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Mediatization(s) Carlos A. Scolari 2021-02-25 This new collection is the first book to bring together Latin American and European traditions of mediatization research, integrating macro level theorization with applied observations of mediatization processes from a multidisciplinary perspective. In the last decade, several European and Latin-American researchers have set a very solid theoretical corpus around mediatization. The book brings these two theoretical traditions close together for a dialogue: the Latin American sociosemiotic matrix consolidated by Eliseo Verón in the 1980s and the institutional and constructivist approaches developed in Europe. The main objective of the book is to explore and activate possible theoretical and applied exchanges between these approaches. This book introduces the main theories and authors on mediatization from Europe and Latin America, especially Brazil and Argentina, in the last two decades. It historically

and epistemologically frames these theories within the context of communication and media theories, and pays particular attention to the opportunities generated by the exchanges between European and Latin American approaches. It is edited by scholars from Spain, Argentina and the UK, and includes contributors from universities in France, Germany, Switzerland, Brazil, Denmark and The Netherlands. The handbook format including introductory comprehensive sections written by the editors and original texts signed by world leading researchers will make this a useful resource for researchers and students in the field. The interdisciplinary approach displayed by the book has the potential to make it of interest not only to people working on communication or media studies but also in other disciplines within the humanities and social sciences. It will be of primary interest to academics, scholars, researchers, undergraduate and postgraduate students, particularly a growing population of Latin American postgraduate students in the

global North. Fields of interest will include communication and media, social sciences, and social actors linked directly or indirectly to the transformation of the media landscape.

Warum der Antisemitismus uns alle bedroht Michael Blume 2019-03-18
Nach jüdischer Überlieferung begründete Sem, Sohn Noahs, die Tradition der "semitischen" Schriftreligion, aus der u.a. das Judentum und Christentum sowie der Islam entstanden. Gegen diese weltverändernde Kraft der Schriftreligionen stemmten sich Gegenmythen, die den Zusammenhalt, die Bildungserfolge sowie den Kinderreichtum von Juden und anderen Semiten als bedrohliche Verschwörungen deuteten. Durch das Aufkommen von Medien wie Buchdruck, Radio, Film, Internet und Social Media entfaltet dieser Antisemitismus eine enorme Gegenbewegung, die imstande ist, die Grundlagen der Zivilisation zu erschüttern. Michael Blume legt in seinem neuen Buch dar, wie die Wechselwirkung aus Medien, Mythen und Demografie die menschliche Geschichte der letzten Jahrtausende prägte. Ferner, so Blume, wird der Kampf zwischen dem buchorientierten Semitismus und dem digital neu beflügelten Antisemitismus die kommenden Jahrzehnte bestimmen. Einige demokratische Rechtsstaaten sind bereits zu populistischen Autokratien zurückgefallen. Das mediale Ringen um die Zukunft der Menschheit und die Rolle der Religionen darin hat damit gerade erst begonnen. " von Michael Blume, Antisemitismusbeauftragter in Baden-Württemberg " wie Gefühle die Geschichte bestimmen " hochaktuell in Zeiten von "fake news"

American Book Publishing Record 2003

Handbook of Research on Media Literacy in the Digital Age Yildiz, Melda N. 2015-12-02 With the current ubiquity of technological tools and digital media, having the skillset necessary to use and understand digital media is essential. Integrating media literacy into modern day education can cultivate a stronger relationship between technology, educators, as well as students. The Handbook of Research on Media Literacy in the Digital Age presents key research in the field of digital media literacy with a specific emphasis on the need for pre-service and in-service educators to become familiar and comfortable with the current digital tools and

applications that are an essential part of youth culture. Presenting pedagogical strategies as well as practical research and applications of digital media in various aspects of culture, society, and education, this publication is an ideal reference source for researchers, educators, graduate-level students, and media specialists.

Ecologia dei media. Protagonisti, scuole, concetti chiave Paolo Granata 2015-03-19T00:00:00+01:00 244.1.64

The SAGE Handbook of Media Processes and Effects Robin L. Nabi 2009-09-11 The study of media effects is one of the most central to the discipline of communication and encompasses a vast array of theoretical perspectives, methodological tools, and application to important social contexts. In light of this importance - as well as the rapid changes in the media environment that have occurred during the past 20 years - this Handbook of media effects theorizing and research explores where media effects research has been over the past several decades, and, equally important, where it would be most fruitful to go in the years ahead. In addition to providing a comprehensive framework for those interested in media effects, the Handbook also emphasizes the changing nature of the media landscape. Thus, new technologies not only provide new venues for research, but they also represent challenges to many existing media effects theories (that were formulated prior to the widespread adoption of the Internet). The contemporary diversity of the field and its research is seen in chapters addressing sociological, cultural, and organizational approaches and in chapters on specific approaches, domains, and context-related effects. Throughout the Handbook and within each chapter, authors address the following issues: (1) historical context on theory development/area of study; (2) theory explication and theoretical developments through to the present; (3) typical method of study/research approach/moderators; (4) conceptualization of the audience; (5) the impact of new media environments; (6) criticisms/controversies; and (7) directions for future research. Section I: Begins with an overview of the field, conceptualization of media effects, and the editors' goals for the volume and then focuses on the range of methodologies (both quantitative and

qualitative methods) used in the study of media effects. Section II: Focuses on dominant theoretical approaches in the media effects area from a more societal perspective. Included here are some of the most dominant theoretical perspectives in the media effects realm (i.e., cultivation, agenda setting, framing) that relate to broad-reaching effects of both entertainment and news programming. The section then focuses on related theories that, though less developed, have received significant attention in the literature. To expand the horizon of this Handbook, a chapter on Cultural Studies is included to engage more qualitative views of media's societal effects. Section III: Focuses on issues of message selection and processing that are central to the mass media literature. These chapters cut across application contexts. For examples, the emotion chapter touches on entertainment, persuasion, and children's media; the Social Influence/Environmental Aspects chapter includes issues of co-viewing in families, among peers, etc. Section IV: Reflects a dominant trend in media effects literature - that related to persuasion and learning - and traces its theoretical perspectives (including major theories of persuasion and especially social cognitive theory) through the various contexts in which media have such effects, such as health, advertising, media literacy, and the like. Section V: Explores the contexts and audiences that have been traditional foci of media effects research - violence, children, body image, video games, sports, etc. In each chapter authors address the theories most applicable to those contexts, further expanding the theoretical offerings of this Handbook. The focus on how this sort of research is typically conducted methodologically and how it will need to change in light of new technologies and media advances make these chapters unique. Section VI: Expands on existing work by focusing on a concern central and unique to the communication discipline - message medium - and how it influences effects ranging from what messages are attended to (e.g., formal features), how we spend our time (e.g., displacement effects), and even how we think (e.g., medium theory).

Elenchus of Biblica 2004

Complexity and the Human Experience Paul A. Youngman

2014-05-22 Questions of values, ontologies, ethics, aesthetics, discourse, origins, language, literature, and meaning do not lend themselves readily, or traditionally, to equations, probabilities, and models. However, with the increased adoption of natural science tools in economics, anthropology, and political science-to name only a few social scientific fields

Rückzug oder Kreuzzug? Michael Blume 2021-11-02 Religionen werden maßgeblich durch ihre Medien geprägt - z. B. Judentum, Christentum und Islam von ihren jeweiligen Alphabeten und dem darauf basierenden Denken. Digitalisierung bedeutet daher auch, dass Kirchen und Religionen immer weniger als unabhängige Akteure erscheinen, sondern als Varianten von »Religion« insgesamt wahrgenommen werden. Gegen den Trend zur globalen Vereinheitlichung stemmen sich religiöse Fundamentalisten, die seriöse Wissenschaften, freiheitliche Gesellschaften und andere Religionen bekämpfen. Auf der anderen Seite droht stiller Rückzug, also Selbst-Säkularisierung der Kirchen. Michael Blume zeigt Zusammenhänge auf, die nur auf den ersten Blick überraschen: Durch ihren Umgang mit der Digitalisierung und der Klimakrise entscheidet sich heute, welche Eigenständigkeit die christlichen Kirchen - und die Religionen überhaupt - sich zwischen Säkularismus und Fundamentalismus künftig bewahren können.

Psychoanalysis in Hong Kong Diego Busiol 2016-10-04 How is it possible that a phenomenon like psychoanalysis, which has dominated the cultural and intellectual life of the last century in Europe, North and South America, has seemingly had little-to-no resonance in Hong Kong? This book attempts to explain this phenomenon. Addressing the subject from an East to West approach, this book proposes an experience of displacement, as it is argued that the opportunity for psychoanalysis today is not just to be exported to the East, but rather to be re-invented after an encounter with a radically different culture. This encounter allows the Western practitioner to question their experience and highlights the assumptions of Western thought and knowledge. Following this, what remains of psychoanalysis as we know it? How can psychoanalysis be re-thought and re-formed today in a format

independent of different theoretical orientations and schools? The book addresses key issues such as: Is there psychoanalysis in Hong Kong? How does one do research on psychoanalysis in Hong Kong? Why was the Freudian Unconscious not discovered in China? How can we describe the core of psychoanalysis and how can this description be understood in different cultural contexts? Can psychoanalytic research be led by adopting a quantitative or statistical methodology? Founded on the belief that psychoanalysis should be re-invented in light of its encounter with non-Western cultures, this book highlights an opportunity to undertake this as an intellectual, cultural and artistic challenge. It will enrich researchers' and students' understanding of psychoanalysis and inform broader views of psychoanalysis in non-Western contexts. Practicing psychoanalysts, students of psychoanalysis and those seeking to understand psychoanalysis in different cultural contexts will be particularly interested readers.

Machines We Trust Marcello Pelillo 2021-08-24 Experts from disciplines that range from computer science to philosophy consider the challenges of building AI systems that humans can trust. Artificial intelligence-based algorithms now marshal an astonishing range of our daily activities, from driving a car ("turn left in 400 yards") to making a purchase ("products recommended for you"). How can we design AI technologies that humans can trust, especially in such areas of application as law enforcement and the recruitment and hiring process? In this volume, experts from a range of disciplines discuss the ethical and social implications of the proliferation of AI systems, considering bias, transparency, and other issues. The contributors, offering perspectives from computer science, engineering, law, and philosophy, first lay out the terms of the discussion, considering the "ethical debts" of AI systems, the evolution of the AI field, and the problems of trust and trustworthiness in the context of AI. They go on to discuss specific ethical issues and present case studies of such applications as medicine and robotics, inviting us to shift the focus from the perspective of a "human-centered AI" to that of an "AI-decentered humanity." Finally, they consider the future of AI, arguing that, as we move toward a hybrid society of cohabiting humans and

machines, AI technologies can become humanity's allies.

The Handbook of Media and Mass Communication Theory Robert S. Fortner 2014-03-10 The Handbook of Media and Mass Communication Theory presents a comprehensive collection of original essays that focus on all aspects of current and classic theories and practices relating to media and mass communication. Focuses on all aspects of current and classic theories and practices relating to media and mass communication Includes essays from a variety of global contexts, from Asia and the Middle East to the Americas Gives niche theories new life in several essays that use them to illuminate their application in specific contexts Features coverage of a wide variety of theoretical perspectives Pays close attention to the use of theory in understanding new communication contexts, such as social media 2 Volumes Volumes are also available for individual purchase

The Toronto School of Communication Theory Menahem Blondheim 2007 While never formally recognized as a school of thought in its time, the work of a number of University of Toronto scholars over several decades - most notably Harold Adams Innis and Marshall McLuhan - formulated a number of original attempts to conceptualize communication as a phenomenon, and launched radical and innovative conjectures about its consequences. This landmark collection of essays re-assesses the existence, and re-evaluates the contribution, of the so-called Toronto School of Communication. While the theories of Innis and McLuhan are notoriously resistant to neat encapsulation, some general themes have emerged in scholarly attempts to situate them within the discipline of communications studies that they helped to define. Three such themes - focus on the effects and consequences of communications, emphasis on communications as a process rather than as structure, and a sharp focus on the technology of communication, or the 'medium' - are the most fundamental in characterizing the unique perspective of the Toronto School. This collection not only represents a crucial step in defining the 'Toronto School,' it also provides close analysis of the ideas of its individual members.

The Second Digital Turn Mario Carpo 2017-10-20 The first digital turn in

architecture changed our ways of making; the second changes our ways of thinking. Almost a generation ago, the early software for computer aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) spawned a style of smooth and curving lines and surfaces that gave visible form to the first digital age, and left an indelible mark on contemporary architecture. But today's digitally intelligent architecture no longer looks that way. In *The Second Digital Turn*, Mario Carpo explains that this is because the design professions are now coming to terms with a new kind of digital tools they have adopted—no longer tools for making but tools for thinking. In the early 1990s the design professions were the first to intuit and interpret the new technical logic of the digital age: digital mass-customization (the use of digital tools to mass-produce variations at no extra cost) has already changed the way we produce and consume almost everything, and the same technology applied to commerce at large is now heralding a new society without scale—a flat marginal cost society where bigger markets will not make anything cheaper. But today, the unprecedented power of computation also favors a new kind of science where prediction can be based on sheer information retrieval, and form finding by simulation and optimization can replace deduction from mathematical formulas. Designers have been toying with machine thinking and machine learning for some time, and the apparently unfathomable complexity of the physical shapes they are now creating already expresses a new form of artificial intelligence, outside the tradition of modern science and alien to the organic logic of our mind.

A Topology of Mind Robert K. Logan

Media Ecologies David Gee Reader in Digital Media Matthew Fuller 2005
A "dirty materialist" ride through the media cultures of pirate radio, photography, the Internet, media art, cultural evolution, and surveillance.

International Journal of McLuhan Studies 2012-13 Matteo Ciastellardi (ed.) 2014-09-01 Education Overload. From Total Surround to Pattern Recognition

Ecomedia Literacy Antonio Lopez 2020-11-30 This book offers a focused and practical guide to integrating the relationship between

media and the environment—ecomedia—into media education. It enables media teachers to "green" their pedagogy by providing essential tools and approaches that can be applied in the classroom. Media are essential features of our planetary ecosystem emergency, contributing to both the problem of and solution to climate chaos, biodiversity loss, ocean acidification, deforestation, water contamination, and so on. Offering a clear theoretical framework and suggested curriculum guide, the book provides key resources that will enable media educators to apply ecomedia concepts to their curricula. By reconceptualizing media education, this book connects ecology, environmental communication, ecomedia studies, environmental humanities, and ecoliteracy to bridge media literacy and education for sustainability. *Ecomedia Literacy* is an essential read for educators and scholars in the areas of media literacy, media and communication, media and cultural studies, environmental humanities, and environmental studies.

Untying the Gordian Knot Timothy E. Eastman 2020-12-10 In *Untying the Gordian Knot: Process, Reality, and Context*, Timothy E. Eastman proposes a new creative synthesis, the Logoi framework—which is radically inclusive and incorporates both actuality and potentiality—to show how the fundamental notions of process, logic, and relations, woven with triads of input-output-context and quantum logical distinctions, can resolve a baker's dozen of age-old philosophic problems. Further, Eastman leverages a century of advances in quantum physics and the Relational Realism interpretation pioneered by Michael Epperson and Elias Zafiris and augmented by the independent research of Ruth Kastner and Hans Primas to resolve long-standing issues in understanding quantum physics. Adding to this, Eastman makes use of advances in information and complex systems, semiotics, and process philosophy to show how multiple levels of context, combined with relations—including potential relations—both local and local-global, can provide a grounding for causation, emergence, and physical law. Finally, the Logoi framework goes beyond standard ways of knowing—that of context independence (science) and context focus (arts, humanities)—to demonstrate the inevitable role of ultimate context (meaning, spiritual

dimension) as part of a transformative ecological vision, which is urgently needed in these times of human and environmental crises. Perspectives on Culture, Technology and Communication Casey Man Kong Lum 2006 This book is an introduction to media ecology as a theory group that encompasses a coherent body of canonical literature and perspectives on understanding culture, technology and communication. It examines the various facets of media ecology's development since the turn of the 20th century as an intellectual tradition and how it has evolved into being through an interlocking network of researchers from multidisciplinary backgrounds, such as behavioral sciences; classics, cultural and structural anthropology; information and systems theory; history of technology; media and culture; and so on. Specifically, the volume clearly explains some of media ecology's defining ideas, theories or themes about the interrelationship among culture, technology and communication; the thinkers behind these ideas; the social, political, and intellectual contexts in which these ideas came into being; as well as how the reader may use these ideas in our times.

The Alphabet Effect Robert K. Logan 2004 This book is a study of this evolution of writing systems. It describes the role the phonetic alphabet has played in the development of Western civilization. Drawing a variety of conclusions about how societies advance, the author shows how the advent of mass communication and the use of computers affect how we communicate.

Not in God's Name Jonathan Sacks 2015-10-13 ***2015 National Jewish Book Award Winner*** In this powerful and timely book, one of the most admired and authoritative religious leaders of our time tackles the phenomenon of religious extremism and violence committed in the name of God. If religion is perceived as being part of the problem, Rabbi Sacks argues, then it must also form part of the solution. When religion becomes a zero-sum conceit—that is, my religion is the only right path to God, therefore your religion is by definition wrong—and individuals are motivated by what Rabbi Sacks calls “altruistic evil,” violence between peoples of different beliefs appears to be the only natural outcome. But through an exploration of the roots of violence and its relationship to

religion, and employing groundbreaking biblical analysis and interpretation, Rabbi Sacks shows that religiously inspired violence has as its source misreadings of biblical texts at the heart of all three Abrahamic faiths. By looking anew at the book of Genesis, with its foundational stories of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Rabbi Sacks offers a radical rereading of many of the Bible's seminal stories of sibling rivalry: Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, Rachel and Leah. “Abraham himself,” writes Rabbi Sacks, “sought to be a blessing to others regardless of their faith. That idea, ignored for many of the intervening centuries, remains the simplest definition of Abrahamic faith. It is not our task to conquer or convert the world or enforce uniformity of belief. It is our task to be a blessing to the world. The use of religion for political ends is not righteousness but idolatry . . . To invoke God to justify violence against the innocent is not an act of sanctity but of sacrilege.” Here is an eloquent call for people of goodwill from all faiths and none to stand together, confront the religious extremism that threatens to destroy us, and declare: Not in God's Name. Keywords in Sound David Novak 2015-04-01 In twenty essays on subjects such as noise, acoustics, music, and silence, Keywords in Sound presents a definitive resource for sound studies, and a compelling argument for why studying sound matters. Each contributor details their keyword's intellectual history, outlines its role in cultural, social and political discourses, and suggests possibilities for further research. Keywords in Sound charts the philosophical debates and core problems in defining, classifying and conceptualizing sound, and sets new challenges for the development of sound studies. Contributors. Andrew Eisenberg, Veit Erlmann, Patrick Feaster, Steven Feld, Daniel Fisher, Stefan Helmreich, Charles Hirschkind, Deborah Kapchan, Mara Mills, John Mowitt, David Novak, Ana Maria Ochoa Gautier, Thomas Porcello, Tom Rice, Tara Rodgers, Matt Sakakeeny, David Samuels, Mark M. Smith, Benjamin Steege, Jonathan Sterne, Amanda Weidman Mediated Communication Philip M. Napoli 2018-09-24 Media scholarship has responded to a rapidly evolving media environment that has challenged existing theories and methods while also giving rise to new

theoretical and methodological approaches. This volume explores the state of contemporary media research. Focusing on Intellectual Foundations, Theoretical Perspectives, Methodological Approaches, Context, and Contemporary Issues, this volume is a valuable resource for media scholars and students.

Gender Matters in the Baltics Irina Novikova 2008

Writing Systems and Their Use Dimitrios Meletis 2022-06-21

Grapholinguistics, the multifaceted study of writing systems, is growing increasingly popular, yet to date no coherent account covering and connecting its major branches exists. This book now gives an overview of the core theoretical and empirical questions of this field. A treatment of the structure of writing systems—their relation to speech and language, their material features, linguistic functions, and norms, as well as the different types in which they come—is complemented by perspectives centring on the use of writing, incorporating psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic issues such as reading processes or orthographic variation as social action. Examples stem from a variety of diverse systems such as Chinese, English, Japanese, Arabic, Thai, German, and Korean, which allows defining concepts in a broadly applicable way and thereby constructing a comparative grapholinguistic framework that provides readers with important tools for studying any writing system. The book emphasizes that grapholinguistics is a discipline in its own right, inviting discussion and further research in this up-and-coming field as well as an overdue integration of writing into general linguistic discussion.

The Oxford Handbook of the Word John R. Taylor 2015-06-25 This handbook addresses words in all their multifarious aspects and brings together scholars from every relevant discipline to do so. The many subjects covered include word frequencies; sounds and sound symbolism; the structure of words; taboo words; lexical borrowing; words in dictionaries and thesauri; word origins and change; place and personal names; nicknames; taxonomies; word acquisition and bilingualism; words in the mind; word disorders; and word games, puns, and puzzles. Words are the most basic of all linguistic units, the aspect of language of which everyone is likely to be most conscious. A 'new' word that makes it into

the OED is prime news; when baby says its first word its parents reckon it has started to speak; knowing a language is often taken to mean knowing its words; and languages are seen to be related by the similarities between their words. Up to the twentieth century linguistic description was mainly an account of words and all the current subdivisions of linguistics have something to say about them. A notable feature of human languages is the sheer vastness of their word inventories, and scholars and writers have sometimes deliberately increased the richness of their languages by coining or importing new items into their word-hoards. The book presents scholarship and research in a manner that meets the interests of students and professionals and satisfies the curiosity of the educated reader.

Echoes and Reflections Lance Strate 2006 "Lance Strate takes the reader on a journey through the interdisciplinary, communication-centered field of media ecology, the study of media as environments, a field that encompasses the study of technology, symbol systems, and aesthetic form, in addition to traditional conceptions of media and mediation. Strate presents media ecology as an open-ended intellectual tradition, a network of great books and independent thinkers. *Echoes and Reflections: On Media Ecology as a Field of Study* is a unique book that provides the first comprehensive overview of the field, followed by a case study concerning the relationship between modes of communication and constructions of the self."--BOOK JACKET.

Nueva ecología de los medios y desarrollo ciudadano Renó, Denis 2015-02-11 *Nueva ecología de los medios y desarrollo ciudadano* presenta diversos ejemplos y modelos relacionados con la construcción del estudio de los temas en el escenario contemporáneo, donde la participación y la comunicación comparten un mismo objetivo. Esta obra tiene como propuesta la discusión sobre estos escenarios con autores de diferentes nacionalidades (Brasil, Colombia, México, Portugal, Australia y EEUU.) y pertenecientes a distintas instituciones.

Exploring Morgan's Metaphors Anders Örtengren 2016-07-05 Gareth Morgan's monumental book, *Images of Organization*, revolutionized the field of organization theory. In honor of Morgan's classic text, this edited

volume, *Exploring Morgan's Metaphors: Theory, Research, and Practice in Organizational Studies* (by Anders Örténblad, Kiran Trehan, and Linda L. Putnam), illustrates how Morgan's eight metaphors inform research, practice, and organizational intervention in a variety of contexts. Including contributions from well-known experts in their fields, specifically, Joep Cornelisen, Cliff Oswick, David Grant, and Gareth Morgan, this new text offers fresh perspectives and sets forth new metaphors for conceptualizing organizations in today's workforce. Readers will gain insights and guidelines into the different ways that Morgan's metaphors and metaphorical thinking can be used to better understand organizational life, as well as how to study and develop organizations.

Radiohead and the Global Movement for Change Phil Rose 2015-12-03
Radiohead and the Global Movement for Change examines the work of the British group Radiohead, focusing particularly on their landmark recording *OK Computer* (1997). This book studies the band's exploration of the crucial issues surrounding contemporary technological development and 'musical hermeneutics' with the media ecology perspective.

Taking Up McLuhan's Cause Robert K. Logan 2017-04-04 This book brings together a number of prominent scholars to explore a relatively under-studied area of Marshall McLuhan's thought: his idea of formal cause and the role that formal cause plays in the emergence of new technologies and in structuring societal relations. Aiming to open a new way of understanding McLuhan's thought in this area, and to provide methodological grounding for future media ecology research, the book runs the gamut, from contributions that directly support McLuhan's arguments to those that see in them the germs of future developments in emergent dynamics and complexity theory.

Hierarchy T. F. H. Allen 2017-11-15 Although complexity surrounds us, its inherent uncertainty, ambiguity, and contradiction can at first make complex systems appear inscrutable. Ecosystems, for instance, are nonlinear, self-organizing, seemingly chaotic structures in which individuals interact both with each other and with the myriad biotic and

abiotic components of their surroundings across geographies as well as spatial and temporal scales. In the face of such complexity, ecologists have long sought tools to streamline and aggregate information. Among them, in the 1980s, T. F. H. Allen and Thomas B. Starr implemented a burgeoning concept from business administration: hierarchy theory. Cutting-edge when *Hierarchy* was first published, their approach to unraveling complexity is now integrated into mainstream ecological thought. This thoroughly revised and expanded second edition of *Hierarchy* reflects the assimilation of hierarchy theory into ecological research, its successful application to the understanding of complex systems, and the many developments in thought since. Because hierarchies and levels are habitual parts of human thinking, hierarchy theory has proven to be the most intuitive and tractable vehicle for addressing complexity. By allowing researchers to look explicitly at only the entities and interconnections that are relevant to a specific research question, hierarchically informed data analysis has enabled a revolution in ecological understanding. With this new edition of *Hierarchy*, that revolution continues.

The Written World Martin Puchner 2017-10-24 The story of literature in sixteen acts—from Homer to Harry Potter, including *The Tale of Genji*, *Don Quixote*, *The Communist Manifesto*, and how they shaped world history In this groundbreaking book, Martin Puchner leads us on a remarkable journey through time and around the globe to reveal the how stories and literature have created the world we have today. Through sixteen foundational texts selected from more than four thousand years of world literature, he shows us how writing has inspired the rise and fall of empires and nations, the spark of philosophical and political ideas, and the birth of religious beliefs. We meet Murasaki, a lady from eleventh-century Japan who wrote the first novel, *The Tale of Genji*, and follow the adventures of Miguel de Cervantes as he battles pirates, both seafaring and literary. We watch Goethe discover world literature in Sicily, and follow the rise in influence of *The Communist Manifesto*. Puchner takes us to Troy, Pergamum, and China, speaks with Nobel laureates Derek Walcott in the Caribbean and Orhan Pamuk in Istanbul, and introduces

us to the wordsmiths of the oral epic Sunjata in West Africa. This delightful narrative also chronicles the inventions—writing technologies, the printing press, the book itself—that have shaped people, commerce, and history. In a book that Elaine Scarry has praised as “unique and spellbinding,” Puchner shows how literature turned our planet into a written world. Praise for *The Written World* “It’s with exhilaration . . . that one hails Martin Puchner’s book, which asserts not merely the importance of literature but its all-importance. . . . Storytelling is as human as breathing.”—*The New York Times Book Review* “Puchner has a keen eye for the ironies of history. . . . His ideal is ‘world literature,’ a phrase he borrows from Goethe. . . . The breathtaking scope and infectious enthusiasm of this book are a tribute to that ideal.”—*The Sunday Times (U.K.)* “Enthralling . . . Perfect reading for a long chilly night . . . [Puchner] brings these works and their origins to vivid life.”—*BookPage* “Well worth a read, to find out how come we read.”—Margaret Atwood, via Twitter

Bibliographic Index 2006

The Mind on Paper

Academic Writing Luke Strongman 2014-07-18 How do I improve my essay writing skills? Where can I learn quickly how to improve my speech writing? How does writing for the web differ from conventional writing? Are there some categories of mistakes that people commonly make in attempting to write good prose? How can I be persuasive in my writing style? How did language evolve? What is ‘genre theory’? How do I become creative in my prose writing? These and other curious and relevant questions are answered in *Academic Writing*. Writing is about communication with words, and academic writing is about choosing words carefully to communicate complex ideas. The purpose of the fourteen chapters of this monograph is to provide an introduction to the practice of academic writing with an emphasis on prose writing in particular, for both print-based and online media. Each of the fourteen chapters explores different aspects of academic writing from practical, professional and theoretical perspectives. The book is written for students, teachers and educators at tertiary organisations. Word

connoisseurs, debaters, writers and readers may also enjoy its argumentations and analyses.

The Finger of the Scribe William M. Schniedewind 2019-10-14 One of the enduring problems in biblical studies is how the Bible came to be written. Clearly, scribes were involved. But our knowledge of scribal training in ancient Israel is limited. William Schniedewind explores the unexpected cache of inscriptions discovered at a remote, Iron Age military post called Kuntillet 'Ajrud to assess the question of how scribes might have been taught to write. Here, far from such urban centers as Jerusalem or Samaria, plaster walls and storage pithoi were littered with inscriptions. Apart from the sensational nature of some of the contents—perhaps suggesting Yahweh had a consort—these inscriptions also reflect actual writing practices among soldiers stationed near the frontier. What emerges is a very different picture of how writing might have been taught, as opposed to the standard view of scribal schools in the main population centers.

Reimagining Communication: Meaning Michael Filimowicz 2020-05-19 *Reimagining Communication: Meaning* surveys the foundational theoretical and methodological approaches that continue to shape communication studies, synthesizing the complex relationship of communication to meaning making in a uniquely accessible and engaging way. The *Reimagining Communication* series develops a new information architecture for the field of communications studies, grounded in its interdisciplinary origins and looking ahead to emerging trends as researchers take into account new media technologies and their impacts on society and culture. *Reimagining Communication: Meaning* brings together international authors to provide contemporary perspectives on semiotics, hermeneutics, paralanguage, corpus analysis, critical theory, intercultural communication, global culture, cultural hybridity, postcolonialism, feminism, political economy, propaganda, cultural capital, media literacy, media ecology and media psychology. The volume is designed as a reader for scholars and a textbook for students, offering a new approach for comprehending the vast diversity of communications topics in today’s globally networked world. This will

be an essential introductory text for advanced undergraduate and graduate students and scholars of communication, broadcast media, and interactive technologies, with an interdisciplinary focus and an emphasis on the integration of new technologies.

Script Effects as the Hidden Drive of the Mind, Cognition, and Culture

Hye K. Pae 2020-10-14 This open access volume reveals the hidden power of the script we read in and how it shapes and drives our minds, ways of thinking, and cultures. Expanding on the Linguistic Relativity Hypothesis (i.e., the idea that language affects the way we think), this volume proposes the “Script Relativity Hypothesis” (i.e., the idea that the script in which we read affects the way we think) by offering a unique perspective on the effect of script (alphabets, morphosyllabaries, or multi-scripts) on our attention, perception, and problem-solving. Once we become literate, fundamental changes occur in our brain circuitry to

accommodate the new demand for resources. The powerful effects of literacy have been demonstrated by research on literate versus illiterate individuals, as well as cross-scriptal transfer, indicating that literate brain networks function differently, depending on the script being read. This book identifies the locus of differences between the Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans, and between the East and the West, as the neural underpinnings of literacy. To support the “Script Relativity Hypothesis”, it reviews a vast corpus of empirical studies, including anthropological accounts of human civilization, social psychology, cognitive psychology, neuropsychology, applied linguistics, second language studies, and cross-cultural communication. It also discusses the impact of reading from screens in the digital age, as well as the impact of bi-script or multi-script use, which is a growing trend around the globe. As a result, our minds, ways of thinking, and cultures are now growing closer together, not farther apart.