial, and social arrangements shape relations between American garrisons and surrounding communities. They emphasize the importance of matters such as whether bases are integrated into neighboring communities or isolated and surrounded by “camp towns” wholly dependent on their business, and whether the United States sends single soldiers without families on one-year tours of duty or soldiers who bring their families and serve longer tours. Delving into the implications of these factors affecting military-civilian interactions, the contributors address U.S. military-regulated relations between GIS and local women; the roles of American women, including military wives, abroad; local resistance to the U.S. military presence; and racial strife, sexism, and homophobia within the U.S. military. Over There is an essential analysis of the American military as a global and transnational phenomenon.

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The Problem of the Future World
W. E. B. Du Bois and the Race Concept at Midcentury
ERIC PORTER

“The Problem of the Future World is in every respect a superior work of scholarship. It is a major contribution to the field of Du Bois studies, where sustained, careful examinations of the theorist’s later writings are especially lacking; to mid-century U.S. intellectual history; and to contemporary theories and criticism of U.S. racial formations.”—NIKHIL PAL SINGH, author of Black Is a Country: Race and the Unfinished Struggle for Democracy

The Problem of the Future World is a compelling reassessment of the later writings of the iconic African American activist and intellectual W. E. B. Du Bois. As Eric Porter points out, despite the outpouring of scholarship devoted to Du Bois, the broad range of writing he produced during the 1940s and early 1950s has not been thoroughly examined in its historical context, nor has sufficient attention been paid to the theoretical interventions he made during those years. Porter moves Du Bois’s late work in relation to what he calls “the first post-racial moment.” He suggests that Du Bois’s mid-century writings are so distinctive and so relevant for contemporary scholarship, because they were attuned to the shape-shifting character of modern racism, and in particular to the ways that discredited racial taxonomies remained embedded and in force in existing political-economic arrangements at both the local and global scales. Porter moves the conversation about Du Bois and race forward in existing political-economic arrangements at both the local and global scales. Porter moves the conversation about Du Bois and race forward in existing political-economic arrangements at both the local and global scales. Porter moves the conversation about Du Bois and race forward in existing political-economic arrangements at both the local and global scales.

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Wrestling with the Left
The Making of Ralph Ellison’s Invisible Man
BARBARA FOLEY

“In Wrestling with the Left, Barbara Foley presents an in-depth analysis of the creation of Invisible Man. In the process she sheds new light not only on Ralph Ellison’s celebrated novel but also on his early radicalism and the relationship between African American writers and the left during the early years of the cold war. Foley scrutinized thousands of pages of drafts and notes for the novel, as well as the author’s early journalism and fiction, published and unpublished. While Ellison had cut his ties with the Communist left by the time he began Invisible Man in 1945, Foley argues that it took him nearly seven years to wrestle down his leftist consciousness (or conscience) and produce the carefully patterned cold war text that won the National Book Award in 1953 and has since become a widely taught American classic. She interweaves her account of the novel's composition with the history of American Communism, linking Ellison’s political and artistic transformations to his distress at the Communists’ wartime policies, his growing embrace of American nationalism, his isolation from radical friends, and his recognition, as the cold war heated up, that an explicitly leftist writer could not expect to have a viable literary career. Foley suggests that by expunging a leftist vision from Invisible Man, Ellison rendered his novel not only less radical but also less humane than it might otherwise have been.

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A Century of Revolution
Insurgent and Counterinsurgent Violence during Latin America’s Long Cold War
GREG GRANDIN & GILBERT M. JOSEPH, EDITORS

“The abstract rejection of violence is one of the pillars of today’s hegemonic liberal ideology, and is paradoxically used to legitimize most brutal forms of actual violence. This is why this outstanding book not only offers an excellent study of the Latin American revolutionary process but has universal relevance. Its precise analysis of the necessary role of emancipatory violence against the violence of the system itself brings much-needed fresh air into the stale moralm of the liberal Left. A much-needed awakening from our humanitarian dogmatic dream!”—SLAVOJ ŽIŽEK

Latin America experienced an epochal cycle of revolutionary upheavals and insurgencies during the twentieth century, from the Mexican Revolution of 1910 through the mobilization and terror in Central America, the Southern Cone, and the Andes during the 1970s and 1980s. In his introduction to A Century of Revolution, Greg Grandin argues that the dynamics of political violence and terror in Latin America are so recognizable in their enforcement of domination, generation and maintenance of social exclusion, and propulsion of historical change that historians have tended to take them for granted, leaving unexamined important questions regarding their form and meaning. The essays in this groundbreaking collection take up those questions, providing a sociologically and historically nuanced view of the ideological hardening and accelerated polarization that marked Latin America’s twentieth century. Attentive to the interplay among overlapping local, regional, national, and international fields of power, the contributors focus primarily on the dialectical relations between revolutionary and counterrevolutionary processes and their unfolding in the context of U.S. hemispheric and global hegemony. Through their fine-grained analyses of events in Chile, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru, they suggest a framework for interpreting the ethnographic, or experiential, nature of political violence while also analyzing its historical causes and consequences.

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Hotel Trópico
Brazil and the Challenge of African Decolonization, 1950–1980
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“Hotel Trópico is a superb book. It takes on broad themes such as race and imperialism, modifies much of the current knowledge about Brazil’s dictatorship, and suggests a reevaluation of that form of government in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay. Hotel Trópico will be read not only by scholars of Brazil and Latin America but also by those studying Africa, empire, and postcolonialism.”—JEFFREY LESSER, author of A Discontented Diaspora: Japanese Brazilians and the Meanings of Ethnic Militancy, 1960–1980

In the wake of African decolonization, Brazil attempted to forge connections with newly independent nations. In the early 1960s, it launched an effort to establish diplomatic ties with African countries; in the 1970s, it undertook trade campaigns to open African markets to Brazilian technology. Hotel Trópico reveals the perceptions, particularly regarding race, of the diplomats and intellectuals who traveled to Africa on Brazil’s behalf. Jerry Dávila analyzes how their actions were shaped by ideas of Brazil as an emerging world power, ready to expand its sphere of influence; of Africa as the natural place to assert that influence, given its historical (slave-trade) ties to Brazil; and of twentieth-century Brazil as a “racial democracy,” a uniquely harmonious mix of races and cultures. While the experiences of Brazilian policymakers and diplomats in Africa reflected the logic of racial democracy, they also exposed ruptures in such an interpretation of Brazilian identity. Did Brazil share a “lusotropical” identity with Portugal and its African colonies, so that it was bound to support Portuguese colonialism at the expense of Brazil’s ties with African nations? Or was Brazil a country of “Africans of every color,” compelled to support decolonization in its role as a natural leader in the South Atlantic? Drawing on interviews with retired Brazilian diplomats and intellectuals, Dávila shows the Brazilian belief in racial democracy to concern not only race but also Portuguese ethnicity.

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**Into the Archive**  
**Writing and Power in Colonial Peru**  
**KATHRYN BURNS**

“Kathryn Burns leads us into the archive through a fine-grained historical ethnography of notarial practice and its social context in colonial Cuzco. Gracefully written and engaging, yet rigorous in its use of historical materials and its social analysis, *Into the Archive’s* reading of the colonial notarial office as a space of political and social negotiation and intrigue will transform our appreciation of these repositories and our understanding of the colonial Latin American ‘lettered city.’ No longer transparent, the very production of archival documents becomes a space in which colonial society is revealed.”—JOANNE RAPPAORT, author of *The Politics of Memory: Native Historical Interpretation in the Colonial Andes*

Writing has long been linked to power. For early modern people on both sides of the Atlantic, writing was also the province of notaries, men trained to cast other people’s words in official forms and make them legally true. Thus the first thing Columbus did on American shores in October 1492 was have a notary record his claim of territorial possession. It was the written, notarial word—backed by all the power of Castilian enforcement—that first constituted Spanish American empire. Even so, the Spaniards who invaded America could not do without these men. Contemporary scholars also rely on the vast paper trail left by notaries to make sense of the Latin American past. How then to approach the question of notarial truth?

Kathryn Burns argues that the archive itself must be historicized. Using the case of colonial Cuzco, she examines the practices that shaped document making. Notaries were businessmen, selling clients a product that conformed to local “custom” as well as Spanish templates. Clients, for their part, were knowledgeable consumers, with strategies of their own for getting what they wanted. In this inside story of the early modern archive, Burns offers a wealth of possibilities for seeing sources in fresh perspective.

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**A Culture of Stone**  
**Inka Perspectives on Rock**  
**CAROLYN DEAN**

“The sixteenth-century Spanish priest Cristóbal de Albornoz noted that over half of the sacred things in the Inka capital of Cuzco were rocks. In her stimulating new book Carolyn Dean explores this ‘culture of stone,’ considering ways in which rock outcrops and other rock forms were the focus of ritual practice and spiritual belief. This insightful and thought-provoking study reframes the way we consider the Inka visual world, illuminating key aspects of pre-Hispanic understandings of landscape and the built environment.”—JOANNE PILSBURY, Director of Pre-Columbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks

A major contribution to both art history and Latin American studies, *A Culture of Stone* offers sophisticated new insights into Inka culture and the interpretation of non-Western art. Carolyn Dean focuses on rock outcrops masterfully integrated into Inka architecture, exquisitely worked masonry, and free-standing sacred rocks, explaining how certain stones took on a life of their own and played a vital role in the unfolding of Inka history. Examining the multiple uses of stone, she argues that the Inka understood building in stone as a way of ordering the chaos of unordered nature, converting untamed spaces into domesticated places, and laying claim to new territories. Dean contends that understanding what the rocks signified requires seeing them as the Inka saw them: as potentially animate, sentient, and sacred. Through careful analysis of Inka stonework, colonial-period accounts of the Inka, and contemporary ethnographic and folkloric studies of indigenous Andean culture, Dean reconstructs the relationship between stonework and other aspects of Inka life, including imperial expansion, worship, and agriculture. She also scrutinizes meanings imposed on Inka stone by the colonial Spanish and, later, by tourism and the tourist industry. *A Culture of Stone* is a compelling multidisciplinary argument for rethinking how we see and comprehend the Inka past.

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Che’s Travels
The Making of a Revolutionary in 1950s Latin America
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“Che’s Travels is superb. Following the always interesting Che and his motorcycle across 1950s Latin America is a great way to cover most of the region and an absolutely crucial moment in Latin American history.”
—STEVE STRIFFLER, author of In the Shadows of State and Capital: The United Fruit Company, Popular Struggle, and Agrarian Restructuring in Ecuador, 1900–1995

Ernesto “Che” Guevara twice traveled across Latin America in the early 1950s. Based on his accounts of those trips (published in English as The Motorcycle Diaries and Back on the Road), as well as other historical sources, Che’s Travels follows Guevara, country by country, from his native Argentina through Chile, Peru, Colombia, and Venezuela, and then from Argentina through Bolivia, Peru, Guatemala, and Mexico. Each essay is focused on a single country and written by an expert in its history. Taken together, the essays shed new light on Che’s formative years by analyzing the distinctive societies, histories, politics, and cultures he encountered on these two trips, the ways they affected him, and the ways he represented them in his travelogues. In addition to offering new insights into Guevara, the essays provide a fresh perspective on Latin America’s experience of the Cold War and the interplay of nationalism and anti-imperialism in the crucial but relatively understudied 1950s. Assessing Che’s legacies in countries he visited on the two cross-continental trips, the contributors examine how he is remembered or memorialized; how he is invoked for political, cultural, and religious purposes; and how perceptions of him affect ideas about the revolutions and counterrevolutions fought in Latin America from the 1960s through the 1980s. Through detailed analysis, this collection emphasizes the historical significance of Che’s travels across Latin America in the early 1950s.

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Storytelling Globalization from the Chaco and Beyond
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“In this instructive and original work, modernity and the drama of globalization offer a historical horizon in relation to which both the activity of the anthropologist and the problems faced by the Yshiro communities in Paraguay are explored. Border dialogue (perhaps even border anthropology) is born precisely in the encounter between modernizing tendencies and the opening up of a different global imaginary, one rooted in the reality of there being many epistemic and social worlds.”
—NELSON MALDONADO-TORRES, author of Against War: Views from the Underside of Modernity

For more than fifteen years, Mario Blaser has been involved with the Yshiro indigenous people of the Paraguayan Chaco as they have sought to maintain their world in the face of conservation and development programs promoted by the state and various non-governmental organizations. In this ethnography of the encounter between modernizing visions of development, the place-based “life projects” of the Yshiro, and the agendas of scholars and activists, Blaser argues for understanding the political mobilization of the Yshiro and other indigenous peoples as part of a struggle to make the global age hospitable to a “pluriverse” containing multiple worlds or realities. As he explains, most knowledge about the Yshiro produced by non-indigenous “experts” has been based on modern Cartesian dualisms separating subject and object, mind and body, and nature and culture. Such thinking differs profoundly from the relational ontology enacted by the Yshiro and other indigenous peoples. Attentive to people’s unique experiences of place and self, the Yshiro reject universal knowledge claims, unlike Western modernity, which assumes the existence of a universal reality and refuses the existence of other ontologies or realities. In Storytelling Globalization from the Chaco and Beyond, Blaser engages in storytelling as a knowledge practice grounded in a relational ontology and attuned to the ongoing struggle for a pluriversal globality.

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NEW ECOCOLOGIES FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
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Blacks and Blackness in Central America
Between Race and Place
LOWELL GUDMUNDSON & JUSTIN WOLFE, EDITORS

“This important collection of essays puts Central America firmly on the African Diaspora map. Blacks and Blackness in Central America is the onestop volume that gathers together the leading scholars of the topic. They offer clear windows into their many years of research and discovery, collectively convincing the reader that Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica were far from marginal to the historical trajectories of people of African descent in the Americas.”—MATTHEW RESTALL, author of The Black Middle: Africans, Mayas, and Spaniards in Colonial Yucatán

Many of the earliest Africans to arrive in the Americas came to Central America with Spanish colonists in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. People of African descent constituted the majority of nonindigenous populations in the region long thereafter. Yet in the development of national identities and historical consciousness, Central American nations have often countenanced widespread practices of social, political, and regional exclusion of blacks. The postcolonial development of mestizo or mixed-race ideologies of national identity have systematically downplayed African roots and participation in favor of Spanish and Indian antecedents and contributions. In addition, a powerful sense of place and belonging has led many peoples of African descent in Central America to identify themselves as something other than African American, reinforcing the tendency of local and foreign scholars to see Central America as peripheral to the African diaspora in the Americas. The essays in this collection begin to recover the forgotten and downplayed histories of blacks in Central America, demonstrating their centrality to the region’s history from the earliest colonial times to the present. They reveal how modern nationalist attempts to define mixed race majorities as “Indo-Hispanic,” or as anything but African American, clash with the historical record of the first region of the Americas in which African Americans not only gained the right to vote but repeatedly held high office, including the presidency, following independence from Spain in 1821.

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In the Name of El Pueblo
Place, Community, and the Politics of History in Yucatán
PAUL K. EISS

“Few regions of Mexico have elicited as sophisticated a dialogue between history and anthropology as Yucatán has of late. With this volume, Paul K. Eiss positions himself at the crest of this new wave of interdisciplinary scholarship. Daunting in its chronological scope and breadth of research and analysis; pioneering in its interwoven understanding of community, popular politics, state formation, indigenous identity, and historical memory; and distinguished by a meticulously crafted and often haunting narrative, this volume sets a new standard for the production of Mexican social histories and ethnographies. In the Name of El Pueblo is a splendid achievement, not least for the probing questions it raises about the nature of history itself.”—GILBERT M. JOSEPH, Yale University

The term “el pueblo” is used throughout Latin America, referring alternately to small towns, to community, or to “the people” as a political entity. In this vivid anthropological and historical analysis of Mexico’s Yucatán peninsula, Paul K. Eiss explores the multiple meanings of el pueblo and the power of the concept to unite the diverse claims made in its name. Eiss focuses on working-class indigenous and mestizo populations, examining how those groups negotiated the meaning of el pueblo among themselves and in their interactions with outsiders, including landowners, activists, and government officials. Combining extensive archival and ethnographic research, he demonstrates how residents of the region have laid claim to el pueblo in varied ways, as exemplified in communal narratives recorded in archival documents, in the performance of plays and religious processions, and in struggles over land, politics, and the built environment. Eiss demonstrates that while el pueblo is used throughout the hemisphere, the term is given meaning and power through the ways it is imagined and constructed in local contexts. Moreover, he reveals el pueblo to be a concept that is as historical as it is political. It is in the name of el pueblo—that rather than class, race, or nation—that inhabitants of northwestern Yucatán stake their deepest claims not only to social or political rights, but over history itself.

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“Inequality in virtually all its multifaceted dimensions and in extremely varied surroundings does indeed appear to be an ‘indelible’ characteristic of contemporary Latin American society. Conventional literature tends to treat the issue either in strictly economic or political economic terms, or in ways that suggest invariant deficiencies. This collection explores it in a more complex and intellectually satisfying way, by treating inequality as ‘relational,’ following the thought of the late Charles Tilly. This approach opens up the phenomenon of inequality to a much broader range of descriptive and analytical strategies, aptly illustrated by the diversity of approaches represented in this volume.”—JOHN COATSWORTH, Columbia University

In this collection, anthropologists, cultural critics, historians, and political scientists from North and South America illuminate the diverse processes that have combined to produce and reproduce inequalities in Latin America, as well as some of their links to and implications for North Americans. While one essay is a broad yet nuanced analysis of Latin American inequality and its persistence, another is a fine-grained ethnographic view of everyday life and aspirations among shantytown residents living on the outskirts of Lima. Other essays address topics such as the initial bifurcation of Peru’s health care system into one for urban workers and another for the rural poor, the asymmetrical distribution of political information in Brazil, and an evolving Cuban “aesthetics of inequality,” which incorporates hip hop and other transnational cultural currents. Exploring the dilemmas of Latin American inequalities as they are playing out in the United States, a contributor focuses on new immigrant Mexican farmworkers in upstate New York to show how these undocumented workers become a vulnerable rural underclass.

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Crafting Mexico
Intellectuals, Artisans, and the State after the Revolution
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“Crafting Mexico covers much new territory. Its linkage of local, national, and transnational history is exemplary.”—MARY KAY VAUGHAN, co-editor of The Eagle and the Virgin: Nation and Cultural Revolution in Mexico, 1920–1940

After Mexico’s revolution of 1910–1920, intellectuals sought to forge a unified cultural nation out of the country’s diverse populace. Their efforts resulted in an “ethnized” interpretation of Mexicanness that intentionally incorporated elements of folk and indigenous culture. In this rich history, Rick A. López explains how thinkers and artists, including the anthropologist Manuel Gamio, the composer Carlos Chávez, the educator Moisés Sáenz, the painter Diego Rivera, and many less-known figures formulated and promoted a notion of nationhood in which previously denigrated vernacular arts—dance, music, and handicrafts such as textiles, basketry, ceramics, wooden toys, and ritual masks—came to be seen as symbolic of Mexico’s modernity and national distinctiveness. López examines how the nationalist project intersected with transnational intellectual and artistic currents, as well as how it was adapted in rural communities. He provides an in-depth account of artisans’ practices in one such community, the village of Olinalá. Located in the mountainous southern state of Guerrero, Olinalá is renowned for its lacquered boxes and gourds, which have been considered since the 1920s among the “most Mexican” of the nation’s arts. Crafting Mexico illuminates the role of cultural politics and visual production in Mexico’s transformation from a regionally and culturally fragmented country into a modern nation-state with an inclusive and compelling national identity.

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New Materialisms
Ontology, Agency, and Politics
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“The essays collected here—authored by leading political theorists, feminist and cultural critics—examine the ‘choreographies of becoming’ and move beyond constructivism and humanism to track processes of de- and re-materialization. The effect is to scramble habitual categories of thought—active versus passive, inert versus animate, political versus ontological, causality versus spontaneity—and force us to think materiality, not matter, for, as the editors put it: ‘materiality is always something more than “mere” matter: an excess, force, vitality, relationality or difference that renders matter active, self-creative, productive, unpredictable.’”—BONNIE HONIG, author of Emergency Politics: Paradox, Law, Democracy

New Materialisms rethinks the relevance of materialist philosophy in the midst of a world shaped by forces such as digital and biotechnologies, global warming, global capital, and population flows. Moving away from modes of inquiry that have prioritized the study of consciousness and subjectivity over matter, the essays in this collection show that any account of experience, agency, and political action demands renewed attention to the urgent issues of our own material existence and our environment. The editors propose “new materialisms” as a way to take matter seriously without falling into the conceptual dualism that posits an opposition between matter and thought, materialism and idealism, and body and mind. They locate new materialisms within post-humanist discourses, explaining that new materialist philosophies do not privilege human bodies, but rather view human bodies as one of many bodies, or agential materialities, in the world. By revealing how emerging accounts of matter, materiality, and corporeality are combining with developments in science and technology to demand radically new conceptions of nature, agency, and social and political relationships, New Materialisms makes a significant contribution to the recent resurgence of interest in phenomenology and materialist philosophy in the humanities.

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Europe’s Indians
Producing Racial Difference, 1500–1900
VANITA SETH

“Vanita Seth offers both a novel understanding of how difference is represented in early and high modern European political thought and a compelling new way to theorize difference. This is politically motivated scholarship at its finest—probing, learned, meticulous, interdisciplinary, imaginative, and fearlessly critical.”—WENDY BROWN, University of California, Berkeley

Europe’s Indians forces a rethinking of key assumptions regarding difference—particularly racial difference—and its centrality to contemporary social and political theory. Tracing shifts in European representations of two different colonial spaces, the New World and India, from the late fifteenth century through the late nineteenth, Vanita Seth demonstrates that the classification of humans into racial categories or binaries of self-other is a product of modernity. Part history, part philosophy, and part a history of science, her account exposes the epistemic conditions that enabled the thinking of difference at distinct historical junctures. Seth’s examination of Renaissance, Classical Age, and nineteenth-century representations of difference reveals radically divergent forms of knowing, reasoning, organizing thought, and authorizing truth. It encompasses stories of monsters, new worlds, and ancient lands; the theories of individual agency expounded by Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau; and the physiological sciences of the nineteenth century. European knowledge, she argues, does not reflect a singular history of Reason, but rather multiple traditions of reasoning, of historically bounded and contingent forms of knowledge. Europe’s Indians shows that a history of colonialism and racism must also be an investigation into the historical production of subjectivity, agency, epistemology, and the body.

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In *Alimentary Tracts* Parama Roy argues that who eats and with whom, who starves, and what is rejected as food are questions fundamental to empire, decolonization, and globalization. In crucial ways, she suggests, colonialism reconfigured the sensorium of colonizer and colonized, generating novel experiences of desire, taste, and appetite and new technologies of the embodied self. For colonizers, Indian nationalists, diasporic persons, and others in the colonial and postcolonial world orders, the alimentary tract functioned as an important corporeal, psycho-affect, and ethicopolitical contact zone, staging questions of identification, desire, difference, and responsibility. Interpreting texts that have addressed cooking, dining, taste, hunger, excesses, and aversions in South Asia and its diaspora since the mid-nineteenth century, Roy relates historical events and literary figures to tropes of disgust, abstinence, dearth, and appetite as ‘biomoral’ categories that transformed traditional vectors of cultural analysis and social action. Roy’s book is, unsurprisingly, great food for thought. It yields exquisite morsels along-side an intellectual savoring of all those gastronomic staples that resonate throughout history and literature. Did chapatis leave the Mutiny? How did salt marinate the satyagraha? And why does the diaspora crave chutney and spices?—SRINIVAS ARAVAMUDAN, author of *Guru English: South Asian Religion in a Cosmopolitan Language*

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The Living, Dead, and Undead in Japan’s Imperialism, 1895–1945
MARK DRISCOLL

“Absolute Erotic, Absolute Grotesque is not simply an informed account of Japan’s imperial adventure in Asia but also an original and thought provoking rethinking of how we must proceed if we are to understand the dynamic relationship between the theoretically general and the historically concrete. One of the book’s principal effects is to liberate the discourse of postcolonialism from its dominant Anglo-Indian emphasis by grounding it in a different historical and imperial configuration.”—HARRY HAROOTUNIAN, author of The Empire’s New Clothes: Paradigm Lost, and Regained

In this major reassessment of Japanese imperialism in Asia, Mark Driscoll foregrounds the role of human life and labor. Drawing on subaltern postcolonial studies and Marxism, he directs critical attention to the peripheries, where figures including Chinese coolies, Japanese pimps, trafficked Japanese women, and Korean tenant farmers supplied the vital energy that drove Japan’s empire. Driscoll identifies three phases of Japan’s capitalist expansion, each powered by distinct modes of capturing and expropriating life and labor: biopolitics (1895–1914), neoliberal politics (1920–32), and necropolitics (1935–45). During the first phase, Japanese elites harnessed the labor of marginalized subjects as they colonized Taiwan, Korea, and south Manchuria, and sent hustlers and sex workers into China to expand its market hegemony. Linking the deformed bodies laboring in the peripheries with the “erotic-grotesque” media in the metropole, he centers the second phase on commercial sexology, pornography, and detective stories in Tokyo to argue that by 1930, capitalism had colonized all aspects of human life: not just labor practices, but also consumers’ attention and leisure time. Focusing on Japan’s Manchukuo colony in the third phase, he shows what happens to the central figures of biopolitics as they are subsumed under necropolitical capitalism: coolies become forced laborers, pimps turn into state officials and authorized narcotraffickers, and sex workers become “comfort women.” Driscoll concludes by discussing Chinese fiction written inside Manchukuo, describing the everyday violence unleashed by necropolitics.

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Beyond the Strai(gh)ts
Transnationalism and Queer Chinese Politics
PETRUS LIU & LISA ROFEL, SPECIAL ISSUE EDITORS

This special issue asks what it means to be queer in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong in an increasingly transnational world. Essays by a range of activists, artists, public intellectuals, and scholars consider how closer relations with the West have become integral to perceptions of gender and sexuality within China and how transnationalism has affected Chinese pop culture, social mores, and politics. “Beyond the Strai(gh)ts” explores what constitutes Chinese politics and the ways that these politics shape and are shaped by queer lives as transnational formations.

Bringing together essays from Asian America, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and mainland China, this issue looks at everyday images of queer people in China and perceptions of those images. Comparing queer politics in Taiwan and China, other contributors show how realities in these two separate queer communities often differ from perception. One article presents an image of an emergent queer culture in China that runs contrary to the bleak picture of state persecution of homosexuals dominating Western media. Another argues that Taiwan’s government has suppressed dissenting sexualities to promote its image as a liberal-democratic nation-state. Other topics addressed include AIDS prevention in China and gay men’s ambivalence toward “money boys,” young male hustlers in contemporary Beijing. As a whole, the issue questions why the United States continues to shape queer theory and queer culture in both China and Taiwan and asks to what extent the U.S.-China-Taiwan context is an effective site for transnational queer politics and theory.

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Shi Tou, karaoke. Courtesy of the artist.
Photography’s Places

WILLIAM SCHAEFER, SPECIAL ISSUE EDITOR

A special issue of POSITIONS

Throughout its history, the United States has been both imperialistic and anti-colonial: imperialistic in its expansion across the continent and across oceans to colonies such as the Philippines, and anti-colonial in its rhetoric and ideology. How did this contradiction shape U.S. interactions with European colonists and Southeast Asians after the United States joined the ranks of colonial powers in 1898? Anne L. Foster argues that the actions of the United States functioned primarily to uphold, and even strengthen, the colonial order in Southeast Asia. The United States participated in international agreements to track and suppress the region’s communists and radical nationalists, and it entered into economic agreements benefitting the colonial powers. Yet the American presence did not always serve colonial ends; American cultural products (including movies and consumer goods) and its economic practices (such as encouraging indigenous entrepreneurship) were appropriated by Southeast Asians for their own purposes. Scholars rarely have explored the interactions among the European colonies of Southeast Asia in the early twentieth century. Foster is the first to incorporate the U.S. into such an analysis. As she demonstrates, the presence of the United States as a colonial power in Southeast Asia after the First World War helps to explain the resiliency of colonialism in the region. It also highlights the inexorable and appealing changes Southeast Asians perceived as possibilities for the region’s future.

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This special issue of positions analyzes how the creation and proliferation of photographic images in East Asia affect global perceptions of the region’s gender, ethnic, historical, and cultural identities. The contributors assess the ways that East Asia’s relationship to the world and to its own past are increasingly mediated by the global circulation of visual images. They approach photography as both an object and medium of cultural critique. In researching the early history of photography in Japan, one contributor traces the genealogy of the Japanese term that was appropriated to mean photography—shashin—and argues that it evoked both the existing pictorial practices of the time and the new photographic technologies that were imported from the West. Another focuses on one of the most ideologically fraught locations in modern China, Tiananmen Square, and analyzes how image and space combine to form an ideological framework that defines the relationship between the photographic subject and prevailing social values. Yet another contributor studies family portraiture during the latter years of China’s Cultural Revolution, arguing that the practice was a ritual of daily life, mediating the individual’s relationship to family and the nation, as well as forming the materials of private histories.

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**Scripted Affects, Branded Selves**  
Television, Subjectivity, and Capitalism in 1990s Japan  
**GABRIELLA LUKÁCS**

“Scripted Affects, Branded Selves is destined to become a classic. Gabriella Lukács skillfully combines textual analysis of specific dramas with ethnographic study of television producers and consumers. In addition, she offers penetrating insight into the complex dialectic of global and local new media landscapes. What appears to be an insular national space of contemporary Japanese television culture is in fact thoroughly under the influence of global capitalism and the internationalization of cultural consumption.”  
—MITSUHIRO YOSHIMOTO, New York University

In *Scripted Affects, Branded Selves*, Gabriella Lukács analyzes the development of a new primetime serial called “trendy drama” as the Japanese television industry’s ingenious response to market fragmentation. Much like the HBO hit *Sex and the City*, trendy dramas feature well-heeled young sophisticated enjoying consumer-oriented lifestyles while managing their unruly love lives. Integrating a political economic analysis of television production with reception research, Lukács suggests that the trendy drama marked a shift in the Japanese television industry from offering story-driven entertainment to producing lifestyle-oriented programming. She interprets the new televisual preoccupation with consumer trends not as a sign of the medium’s downfall, but as a savvy strategy to appeal to viewers who increasingly demand entertainment that feels more personal than mass-produced fare. After all, what the producers of trendy dramas realized in the late 1980s was that taste and lifestyle were sources of identification that could much more flexibly be manipulated to satisfy mass and niche demands than could conventional marketing criteria such as generation, ethnicity, or gender. Lukács argues that by capitalizing on the semantic fluidity of the notion of lifestyle, commercial television networks were capable of uniting viewers into new affective alliances that, in turn, helped them bury anxieties over changing class relations in the wake of the prolonged economic recession.

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**Manufacturing Modern Japanese Literature**  
Publishing, Prizes, and the Ascription of Literary Value  
**EDWARD MACK**

“Edward Mack pulls the Japanese literary field out of the regressive myth of autonomous art and into the realms of social discourse and material practice. He compels us to reconsider the role of literary production and publishing in constructing concepts of cultural authority, national identity, and empire. *Manufacturing Modern Japanese Literature* is a rich, rewarding work.”—ANN SHERIFF, author of *Japan’s Cold War: Media, Literature, and the Law*

Emphasizing that literary value is shaped not just by intrinsic artistic merit but also by modes of book production, promotion, and consumption, Edward Mack examines the role of Japan’s publishing industry in defining modern Japanese literature. In the late nineteenth century and early twentieth, as cultural and economic power consolidated in Tokyo, the city’s literary and publishing elites came to dominate the dissemination and preservation of Japanese literature. As Mack explains, they conferred cultural value on particular works by creating prizes, series, and anthologies that signaled literary merit and helped to cultivate the idea of a distinctly Japanese modern literature. One such series, the Complete Works of Contemporary Japanese Literature (published between 1926 and 1939), provided many readers with their first experience of selected texts designated as modern Japanese literature. Its low price of one yen per volume allowed the subscription-based series to reach a wide audience; at its peak, nearly 350,000 people subscribed. The first major prize for modern Japanese literature, the annual Akutagawa Prize, was announced in 1934; it remains the country’s highest-profile literary award. Mack traces the advancements in technology, the expansion of a market for literary commodities, and the development of an extensive reading community that enabled phenomena such as the Complete Works of Contemporary Japanese Literature and the Akutagawa Prize to manufacture the concept of modern Japanese literature.

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MARTIN J. MURRAY

“Martin J. Murray navigates the slippery interfaces where mega-development, social progress, dystopian dread, racial enclaving, and mobilities of all kinds intersect, revealing both an alarming disposition to Africa’s most heterogeneous city and a rough-hewn humanity despite the odds. At each step of the way, Murray is precise and impassioned in this no-holds-barred analysis of the lengths politicians, businesspersons, planners, entrepreneurs, and developers will go to hold a city a down.”—ABDOUNALIQ SIMONE, author of For the City Yet to Come: Changing African Life in Four Cities

In this powerful critique of urban development in Greater Johannesburg since the end of apartheid in 1994, Martin J. Murray describes how a loose alliance of city-builders—including real estate developers, large-scale property owners, municipal officials, and security specialists—has sought to remake Johannesburg in the upbeat image of a “world-class” city. By creating new sites of sequestered luxury catering to the comfort, safety, and security of affluent urban residents, they have produced a new spatial dynamic of social exclusion, effectively barricading the mostly black urban poor from full participation in the mainstream of urban life. This partitioning of the cityscape into sequestered sites of affluence is enabled by an urban planning environment of limited regulation or intervention into the prerogatives of real estate capital. Combining insights from urban studies, cultural geography, and urban sociology with extensive research in South Africa, Murray reflects on the implications of Johannesburg’s dual character as a city of fortified enclaves that proudly displays the ostentatious symbols of global integration and the celebrated “enterprise culture” of neoliberal design, and as the “miasmal city” composed of residual, peripheral, and stigmatized zones characterized by signs of a new kind of marginality. He suggests that the “global cities” paradigm is inadequate to understanding the historical specificity of cities of the Global South, including the colonial mining town turned postcolonial megalcity of Johannesburg.

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Postglobal Dance
EMILY COATES & JOSEPH ROACH, SPECIAL ISSUE EDITORS

A special issue of THEATER

An important contribution to twenty-first-century dance history and performance studies, “Postglobal Dance” examines the paradoxes of choreographic style in an age of border-crossing artistic careers and international collaborations. The issue asks how dance—once presumed to be a local art—is transformed by cross-pollinations, and how artistic practice incorporates transnational perspectives.

Drawing on the work of the World Performance Project at Yale and its 2008 Festival of International Dance, contributors—including renowned dance scholars, artists, and choreographers—explore the hybrid expressions being created by a new generation of artists. The issue includes a portfolio of photographs documenting the creation of The Good Dance: dakar/brooklyn, a new collaborative dance work by Reggie Wilson and Andréya Ouamba.

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African American English Speakers and Their Participation in Local Sound Changes
A Comparative Study
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This volume examines variation in vowel configurations in African American English as spoken by members of seven U.S. communities, including Roanoke Island, North Carolina; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and several parishes in rural Louisiana. The contributors argue that African American English exhibits considerable diversity, disproving the commonly held view that it is a uniform national dialect. Although some features of African American English are universal, others vary by region. In each community, African Americans adopted variants from local vernaculars. The study finds the most assimilation in the oldest communities in the rural South, where multiple races have lived together for centuries.

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The Unsocial Social Science?
Economics and Neighboring Disciplines since 1945
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This volume examines interactions between economics and other disciplines in the social sciences, including sociology, psychology, and political science, during the postwar period, when economics and the other social sciences emerged as discrete disciplines. Historians of economics who have examined the period have paid insufficient attention to the other social sciences, looking instead to the natural sciences. *The Unsocial Social Science?* aims to widen the conversation about the history of economics both substantively and historiographically. Reflecting on economic affairs since 1945, contributors explore a multitude of issues, including poverty in the United States during the Cold War, “economic sovietology,” and the connection between economics and the behavioral science movement in the mid-century United States.

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