

Philosophy Of Technology The Technological Condition An Anthology

As science becomes more deeply embedded in a complex technological infrastructure, has this changed the relationship between the sciences and the various technologies that support them? As our technologies help shrink our world, can we restrict our ethical

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concerns or must we find a way to face the fact that we are now one world? What do new forms of architecture say about whom we are? Is the design process the new epistemological paradigm? The answers to all of these is "yes" according to Joseph C. Pitt (VirginiaTech). Doing Philosophy of Technology presents an updated and integrated overview of the most important thinking from this prominent philosopher of

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technology. Throughout his career Joseph C. Pitt has defended the view that to say anything meaningful about the value of a technology one must know something about that technology and how it functions in the world. This starting point leads naturally to a pragmatist philosophical stance, since it is the real world consequences of introducing a technology that must be the basis for any further normative

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judgements. In the book we find an extended set of arguments that challenge the idea that there are eternal philosophical issues that transcend the impacts that technologies make on human beings and their world. Rather, it is claimed that as our technologies transform our world they transform us and the kinds of questions we find important to answer. This edited volume explores the interplay

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between philosophies in a wide-ranging analysis of how technological applications in science inform our systems of thought. Beginning with a historical background, the volume moves on to explore a host of topics, such as the uses of technology in scientific observations and experiments, the salient relationship between technology and mechanistic notions in science and the ways in which today's vast and increasing computing

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power helps scientists achieve results that were previously unattainable. Technology allows today's researchers to gather, in a matter of hours, data that would previously have taken weeks or months to assemble. It also acts as a kind of metaphor bank, providing biologists in particular with analogies (the heart as a 'pump', the nervous system as a 'computer network') that have become common

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linguistic currency.

This book also examines

the fundamental

epistemological

distinctions between

technology and science

and assesses their

continued relevance.

Given the increasing

amalgamation of the

philosophies of science

and technology, this

fresh addition to the

literature features

pioneering work in a

promising new field that

will appeal both to

philosophers and

scientific

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historiographers.

20th century
technologies like cars,
the Internet, and the
contraceptive pill have
altered our actions,
changed our perceptions
and influenced our moral
ideas, for better and
worse. Upcoming
technologies are bound
to fulfill their own
unique social roles. How
can we advance this
social role so that it
will support the good
life and limit undesired
changes? This book
explores whether we can

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take a forward looking responsibility to optimize the social roles of technologies. In doing so, the book discusses three issues: first, it aims to understand the social role of technologies; second, it explores what it means to accept responsibility for this social role, and; third, it searches for some forward looking tools that help us to see how new technologies may influence human behavior. In a rather

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unique approach, this book combines the influential sociological research of Bruno Latour on the social impacts of technologies with the contemporary Aristotelianism of Alasdair MacIntyre. Philosophy of Technology: An introduction for technology and business students is an accessible guide to technology's changes, their ubiquitousness, and the many questions these raise. Designed

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for those with no philosophical background in mind, it is ideal for technology and engineering students or specialists who want to learn to think critically about how their work influences society and our daily lives. The technological, business environment and daily experiences are the starting point of the book and the authors' reflect upon these practices from a philosophical point of

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view. The text goes on to present a critical analysis of the subject including development, manufacturing, sales and marketing and the use of technological products and services. The abstract ideas are made easier to grasp with a story-telling approach: a vivid history of the discipline and colourful portraits of the core thinkers in this domain, as well as four case studies drawing from various engineering disciplines to

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demonstrate how philosophy can and should influence technology in practice. The first comprehensive introduction to this vibrant young sub-discipline in over 20 years, this is an ideal textbook for students of technology and engineering beginning a course or project in the philosophy of their subject.

Classical Readings and
Contemporary Work
Heidegger on Technology
Studies in the Structure

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of Thinking in the
Technological Sciences
On the Evolutionary
History of Culture
Doing Philosophy of
Technology
Philosophical Tools for
Technological Culture
*The Handbook Philosophy of
Technology and Engineering
Sciences addresses numerous
issues in the emerging field of
the philosophy of those
sciences that are involved in
the technological process of
designing, developing and
making of new technical
artifacts and systems. These
issues include the nature of*

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design, of technological knowledge, and of technical artifacts, as well as the toolbox of engineers. Most of these have thus far not been analyzed in general philosophy of science, which has traditionally but inadequately regarded technology as mere applied science and focused on physics, biology, mathematics and the social sciences. • First comprehensive philosophical handbook on technology and the engineering sciences • Unparalleled in scope including explorative articles • In depth discussion of technical artifacts and their ontology • Provides extensive analysis of the

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*nature of engineering design •
Focuses in detail on the role of
models in technology
Information and
communication technologies of
the 20th century have had a
significant impact on our daily
lives. They have brought new
opportunities as well as new
challenges for human
development. The Philosopher:
Luciano Floridi claims that
these new technologies have
led to a revolutionary shift in
our understanding of
humanity's nature and its role
in the universe. Floridi's
philosophical analysis of new
technologies leads to a novel
metaphysical framework in*

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which our understanding of the ultimate nature of reality shifts from a materialist one to an informational one. In this world, all entities, be they natural or artificial, are analyzed as informational entities. This book provides critical reflection to this idea, in four different areas:

*Information Ethics and The Method of Levels of Abstraction
The Information Revolution and Alternative Categorizations of Technological Advancements
Applications: Education, Internet and Information
Science Epistemic and Ontic Aspects of the Philosophy of Information*

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This book provides an introduction to the philosophy of technology that is accessible to non-philosophers. It offers a survey of the current state-of-affairs in the philosophy of technology and also discusses the relevance of that for teaching about technology. The book includes questions and assignments and offers an extensive annotated bibliography for those who want to read more about the discipline.

Drawing on essays from leading international and multi-disciplinary scholars, A Companion to the Philosophy of Technology is the first

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*comprehensive and
authoritative reference source
to cover the key issues of
technology's impact on society
and our lives. Presents the first
complete, authoritative
reference work in the field
Organized thematically for use
both as a full introduction to
the field or an encyclopedic
reference Draws on original
essays from leading
interdisciplinary scholars
Features the most up-to-date
and cutting edge research in
the interdisciplinary fields of
philosophy, technology, and
their broader intellectual
environments
The Role of Technology in*

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*Science: Philosophical
Perspectives*

*French Philosophy of
Technology*

Ricoeur on Questions

*Concerning Ethics and
Philosophy of Technology*

*A Companion to Philosophy of
Technology*

*Analytical Philosophy of
Technology*

An Introduction

*This introduction to the
philosophy of technology*

discusses its sources and uses.

*Tracing the changing meaning of
"technology" from ancient times*

to the modern day, it identifies

*two important traditions of critical
analysis of technology: the*

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engineering approach and the humanities approach.

Focused on mapping out contemporary and future domains in philosophy of technology, this volume serves as an excellent, forward-looking resource in the field and in cognate areas of study. The 32 chapters, all of them appearing in print here for the first time, were written by both established scholars and fresh voices. They cover topics ranging from data discrimination and engineering design, to art and technology, space junk, and beyond. Spaces for the Future: A Companion to Philosophy of Technology is structured in six parts: (1) Ethical Space and

Experience; (2) Political Space and Agency; (3) Virtual Space and Property; (4) Personal Space and Design; (5) Inner Space and Environment; and (6) Outer Space and Imagination. The organization maps out current and emerging spaces of activity in the field and anticipates the big issues that we soon will face.

Only recently has the phenomenon of technology become an object of interest for philosophers. The first attempts at a philosophy of technology date back scarcely a hundred years - a span of time extremely short when compared with the antiquity of philosophical reflections on nature, science, and society. Over

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that hundred-year span, speculative, critical, and empiricist approaches of various sorts have been put forward. Nevertheless, even now there remains a broad gap between the importance of technology in the real world and the sparse number of philosophical works dedicated to the understanding of modern technology. As a result of the complex structure of modern technology, it can be dealt with in very different ways. These range from metaphysical exposition to efforts aimed at political consensus. Quite naturally, within such a broad range, certain national accents can be discovered-; they are shaped by a

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common language, accepted philosophical traditions, and concrete problems requiring consideration. Even so, the worldwide impact of technology, its penetration into all spheres of individual, social, and cultural life, together with the urgency of the problems raised in this context - all these demand a joint philosophical discussion that transcends the barriers of language and cultural differences. The papers printed here are intended to exemplify such an effort at culture-transcending philosophical discussion. Friedrich Rapp, in this magisterial and critical essay on technology, the complex human phenomenon

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that demands philosophy of science, philosophy of culture, moral insight, and historical sensitivity for its understanding, writes modestly of the grave and tentative situation in the philosophy of technology. Despite the profound thinkers who have devoted time and imagination and rational penetration, despite the massive literature now available, the varied and comparative viewpoints of political, analytic, despite metaphysical, cultural, even esthetic commitments, indeed despite the honest joining of historical and systematic methods of investigation, we are far from a satisfactory understanding of the joys and

sorrows, the achievements and disappointments, of the technological saga of human societies. Professor Rapp has prepared this report on the philosophical understanding of technology for a troubled world; if ever philosophy were needed, it is in the practical attempt to find alternatives among technologies, to foresee dangers and opportunities, to choose with a sense of the possibility of fulfilling humane values. Emerson spoke of the scholar not as a specialist apart, but as 'Man thinking' and Rapp's essay so speaks to all of us, industrial world or third world, engineers or humanists, tired or energetic, fearful or optimistic.

*An Introduction to the Philosophy
of Technology for Non-
philosophers*

Technology and the Virtues

Thinking Through Technology

*The Path Between Engineering
and Philosophy*

*An Introduction for Technology
and Business Students*

Interpreting Technology

*This volume rethinks the work of
Jacques Ellul (1912-1994) on the
centenary of his birth, by presenting
an overview of the current debates
based on Ellul's insights. As one of
the most significant twentieth-
century thinkers about technology,
Ellul was among the first thinkers to
realize the importance of topics
such as globalization, terrorism,*

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communication technologies and ecology, and study them from a technological perspective. The book is divided into three sections. The first discusses Ellul's diagnosis of modern society, and addresses the reception of his work on the technological society, the notion of efficiency, the process of symbolization/de-symbolization, and ecology. The second analyzes communicational and cultural problems, as well as threats and trends in early twenty-first century societies. Many of the issues Ellul saw as crucial – such as energy, propaganda, applied life sciences and communication – continue to be so. In fact they have grown exponentially, on a global scale,

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producing new forms of risk. Essays in the final section examine the duality of reason and revelation. They pursue an understanding of Ellul in terms of the depth of experience and the traditions of human knowledge, which is to say, on the one hand, the experience of the human being as contained in the rationalist, sociological and philosophical traditions. On the other hand there are the transcendent roots of human existence, as well as “revealed knowledge,” in the mystical and religious traditions. The meeting of these two traditions enables us to look at Ellul’s work as a whole, but above all it opens up a space for examining religious life in the

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technological society.

Postphenomenology is a fascinating investigation of the relationships between global culture and technology. The impressive range of subjects to which Don Ihde applies his skill as a phenomenologist is unified by what he describes as "a concern which arises with respect to one of the now major trends of Euro-American philosophy--its textism." He adds, "I show my worries to be less about the loss of subjects or authors, than I do about [there] not being bodies or perceivers."

The first philosophy of technology, constructing humans as technological and technology as an underpinning of all culture Ernst

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Kapp was a foundational scholar in the fields of media theory and philosophy of technology. His 1877 Elements of a Philosophy of Technology is a visionary study of the human body and its relationship with the world that surrounds it. At the book's core is the concept of "organ projection": the notion that humans use technology in an effort to project their organs to the outside, to be understood as "the soul apparently stepping out of the body in the form of a sending-out of mental qualities" into the world of artifacts. Kapp applies this theory of organ projection to various areas of the material world—the axe externalizes the arm, the lens the eye, the telegraphic system the

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neural network. From the first tools to acoustic instruments, from architecture to the steam engine and the mechanic routes of the railway, Kapp's analysis shifts from "simple" tools to more complex network technologies to examine the projection of relations. What emerges from Kapp's prophetic work is nothing less than the emergence of early elements of a cybernetic paradigm.

This is the first volume about the Italian philosophy of technology written in English and including novel and translated contributions. The volume presents original research on emerging topics in the field, as well as an overview of the most distinguished Italian

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approaches to the philosophy of technology. While offering both historical and political perspectives and the contributions of the philosophy of law, philosophy of science, and aesthetics, Italian Philosophy of Technology promotes a novel view on the intersection between continental and analytic traditions in the philosophy of technology.

*Philosophy of Technology and
Engineering Sciences*

Philosophers of Technology

American Philosophy of Technology

*Chinese Philosophy of Technology
Putting Pragmatism to Work*

Ideal for professors who want to provide a comprehensive set of the

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most important readings in the philosophy of technology, from foundational to the cutting edge, this book introduces students to the various ways in which societies, technologies, and environments shape one another. The readings examine the nature of technology as well as the effects of technologies upon human knowledge, activities, societies, and environments. Students will learn to appreciate the ways that philosophy informs our understanding of technology, and to see how technology relates to ethics, politics, nature, human nature, computers, science, food, and animals.

This book offers a systematic framework for thinking about the relationship between language and

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technology and an argument for interweaving thinking about technology with thinking about language. The main claim of philosophy of technology—that technologies are not mere tools and artefacts not mere things, but crucially and significantly shape what we perceive, do, and are—is rethought in a way that accounts for the role of language in human technological experiences and practices. Engaging with work by Wittgenstein, Heidegger, McLuhan, Searle, Ihde, Latour, Ricoeur, and many others, the author critically responds to, and constructs a synthesis of, three "extreme", idealtype, untenable positions: (1) only humans speak and neither language nor technologies speak, (2) only language speaks and

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neither humans nor technologies speak, and (3) only technology speaks and neither humans nor language speak. The construction of this synthesis goes hand in hand with a narrative about subjects and objects that become entangled and constitute one another. Using Words and Things thus draws in central discussions from other subdisciplines in philosophy, such as philosophy of language, epistemology, and metaphysics, to offer an original theory of the relationship between language and (philosophy of) technology centered on use, performance, and narrative, and taking a transcendental turn.

"Hickman[']s... style of pragmatism provides us with flexible, philosophical 'tools' which can be

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used to analyze and penetrate various technology and technological cultural problems of the present. He, himself, uses this toolkit to make his analyses and succeeds very well indeed." —Don Ihde A practical and comprehensive appraisal of the value of philosophy in today's technological culture.

Philosophical Tools for Technological Culture contends that technology—a defining mark of contemporary culture—should be a legitimate concern of philosophers. Larry A. Hickman contests the perception that philosophy is little more than a narrow academic discipline and that philosophical discourse is merely redescription of the ancient past. Drawing inspiration from John Dewey, one of America's greatest public

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philosophers, Hickman validates the role of philosophers as cultural critics and reformers in the broadest sense. Hickman situates Dewey's critique of technological culture within the debates of 20th-century Western philosophy by engaging the work of Richard Rorty, Albert Borgmann, Jacques Ellul, Walter Benjamin, Jürgen Habermas, and Martin Heidegger, among others. Pushing beyond their philosophical concerns, Hickman designs and assembles a set of philosophical tools to cope with technological culture in a new century. His pragmatic treatment of current themes—such as technology and its relationship to the arts, technosciences and technocrats, the role of the media in education, and the meaning of democracy and

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community life in an age dominated by technology—reveals that philosophy possesses powerful tools for cultural renewal. This original, timely, and accessible work will be of interest to readers seeking a deeper understanding of the meanings and consequences of technology in today's world.

In this widely taught introductory survey, Frederick Ferré explains the fundamental concerns and methods of philosophy and then guides readers through a philosophical inquiry into some of the major issues surrounding technology's impact on our lives. The first half of the book concentrates on key definitions and epistemological issues, including an overview of philosophy as applied to technology, a definition of

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technology, and an examination of technology as it relates to practical and theoretical

intelligence--especially how high technology relates to modern science and how science depends on technical craft. The second half addresses the problems of living with technology. Ferré contrasts Karl Marx's and Buckminster Fuller's "bright" visions of technology and modern existence with the "somber" visions of Martin Heidegger and Herbert Marcuse. Next, in offering direction for an ethical assessment of technology, Ferré poses questions about workplace automation, computers, nuclear energy, Third World development, and genetic engineering. Finally, the book considers debates about the mutual

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influences between technology and religion, and technology and metaphysics. A glossary and a list of suggested further readings are included. Providing a philosophical framework that will remain timely in the face of rapid technological change, *Philosophy of Technology* will help students in both the sciences and liberal arts to examine comprehensively their own and society's fundamental beliefs and attitudes about technology.

Contemporary Work from the Spanish Speaking Community
Elements of a Philosophy of Technology
Heidegger's Technologies
Contributions to a Philosophy of Technology
Socio-Cultural, Legal, Scientific and Aesthetic Perspectives on

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Technology
Postphenomenology

Addressing the technological opportunities and challenges of the 21st century, Introduction to Philosophy of Technology offers the most up-to-date and comprehensive overview of philosophy of technology available. It covers several of the classic theories and approaches, but also moves beyond them to explore a broader range of theories and a number of new dynamics in the field, including responding to new technological developments. Esteemed scholar Mark Coeckelbergh emphasizes how new technological developments stimulate

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philosophical thinking--and rethinking--and how philosophers of technology could do more to interact with other subdisciplines in philosophy and fields beyond academia, such as art and policy. Heidegger is the only thinker of his generation whose philosophy of technology is still widely read today. This book not only serves as an introduction to Heidegger's philosophy of technology, it also indicates a postphenomenological counter-strategy for technological analysis.

Until recently, the philosophy and history of science proceeded in a separate way from the philosophy and history of technology, and indeed with respect to both

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science and technology, philosophical and historical inquiries were also following their separate ways. Now we see in the past quarter-century how the philosophy of science has been profoundly influenced by historical studies of the sciences, and no longer concerned so single-mindedly with the analysis of theory and explanation, with the relation between hypotheses and experimental observation. Now also we see the traditional historical studies of technology supplemented by philosophical questions, and no longer so plainly focussed upon contexts of application, on invention and practical engineering, and on the

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mutually stimulating relations between technology and society. Further, alas, the neat division of intellectual labor, those clearly drawn distinctions between science and technology, between the theoretical and the applied, between discovery and justification, between internalist and externalist approaches . . . all, all have become muddled! Partly, this is due to internal revolutions within the philosophy and history of science (the first result being recognition of their mutual relevance). Partly, however, this state of 'muddle' is due to external factors: science, at the least in the last half-century, has become so intimately connected with

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technology, and technological developments have created so many new fields of scientific (and philosophical) inquiry that any critical reflection on scientific and technological endeavors must hence forth take their interaction into account.

History and Philosophy of Science and Technology is a component of Encyclopedia of Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology Resources in the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), which is an integrated compendium of twenty one Encyclopedias. The Theme on History and Philosophy of Science and Technology in four volumes covers several topics such as:

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*Introduction to the Philosophy of
Science; The Nature and Structure
of Scientific Theories Natural
Science; A Short History of
Molecular Biology; The Structure of
the Darwinian Argument In The
Origin of Species; History of
Measurement Theory; Episodes of
XX Century Cosmology: A
Historical Approach; Philosophy of
Economics; Social Sciences:
Historical And Philosophical
Overview of Methods And Goals;
Introduction to Ethics of Science
and Technology; The Ethics of
Science and Technology; The
Control of Nature and the Origins
of The Dichotomy Between Fact
And Value; Science and Empires:
The Geo-Epistemic Location of*

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*Knowledge; Science and Religion;
Scientific Knowledge and Religious
Knowledge - Significant
Epistemological Reference Points;
Thing Called Philosophy of
Technology; Transitions from
Function-Oriented To Effect-
Oriented Technologies. Some
Thought on the Nature of Modern
Technology; Technical Agency and
Sources of Technological
Pessimism These four volumes are
aimed at a broad spectrum of
audiences: University and College
Students, Educators and Research
Personnel.*

*Language and Philosophy of
Technology
Spaces for the Future
Philosophy, Technology, and the*

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Environment

*Doing Good with Technologies:
Teaching about Technology
Italian Philosophy of Technology
Ideal for undergraduate
students in philosophy
and science
studies, Philosophy of
Technology offers an
engaging
and comprehensive
overview of a subject
vital to our time. An up-
to-date, accessible
overview of the
philosophy of technology,
defining technology and
its characteristics.
Explores the issues that*

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arise as technology becomes an integral part of our society. In addition to traditional topics in science and technology studies, the volume offers discussion of technocracy, the romantic rebellion against technology.

Complements The Philosophy of Technology: The Technological Condition: An Anthology, edited by Robert C. Scharff and Val Dusek (Blackwell, 2003).

The 21st century offers

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a dizzying array of new technological developments: robots smart enough to take white collar jobs, social media tools that manage our most important relationships, ordinary objects that track, record, analyze and share every detail of our daily lives, and biomedical techniques with the potential to transform and enhance human minds and bodies to an unprecedented degree. Emerging technologies are

*reshaping our habits,
practices, institutions,
cultures and
environments in
increasingly rapid,
complex and
unpredictable ways that
create profound risks
and opportunities for
human flourishing on a
global scale. How can
our future be protected
in such challenging and
uncertain conditions?
How can we possibly
improve the chances that
the human family will
not only live, but live
well, into the 21st*

century and beyond? This book locates a key to that future in the distant past: specifically, in the philosophical traditions of virtue ethics developed by classical thinkers from Aristotle and Confucius to the Buddha. Each developed a way of seeking the good life that equips human beings with the moral and intellectual character to flourish even in the most unpredictable, complex and unstable

situations--precisely where we find ourselves today. Through an examination of the many risks and opportunities presented by rapidly changing technosocial conditions, Vallor makes the case that if we are to have any real hope of securing a future worth wanting, then we will need more than just better technologies. We will also need better humans. Technology and the Virtues develops a practical framework for seeking that goal by

means of the deliberate cultivation of technomoral virtues: specific skills and strengths of character, adapted to the unique challenges of 21st century life, that offer the human family our best chance of learning to live wisely and well with emerging technologies.

Offering an overall insight into the French tradition of philosophy of technology, this volume is meant to make French-speaking

contributions more
accessible to the
international
philosophical community.
The first section,
"Negotiating a Cultural
Heritage," presents a
number of leading 20th
century philosophical
figures (from Bergson
and Canguilhem to
Simondon, Dagognet or
Ellul) and intellectual
movements (from
Personalism to French
Cybernetics and
political ecology) that
help shape philosophy of
technology in the

Francophone area, and feed into contemporary debates (ecology of technology, politics of technology, game studies). The second section, "Coining and Reconfiguring Technoscience," traces the genealogy of this controversial concept and discusses its meanings and relevance. A third section, "Revisiting Anthropological Categories," focuses on the relationships of technology with the

*natural and the human
worlds from various
perspectives that
include
anthropotechnology,
Anthropocene,
technological and vital
norms and temporalities.
The final section,
"Innovating in Ethics,
Design and Aesthetics,"
brings together
contributions that draw
on various French
traditions to afford
fresh insights on ethics
of technology,
philosophy of design,
techno-aesthetics and*

digital studies. The contributions in this volume are vivid and rich in original approaches that can spur exchanges and debates with other philosophical traditions.

Contributions by prominent scholars examining the intersections of environmental philosophy and philosophy of technology.

Environmental philosophy and philosophy of technology have taken divergent paths despite

their common interest in examining human modification of the natural world. Yet philosophers from each field have a lot to contribute to the other. Environmental issues inevitably involve technologies, and technologies inevitably have environmental impacts. In this book, prominent scholars from both fields illuminate the intersections of environmental philosophy and philosophy of technology, offering the

beginnings of a rich new hybrid discourse. All the contributors share the intuition that technology and the environment overlap in ways that are relevant in both philosophical and practical terms. They consider such issues as the limits of technological interventions in the natural world, whether a concern for the environment can be designed into things, how consumerism relates us to artifacts and

environments, and how food and animal agriculture raise questions about both culture and nature. They discuss, among other topics, the pessimism and dystopianism shared by environmentalists, environmental philosophers, and philosophers of technology; the ethics of geoengineering and climate change; the biological analogy at the heart of industrial ecology; green products and sustainable design;

*and agriculture as a
bridge between
technology and the
environment.*

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*A Companion to the
Philosophy of Technology
Using Words and Things*

***Essays in the Postmodern
Context***

***The Technological
Condition: An Anthology
The Empirical Turn
Spanish Philosophy of
Technology***

***The highly sophisticated
techniques of modern engineering
are normally conceived of in
practical terms. Corresponding to
the instrumental function of
technology, they are designed to
direct the forces of nature
according to human purposes. Yet,
as soon as the realm of mere skills
is exceeded, the intended useful
results can only be achieved
through planned and preconceived
action processes involving the
deliberately considered application***

of well designed tools and devices. This is to say that in all complex cases theoretical reasoning becomes an indispensable means to accomplish the pragmatic technological aims. Hence the abstracting from the actual concrete function of technology opens the way to concentrate attention on the general conceptual framework involved. If this approach is adopted the relevant knowledge and the procedures applied clearly exhibit a logic of their own. This point of view leads to a methodological and even an epistemological analysis of the theoretical structure and the specific methods of procedure characteristic of modern technology. Investigations of this kind, that can be described as

belonging to an analytical philosophy of technology, form the topic of this anthology. The type of research in question here is closely akin to that of the philosophy of science. But it is an astonishing fact that the commonly accepted and carefully investigated philosophy of science has not yet found its counterpart in an established philosophy of technology.

This volume features essays that detail the distinctive ways authors and researchers in Spanish speaking countries express their thoughts on contemporary philosophy of technology. Written in English but fully capturing a Spanish perspective, the essays bring the views and ideas of pioneer authors and many new

ones to an international readership. Coverage explores key topics in the philosophy of technology, the ontological and epistemological aspects of technology, development and innovation, and new technological frontiers like nanotechnology and cloud computing. In addition, the book features case studies on philosophical queries. Readers will discover such voices as Miguel Ángel Quintanilla and Javier Echeverría, who are main references in the current landscape of philosophy of technology both in Spain and Spanish speaking countries; José Luis Luján, who is a leading Spanish author in research about technological risk; and Emilio Muñoz, former head of the Spanish National Research Council and an

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authority on Spanish science policy. The volume also covers thinkers in American Spanish speaking countries, such as Jorge Linares, an influential researcher in ethical issues; Judith Sutz, who has a very recognized work on social issues concerning innovation; Carlos Osorio, who focuses his work on technological determinism and the social appropriation of technology; and Diego Lawler, an important researcher in the ontological aspects of technology. Introduces contemporary American philosophy of technology through six of its leading figures. The six American philosophers of technology whose work is profiled in this clear and concise introduction to the field--Albert Borgmann, Hubert Dreyfus, Andrew

Feenberg, Donna Haraway, Don Ihde, and Langdon

Winner--represent a new, empirical direction in the philosophical study of technology that has developed mainly in North America. In place of the grand philosophical schemes of the classical generation of European philosophers of technology (including Martin Heidegger, Jacques Ellul, and Hans Jonas), the contemporary American generation addresses concrete technological practices and the co-evolution of technology and society in modern culture. Six Dutch philosophers associated with Twente University survey and critique the full scope and development of their American colleagues' work, often illustrating shifts from earlier to more recent

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interests. Individual chapters focus on Borgmann's engagement with technology and everyday life; Dreyfus's work on the limits of artificial intelligence; Feenberg's perspectives on the cultural and social possibilities opened by technologies; Haraway's conception of the cyborg and its attendant blurring of boundaries; Ihde's explorations of the place of technology in the lifeworld; and Winner's fascination with the moral and political implications of modern technologies. American Philosophy of Technology offers an insightful and readable introduction to this new and distinctly American philosophical turn. Contributors are Hans Achterhuis, Philip Brey, Ren Munnik, Martijntje Smits, Pieter Tijmes, and Peter-Paul Verbeek.

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Ricoeur's work at the center of contemporary philosophical thinking concerning technology. It investigates his project of critical hermeneutics, the growing ethical and political impacts of technologies on the modern lifeworld, and ways of analyzing global sociotechnical systems such as the Internet.

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of canonical texts and recently published primary sources on two crucial concepts in Heidegger's later thought: Gelassenheit and Gestell. Gelassenheit, translated as 'releasement', and Gestell, often translated as 'enframing', stand as opposing ideas in Heidegger's work whereby the meditative thinking of Gelassenheit counters the dangers of our technological framing of the world in Gestell. After opening with a scholarly overview of Heidegger's philosophy of technology as a whole, this

volume focuses on important Heideggerian critiques of science, technology, and modern industrialized society as well as Heidegger's belief that transformations in our thought processes enable us to resist the restrictive domain of modern techno-scientific practice. Key themes discussed in this collection include: the history, development, and defining features of modern technology; the relationship between scientific theories and their technological instantiations; the nature of

human agency and the essence of education in the age of technology; and the ethical, political, and environmental impact of our current techno-scientific customs. This volume also addresses the connection between Heidegger's critique of technology and his involvement with the Nazis. Finally, and with contributions from a number of renowned Heidegger scholars, the original essays in this collection will be of great interest to students of Philosophy, Technology Studies, the History of

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