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Making a robot that looks and behaves like a human being has been the subject of many popular science fiction movies and books. Although the development of such a robot faces many challenges, the making of a virtual human has long been potentially possible. With recent advances in various key technologies related to hardware and software, the making of humanlike robots is increasingly becoming an engineering reality. Development of the required hardware that can perform humanlike functions in a lifelike manner has benefitted greatly from development in such technologies as biologically inspired materials, artificial intelligence, artificial vision, and many others. Producing a humanlike robot that makes body and facial expressions, communicates verbally using extensive vocabulary, and interprets speech with high accuracy is extremely complicated to engineer. Advances in voice recognition and speech

synthesis are increasingly improving communication capabilities. In our daily life we encounter such innovations when we call the telephone operators of most companies today. As robotics technology continues to improve we are approaching the point where, on seeing such a robot, we will respond with "Wow, this robot looks unbelievably real!" just like the reaction to an artificial flower. The accelerating pace of advances in related fields suggests that the emergence of humanlike robots that become part of our daily life seems to be imminent. These robots are expected to raise ethical concerns and may also raise many complex questions related to their interaction with humans. Poetry. CENSORY IMPULSE is a book-length excavation of the body (both physical and psychological) disrupted. These poems take their calling from the relationship between the neurological and the political, the digestive and the subjective, the gendered and the cyborg. Kaufman's verse is located somewhere between Oliver Sachs, Donna Haraway, & Chris Hables Gray--only in place of

scientific hypotheses we see line breaks, metaphorical projections, and "labyrinth authority." The Postmodern Turn gathers together in one volume some of the most important statements of the postmodern approach to human studies. In addressing postmodern social theory and emphasizing the social role of knowledge, this book abandons the disciplinary boundaries separating the sciences and the humanities. The first collection of its kind, it provides the classic essays of authors such as Lyotard, Haraway, Foucault and Rorty. Contributors include well-known theorists in the fields of sociology, anthropology, women's and gay studies, philosophy, and history. Since first published in 2002, *After Capitalism* has offered students and political activists alike a coherent vision of a viable and desirable alternative to capitalism. David Schweickart calls this system Economic Democracy, a successor-system to capitalism which preserves the efficiency strengths of a market economy while extending democracy to the workplace and to the structures of investment finance.

In the second edition, Schweickart recognizes that increased globalization of companies has created greater than ever interdependent economies and the debate about the desirability of entrepreneurship is escalating. The new edition includes a new preface, completely updated data, reorganized chapters, and new sections on the economic instability of capitalism, the current economic crisis, and China. Drawing on both theoretical and empirical research, Schweickart shows how and why this model is efficient, dynamic, and applicable in the world today. 'Cyborg', from the Greek for 'steersman' combined with 'organism', was coined in the mid-20th century to describe the new human who would be required for space travel - enhanced by mechanical, chemical or electronic means, he or she would be half-human, half-machine. This excitingly-illustrated book discusses the astonishing changes in biotechnology that make the cyborg seem more science fact than science fiction. Soon we could all be Superman or Wonderwoman. What will this mean to us as individuals? How will it affect society?

The author reminds us that the yearning for immortality and superpowers is as ancient as the human race; it's just that these now seem within our reach. We are guided on a journey through metamorphoses old and new, fictional and factual - from werewolves to genetic engineering, from Dr Frankenstein to a professor's arm controlled by another's thoughts, from the androids of science fiction to a real robot sensitive to human moods. Literary critics have long regarded the rejection of technology as a distinguishing feature of American Romanticism. Yet as Klaus Benesch shows in this insightful study, the attitude of antebellum writers toward the advent of the machine age was far more complicated than often supposed. Although fraught with tension, the relationship between professional authorship and evolving technology reflected a pattern of adjustment rather than opposition, as writers sought to redefine their place within a culture that increasingly valued the engineer and the scientist. Despite an abundance of violence occurring in political contexts, no liberal political

theorist since Thomas Hobbes has talked directly and coherently about death. John E. Seery does. He contends that liberalism desperately needs a theoretical framework in which to discuss pressing matters of human mortality. Among the contemporary political issues that cry out for theoretical articulation, Seery suggests, are abortion politics, ethnic cleansing, suicide assistance, national reparations, environmental degradation, and capital punishment. Seery offers a new conception of social contract theory as a framework for confronting death issues. He urges us to look to an older tradition of descent into an underworld, wherein classic theorists consulted poetically with the dead and acquired from them political insight and direction. In this lively book, Seery excavates the infernal tradition by rereading the politics of death in Platonism, early Christianity, and contemporary feminism. Building on those traditions, he proposes a new, constructive image of death that can serve democratic theory productively. Reconsidered from the "land of the

shades," social contractarian theory is sufficiently altered that, for example, a pro-life Christian and a pro-choice secularist might be able to strike common ground upon which to discuss abortion politics. This volume explores activism, research and critique in the age of digital subjects and objects and Big Data capitalism after a digital turn said to have radically transformed our political futures. Optimists assert that the 'digital' promises: new forms of community and ways of knowing and sensing, innovation, participatory culture, networked activism, and distributed democracy. Pessimists argue that digital technologies have extended domination via new forms of control, networked authoritarianism and exploitation, dehumanization and the surveillance society. Leading international scholars present varied interdisciplinary assessments of such claims – in theory and via dialogue – and of the digital's impact on society and the potentials, pitfalls, limits and ideologies, of digital activism. They reflect on whether

computational social science, digital humanities and ubiquitous datafication lead to digital positivism that threatens critical research or lead to new horizons in theory and society. An electronic version of this book is freely available, thanks to the support of libraries working with Knowledge Unlatched. KU is a collaborative initiative designed to make high quality books Open Access for the public good. More information about the initiative and details about KU's Open Access programme can be found at www.knowledgeunlatched.org. First Published in 2003. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company. First published in 2007. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company. My books are about one thing and that is the mind.? 1. Where did our mind come from in a natural point of facts. 2. What did our mind do during its historical, cultural existence for the past 100.000 years. 3. Who owns and who controls our mind. We don't actually control our mind and makes Free Will an ambition and not a fact. The Centers of

Power control our mind for the last 5.000 years, we have made simulations about believing in a god and call it religion. We have made simulations about society in believing in governments, laws and politician and call it statism. 4. In my books I explore solutions to live as a free individual and that is only possible if we all live in a free world, without the political, financial and religious oppressors I call the Centers of Power. How can this work out for me, if I am in love with mental slavery, how do I unslave? Am I a monkey with an Ego or am I a cosmic, archaic mind? Being involved in natural philosophy to answer questions on where I come from, who I am, where I am going and to stand up for it, challenge authority, lead me into prison for over 10 years. How I became the enemy of the German state, a danger to its citizens and to my five children, will be covered in my two books. People that are dangerous to the system are tending to be removed. I look at the Centers of Power, its origin and the way it divides the people in order to enslave them and it makes me think is

it monkeys running society? So how do we unite and make love win - to change the system and push for peace? We are now living in historical times and, like it or not, the choices that we will make over the next few years will have profound implications to the future of the entire human race. Corona-Plandemic: Whether or not to wear the mask. Whether or not to take the vaccine. Whether or not to get the health app. Whether or not to fill out the digital visitor card. Whether or not to take the digital money chip. In any case the attempt by the Centers of Power to reset global society leads eventually to a global awakening of the truth. My journey is to go back to the foundations to get things right. To discover truth, the cosmos has to be first debugged and to make a model of the cosmos. Typically large groups of intellect don't get it right, because they are consensus orientated, like in politics. It is not truth orientated, in the past we have only found this by the outsiders; there we find intellectual progress. The other reason why it is so hard to find objective truth

is that our brain is operating just like a computer on bio-chemical algorithms by electricity and hormones running the hardware to simulate software. When we experience pleasure or pain, when we see, hear, smell the outside world it is always an interpretation, a simulation, but never the actual objective truth or the reality of the outside world. The cosmos can be computed by us in a simulation (Matrix) and so can our society be computed, but so far no human has understood the underlying structures of that Matrix. A society like ours to discuss truth can be a very dangerous place, if you question authority. I found it hard to fit in the academic system as a scientific philosopher, so I started the path of knowledge without the academic prison and in order to finance this I started my own companies in the USA, Germany and the Netherlands; where I eventually ended up in a German prison. That happened primarily because I used psychedelic (magic) mushrooms to detach me from the general agendas of a slave in society. I present the theory that we are not living

in a mechanical cosmos and a material world, but a computational cosmos – a simulation made by our mind, just as it makes a dream work, or a believer of a god that lives in the clouds called heaven. We are a dream state in the body of a monkey, becoming awake that we are neither monkey, nor a sentient being. To wake up from those dream simulations is probably the hardest accomplishment and usually happens late in our life. I doubt that reading a book, following a guru, god or scientist will help in this endeavor. In my case the search for objective truth, reality and the knowledge of relevant information, in combination with the magic mushrooms did the switch of perspective ... probably also a bit of luck, called non-linear dynamics and chaos. What I really was surprised by from the awakening aspect was altruistic, unconditional love. This concept is not naturally accepted by our Ego-self driven software – however it turns out that this energy is a force that can only be activated once we achieve a Free Will of Thought. That is what makes some of us unlike any other living organism on this

planet; to forgive your enemy, to love your enemy are concepts of meme that contradict the animal mind of most humans. Well once we understand that we are like a computer thinking with bio-chemical algorithms it is not a surprise that we start life with an Unfree Will of Thought ...a simulation of the brain looking for food, sex and all the other things that feed our Ego-Self telling us how great and wonderful we, our simulation of the Me actually is. I have never experienced that a person is really evil or that he and she wants something evil. What people do can be horrible, and the mess they make can have an incredibly destructive potential. But if you look closely at what's going on, it may not stop, but if you condemn it, it will stop even less. When one works through it, accepts it, perceives it - then a light of love shines out. There are no bad and evil people at all, there are only people who are on the way, whom one must invite and pick up... ? Evolution on how cosmic space-time creates meme and life, how it drives to ever more complexity we might call consciousness. ?

Evolution from a living organism called ape with a brain that does interpretation (simulations) of colors and sounds from the outside world, communication between us; but unlike any other brain on this planet, it can simulate also altruistic love, mathematics, arts, morals and ethics. ? Evolution from a hunter & gatherer tribe to a complex, modern civilization; still being an animal with universal power ambitions of the Ego-Self. ? To understand consciousness and enlightenment and our part we take in the cosmic, archaic mind we call nature. ? Using computer science artificial intelligence (AGI) to understand how our consciousness works in living organisms and especially in the human brain. To perceive the simulations that make up our worlds we make up in politics, religion and business. ? The internet becomes mightier than the sword of the oppressors. Now we have access to meme, to information directly, without the editing or censoring of an official cultural gate keeper. What it does to freedom and change during 2020 is the main topic of the book, to predict

what 2030 will look like when governments start a direct war against their citizens. ? The deep state within governments, as the global Center of Power and their agenda of a Great Reset. ? The rise of slavery, capitalism and democracy. ? Central banks, IMF and World create FIAT Money (out of thin air) and therefore have control over third world countries, with their imposed conditions of these loans. ? Representative Democracy is a plutocracy of the very few ruling over their (sovereign citizens). We need a direct democracy right now. ? Outline cases where the media-propaganda has served political agendas, like false flag attacks on Libya, Iran, Syria, Iraq, 9/11 and Corona. ? Who runs global politics and societies since the 18th century? The Wall Street financed wars; Rockefeller, Rhodes & Co financed Adolf Hitler to prevent a United Europe with Russia. We have a 147 corporations that control the economy and the media, but do we have another power-center-cult? ? The New World Order (Great Reset) is coming and we can be sure that the global elite will be successful in that. ? The

most powerful spell on humanity is electoral democracy. The answer to that problem is not a new political party, but rather local community building, spread true information on the internet and the Resistance. To understand the movements of democratic society one must appreciate fictional narratives and not depend on rationalistic argumentation and scientific analyses. This volume examines the lessons and effects of storytelling in democratic culture and political life, as it articulates our aspirations, communicates our fears, and criticizes our reality. With the development of new direct interfaces between the human brain and computer systems, the time has come for an in-depth ethical examination of the way these neuronal interfaces may support an interaction between the mind and cyberspace. In so doing, this book does not hesitate to blend disciplines including neurobiology, philosophy, anthropology and politics. It also invites society, as a whole, to seek a path in the use of these interfaces enabling humanity to prosper while avoiding the relevant

risks. As such, the volume is the first extensive study in cyberneuroethics, a subject matter which is certain to have a significant impact in the 21st century and beyond. On the age of Internet Through a detailed exploration of the study of transhumanism, this book introduces students to the discipline of cultural anthropology. A provocative work by medical ethicist James Hughes, *Citizen Cyborg* argues that technologies pushing the boundaries of humanness can radically improve our quality of life if they are controlled democratically. Hughes challenges both the technophobia of Leon Kass and Francis Fukuyama and the unchecked enthusiasm of others for limitless human enhancement. He argues instead for a third way, "democratic transhumanism," by asking the question destined to become a fundamental issue of the twenty-first century: How can we use new cybernetic and biomedical technologies to make life better for everyone? These technologies hold great promise, but they also pose profound challenges to our health, our culture, and our liberal

democratic political system. By allowing humans to become more than human - "posthuman" or "transhuman" - the new technologies will require new answers for the enduring issues of liberty and the common good. What limits should we place on the freedom of people to control their own bodies? Who should own genes and other living things? Which technologies should be mandatory, which voluntary, and which forbidden? For answers to these challenges, Citizen Cyborg proposes a radical return to a faith in the resilience of our democratic institutions. Do new "smart" technologies such as AI, robotics, social media, and automation threaten to disrupt our society? Or does technological innovation hold the potential to transform our democracies and civic societies, creating ones that are more egalitarian and accountable? Disruptive Democracy explores these questions and examines how technology has the power to reshape our civic participation, our economic and political governance, and our entire existence. In this innovative study, the authors use

international examples such as Trump's America, and Bolsonaro's recent election as President of Brazil, to lead the discussion on perhaps the most profound political struggle of the 21st century, the coming clash between a progressive "Techno-democracy" and a regressive "Techno-populism". Over the last five years, widespread concern about the effects of social media on democracy has led to an explosion in research from different disciplines and corners of academia. This book is the first of its kind to take stock of this emerging multi-disciplinary field by synthesizing what we know, identifying what we do not know and obstacles to future research, and charting a course for the future inquiry. Chapters by leading scholars cover major topics – from disinformation to hate speech to political advertising – and situate recent developments in the context of key policy questions. In addition, the book canvasses existing reform proposals in order to address widely perceived threats that social media poses to democracy. This title is also available as Open Access on

Cambridge Core. The new reader presents an up-to-date collection of seminal texts dedicated to all branches of debates on Posthuman Studies: Transhumanism, Critical Posthumanism and Metahumanism. It includes classical as well as cutting-edge contributions to these debates. The Posthuman Studies Reader is an indispensable resource for studying as well as teaching key concepts, central claims and main arguments of contemporary debates in the field of Posthuman Studies. The reader includes texts by: Neil Badmington, Karen Barad, Nick Bostrom, Rosi Braidotti, Claire Colebrook, Jaime del Val, FM-2030, Francis Fukuyama, Elaine Graham, Donna Haraway, Ihab Habib Hassan, N. Katherine Hayles, James Hughes, Julian Huxley, Brian Massumi, Max More, David Pearce, Anders Sandberg, Stefan Lorenz Sorgner, Stelarc, Natasha Vita-More and Cary Wolfe. "This Reader is a perfect guide to get into bleeding-edge philosophy." Nicolás Rojas Cortés, Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities, University of Chile "The Reader can be used not only as a textbook in higher education, but

also by all researchers and students in these fields as reference. [...] I highly recommend it to everyone who is interested in these movements and those works from which excerpts are included in it."Yunus Tuncel, *The New School*, New York "Since Sorgner, Sampanikou, Stasienko and their colleagues, almost singlehandedly, are crafting and advancing this discipline through its forming stages, when they publish a book with handpicked canonic texts, it should be treated as a landmark."Carmel Vaisman, *The Cohn Institute and The Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities*, Tel Aviv University "What makes the *Posthuman Studies Reader* interesting and exciting is the facility to have in one volume the basic ideas and essentials of transhumanism, critical posthumanism and metahumanism. The reader provides in a condensed version an introduction to posthuman studies for both academic and nonacademic audiences."Leo Igwe, Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town "The *Posthuman Studies Reader* serves as a comprehensive

guide and/or manual of an evolving and expanding Post/Trans/Meta Humanism discourse. [...] because of the clarity of organization by the editors and the highest scholarship of the writers, the collection was able to drive the interest of readers a notch or two higher." Joseph Reylan B. Viray, Polytechnic University of the Philippines

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Uiteenzetting over de opkomst van het populisme en het gevaar daarvan voor de democratie. Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures provides a feminist analysis of the questions of sexual and gender politics, economic and cultural marginality, and anti-racist and anti-colonial practices both in the "West" and in the "Third World." This collection, edited by Jacqui Alexander and Chandra Talpade Mohanty, charts the underlying theoretical perspectives and organization practices of

the different varieties of feminism that take on questions of colonialism, imperialism, and the repressive rule of colonial, post-colonial and advanced capitalist nation-states. It provides a comparative, relational, historically grounded conception of feminist praxis that differs markedly from the liberal pluralist, multicultural understanding that sheapes some of the dominant version of Euro-American feminism. As a whole, the collection poses a unique challenge to the naturalization of gender based in the experiences, histories and practices of Euro-American women. What is the 'posthuman'? Is becoming posthuman inevitable-something which will happen to us, or something we will do to ourselves? Why do some long for it, while others fearfully reject it? These questions underscore the fact that the posthuman is a name for the unknown future, and therefore, not a single idea but a jumble of competing visions - some of which may be exciting, some of which may be frightening, and which is which depends on who you are, and what you desire to be.

This book aims to clarify current theological and philosophical dialogue on the posthuman by arguing that theologians must pay attention to which form of the posthuman they are engaging, and to demonstrate that a 'posthuman theology' is not only possible, but desirable, when the vision of the posthuman is one which coincides with a theological vision of the human. Feminist theorist and philosopher Donna Haraway has substantially impacted thought on science, cyberculture, the environment, animals, and social relations. This long-overdue volume explores her influence on feminist theory and philosophy, paying particular attention to her more recent work on companion species, rather than her "Manifesto for Cyborgs." Margret Grebowicz and Helen Merrick argue that the ongoing fascination with, and re-production of, the cyborg has overshadowed Haraway's extensive body of work in ways that run counter to her own transdisciplinary practices. Sparked by their own personal "adventures" with Haraway's work, the authors offer readings of her texts framed

by a series of theoretical and political perspectives: feminist materialism, standpoint epistemology, radical democratic theory, queer theory, and even science fiction. They situate Haraway's critical storytelling and "risky reading" practices as forms of feminist methodology and recognize her passionate engagement with "naturecultures" as the theoretical core driving her work. Chapters situate Haraway as critic, theorist, biologist, feminist, historian, and humorist, exploring the full range of her identities and reflecting her commitment to embodying all of these modes simultaneously. Exploring the wide reach of modern biotechnology, from the genetic modification of plants and animals to medical genetics, assisted reproduction and human cloning, it suggests that we are losing sight of the human being in favour of adapting that being to an inhuman world."--BOOK JACKET. Electrifying, provocative, and controversial when first published thirty years ago, Donna Haraway's "Cyborg Manifesto" is even more relevant today, when the divisions that

she so eloquently challenges—of human and machine but also of gender, class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and location—are increasingly complex. The subsequent “Companion Species Manifesto,” which further questions the human–nonhuman disjunction, is no less urgently needed in our time of environmental crisis and profound polarization. Manifestly Haraway brings together these momentous manifestos to expose the continuity and ramifying force of Haraway’s thought, whose significance emerges with engaging immediacy in a sustained conversation between the author and her long-term friend and colleague Cary Wolfe. Reading cyborgs and companion species through and with each other, Haraway and Wolfe join in a wide-ranging exchange on the history and meaning of the manifestos in the context of biopolitics, feminism, Marxism, human–nonhuman relationships, making kin, literary tropes, material semiotics, the negative way of knowing, secular Catholicism, and more. The conversation ends by revealing the early stages of Haraway’s “Chthulucene Manifesto,” in

tension with the teleologies of the doleful Anthropocene and the exterminationist Capitalocene. Deeply dedicated to a diverse and robust earthly flourishing, Manifestly Haraway promises to reignite needed discussion in and out of the academy about biologies, technologies, histories, and still possible futures. What is the future of the American West? This book look at works of utopian, dystopian, and apocalyptic science fiction to show how narratives of the past and future powerfully shape our understanding of the present-day West. An entertaining, scientifically rigorous exploration of the social and biological effects of our wireless world The way we use i-technology is affecting our health and happiness. While programs, devices, information, and constant connectivity can offer us ease, liberation, and efficiency, they can also rewire our brains to feel restless, disconnected, unable to sleep, anxious, and depressed, with new illnesses like FOMO (fear of missing out), and electro sensitivities appearing. Engaging and entertaining yet scientifically

rigorous, this fully revised and updated second edition of *i-Minds* comprehensively explores an era of screen-based technology's assimilation into our lives, pondering it as both godsend and plague. Addressing theory, popular media, and industry hype, *i-Minds* demonstrates: How constant connectivity is changing our brains The dangers of unchecked connectivity Positive steps to embrace new technologies while protecting our well-being and steering our future in a more human direction. *i-Minds* is a must-read for anyone interested in fostering health and happiness, or who is struggling with the role of screened technology in our lives. Computers are at the heart of war as we know it and this visionary overview of cyber war in the twenty-first century studies how electronics have changed the way we fight. Using informatics and chaos theory, this is a disarming, yet enthralling read. This book makes trouble: it explores the reality that digital culture is largely an extension of an older coloniality of power of the global north. It suggests a line of inquiry for

the social sciences to reflect on their own imperial role and develop a contemporary critical and pragmatic scope, shifting their gaze from problems to opportunities. This long-overdue volume explores Donna Haraway's influence on feminist theory and philosophy, paying particular attention to her more recent work on companion species, rather than her "Manifesto for Cyborgs." The growing synergy of humans and technology--from dialysis to genetically altered foods to PET scans--is transforming how we view our minds and our bodies. But how has it changed the body politic? How can we forge a society that protects the rights of human and cyborg alike? The creator of the cult classic *Cyborg Handbook*, Chris Hables Gray, now offers the first guide to "posthuman" politics, framing the key issues that could threaten or brighten our technological future. For good or ill, politics has already been cyborged in ways that touch us all: On-line voting promises to change who participates. Wars are won on video screens. Biotechnological advances-- cloning, sexual prostheses,

gene patents--are redefining life, death, and family in ways that strain the social contract. In the face of these advances, visions of the cyborg future range from the utopian to the nightmarish, from a spiritual super-race transcending the body's confines to a soulless Borg consuming human individuality. Only with a broad, historically rich and ethically grounded understanding of these issues, Gray argues, can we combat the threats to our freedom and even our survival. A work of vision and imagination, *Cyborg Citizen* lays the groundwork for the participatory evolution of our society. The beginning of the twenty-first century has already seen its fair share of modern myths with heroes such as Spider-Man, Superman, and Harry Potter. The authors in this volume deconstruct, discuss, engage, and interrogate the mythologies of the new millennium in science fiction fantasy texts. Using literary and rhetorical criticism - paired with philosophy, cultural studies, media arts, psychology, and communication studies - they illustrate the function, value, and role

of new mythologies, and show that the universal appeal of these texts is their mythic power, drawing upon archetypes of the past which resonate with individuals and throughout culture. In this way they demonstrate how mythology is timeless and eternal. A provocative attempt to think about what was previously considered unthinkable: a serious philosophical case for the rights of robots. We are in the midst of a robot invasion, as devices of different configurations and capabilities slowly but surely come to take up increasingly important positions in everyday social reality—self-driving vehicles, recommendation algorithms, machine learning decision making systems, and social robots of various forms and functions. Although considerable attention has already been devoted to the subject of robots and responsibility, the question concerning the social status of these artifacts has been largely overlooked. In this book, David Gunkel offers a provocative attempt to think about what has been previously regarded as unthinkable: whether and to what extent

robots and other technological artifacts of our own making can and should have any claim to moral and legal standing. In his analysis, Gunkel invokes the philosophical distinction (developed by David Hume) between "is" and "ought" in order to evaluate and analyze the different arguments regarding the question of robot rights. In the course of his examination, Gunkel finds that none of the existing positions or proposals hold up under scrutiny. In response to this, he then offers an innovative alternative proposal that effectively flips the script on the is/ought problem by introducing another, altogether different way to conceptualize the social situation of robots and the opportunities and challenges they present to existing moral and legal systems. This is the first cross-over book into the history of science written by an historian of economics. It shows how 'history of technology' can be integrated with the history of economic ideas. The analysis combines Cold War history with the history of postwar economics in America and later elsewhere, revealing that the Pax

Americana had much to do with abstruse and formal doctrines such as linear programming and game theory. It links the literature on 'cyborg' to economics, an element missing in literature to date. The treatment further calls into question the idea that economics has been immune to postmodern currents, arguing that neoclassical economics has participated in the deconstruction of the integral 'self'. Finally, it argues for an alliance of computational and institutional themes, and challenges the widespread impression that there is nothing else besides American neoclassical economic theory left standing after the demise of Marxism. In the first-ever novel about a cyborg, a machine-enhanced man from a multiverse of the far future visits 1920s England. In 1920s England, a strange being crashes a village cricket game. After some glitchy, jerky attempts to communicate, this creature reveals that he is a machine-enhanced human from a multiverse thousands of years in the future. The mechanism implanted in his skull has malfunctioned, sending him tumbling through time onto the

green grass of the cricket field. Apparently in the future, at the behest of fed-up women, all men will be controlled by an embedded “clockwork,” camouflaged with hats and wigs. Published in 1923, *The Clockwork Man*—the first cyborg novel—tells the story of this odd time traveler’s visit. Spending time with two village couples about to embark upon married life, the Clockwork Man warns that because men of the twentieth century are so violent, sexist, and selfish, in the not-too-distant future they will be banned from physical reality. They will inhabit instead a virtual world—what we’d now call the Singularity—in which their every need is met, but love is absent. Will the Clockwork Man’s tale lead his new friends to reconsider technology, gender roles, sex, and free will? Overshadowed in its own time by Karel Čapek’s sensational 1923 play *R.U.R.*, about a robot uprising, *The Clockwork Man* is overdue for rediscovery. Annalee Newitz is the author of *Four Lost Cities* (2021), the novels *The Future of Another Timeline* (2019) and *Autonomous* (2017), which won the Lambda Award, and

the novel *The Terraformers* (forthcoming). As a science journalist, they are a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*, and have a column in *New Scientist*. They are also the co-host of the Hugo Award-winning podcast *Our Opinions Are Correct*. Previously, they were the founder of *io9*, and served as the editor-in-chief of *Gizmodo*. This volume explores the ways in which contemporary society negotiates digital technologies and media in South Asia. It focuses on cyber-religion, the notion of self-formation and digital technology, urban cybercultural phenomenon, digital era in cinema and photography that represent an eclectic mix of theoretical positions and practical domains. It offers an insight into the digital phenomenon and its impacts; religion and theology in the information society; the concept of alterity; new technology and human nature; mobile phones, internet, blog, radio, and the new digital lifestyle; digital cinema; publishing and electronic reproduction; the internet and the bully; city and the global nomad; and digitising the

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