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Mary Esteve provides a study of crowd representations in American literature from the antebellum era to the early twentieth century. As a central icon of political and cultural democracy, the crowd occupies a prominent place in the

American literary and cultural landscape. Esteve examines a range of writing by Poe, Hawthorne, Lydia Maria Child, Du Bois, James, and Stephen Crane among others. These writers, she argues, distinguish between the aesthetics of immersion in a crowd and the mode of collectivity demanded of political-liberal subjects. In their representations of everyday crowds, ranging from streams of urban pedestrians to swarms of train travellers, from upper-class parties to lower-class revivalist meetings, such authors seize on the political problems facing a mass liberal democracy -

problems such as the stipulations of citizenship, nation formation, mass immigration and the emergence of mass media. Esteve examines both the aesthetic and political meanings of such urban crowd scenes. Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer wrote the central text of “critical theory”, Dialectic of Enlightenment, a measured critique of the Enlightenment reason that, they argued, had resulted in fascism and totalitarianism. Towards a New Manifesto shows the two philosophers in a uniquely spirited and free-flowing exchange of ideas. This book is a

record of their discussions over three weeks in the spring of 1956, recorded with a view to the production of a contemporary version of The Communist Manifesto. A philosophical jam-session in which the two thinkers improvise freely, often wildly, on central themes of their work—theory and practice, labor and leisure, domination and freedom—in a political register found nowhere else in their writing. Amid a careening flux of arguments, aphorisms and asides, in which the trenchant alternates with the reckless, the playful with the ingenuous, positions are swapped and

contradictions unheeded, without any compulsion for consistency.

A thrilling example of philosophy in action and a compelling map of a possible passage to a new world.

Ewa Ziarek fully articulates a feminist aesthetics, focusing on the struggle for freedom in women's literary and political modernism and the devastating impact of racist violence and sexism. She examines the contradiction between women's transformative literary and political practices and the oppressive realities of racist violence and sexism, and she situates these tensions within the

*entrenched opposition between
revolt and melancholia in studies
of modernity and within the
friction between material injuries
and experimental aesthetic
forms. Ziarek's political and
aesthetic investigations concern
the exclusion and destruction of
women in politics and literary
production and the transformation
of this oppression into the
inaugural possibilities of writing
and action. Her study is one of
the first to combine an in-depth
engagement with philosophical
aesthetics, especially the work of
Theodor W. Adorno, with
women's literary modernism,
particularly the writing of Virginia*

Woolf and Nella Larsen, along with feminist theories on the politics of race and gender. By bringing seemingly apolitical, gender-neutral debates about modernism's experimental forms together with an analysis of violence and destroyed materialities, Ziarek challenges both the anti-aesthetic subordination of modern literature to its political uses and the appreciation of art's emancipatory potential at the expense of feminist and anti-racist political struggles. This book examines the relationship between art and politics in the work of William

Shakespeare and others in the early modern era, with a focus on the relation between aesthetics and sensory experience. From the 1980s, the turn to political concerns in Renaissance studies was dictated by forms of cultural materialism that staked their claims against the aesthetic dimension of the work. Recently, however, the more robustly political conception of the aesthetic formulated by theorists such as Theodor Adorno and Jacques Rancière has revitalized political aesthetics generally and early modern studies in particular. For these theorists, aesthetics forms the crucial link

between politics and the most fundamental phenomenological organization of the world, what Rancière terms the “distribution of the sensible.” Taking up this expansive conception of aesthetics, Political Aesthetics in the Era of Shakespeare suggests that the political stakes of the literary work—and Shakespeare’s work in particular—extend from the most intimate dimensions of affective response to the problem of the grounds of political society as such. The approaches to aesthetic thought included in this volume explore the intersections between the literary work and the

full range of concerns animating the field today: political philosophy, affect theory, and ecocritical analysis of environs and habitus. At the same time, political aesthetics holds its own distinctive promise for reopening the question of the relation between art and the political domain. This collection will be an important resource for students of Shakespeare and the Renaissance and for those interested in the promise of current political and aesthetic theory.

Reverberations

*The Aesthetics and Politics of
Linguistic Borders*

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Communities of Sense
Political Aesthetics in the Era of
Shakespeare

Political Aesthetics

Beyond Imperial Aesthetics

How aesthetics—understood as a more encompassing framework for human activity—might become the primary discourse for political and social engagement. These essays make the case for a reignited understanding of aesthetics—one that casts aesthetics not as illusory, subjective, or superficial, but as a more encompassing framework for human activity. Such an aesthetics, the contributors

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suggest, could become the primary discourse for political and social engagement. Departing from the “critical” stance of twentieth-century artists and theorists who embraced a counter-aesthetic framework for political engagement, this book documents how a broader understanding of aesthetics can offer insights into our relationships not only with objects, spaces, environments, and ecologies, but also with each other and the political structures in which we are all enmeshed. The contributors—philosophers, media theorists, artists,

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curators, writers and architects including such notable figures as Jacques Rancière, Graham Harman, and Elaine Scarry—build a compelling framework for a new aesthetic discourse. The book opens with a conversation in which Rancière tells the volume's editor, Mark Foster Gage, that the aesthetic is “about the experience of a common world.” The essays following discuss such topics as the perception of reality; abstraction in ethics, epistemology, and aesthetics as the “first philosophy”; Afrofuturism; Xenofeminism; philosophical realism; the productive force of

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alienation; and the
unbearable lightness of
current creative discourse.

Contributors Mark Foster
Gage, Jacques Rancière,
Elaine Scarry, Graham
Harman, Timothy Morton,
Ferda Kolatan, Adam Fure,
Michael Young, Nettrice R.
Gaskins, Roger Rothman,
Diann Bauer, Matt Shaw,
Albena Yaneva, Brett
Mommersteeg, Lydia
Kallipoliti, Ariane Lourie
Harrison, Rhett Russo, Peggy
Deamer, Caroline Picard Matt
Shaw, Managing Editor
This book outlines a new
conception of political
aesthetics based on the
notion of order as an
aesthetic category

pertaining to human perception. Engaging with the thought of a range of figures, including Veblen, Honneth, Foucault, Popper, and MacIntyre, it explores the nature of political aesthetics as an enquiry into the ways in which politics and our perceptions shape one another and our moral choices. Moving beyond the consideration of politics as a matter of perception, the author employs the concept of recognition to shed fresh light on the normative dimensions of politics, before presenting a series of case studies designed to show the utility of this

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conception of political
aesthetics for explaining
contemporary urban social
phenomena and political
conflicts. As such, *Politics
and Recognition* will appeal
to sociologists,
philosophers, and political
social theorists.

Observing that the division
between theory and
empiricism remains
inextricably linked to
imperial modernity, manifest
at the most basic level in
the binary between "the
West" and "Asia," the
authors of this volume re-
examine art and aesthetics
to challenge these
oppositions in order to
reconceptualize politics and

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knowledge production in East Asia. Current understandings of fundamental ideas like race, nation, colonizer and the colonized, and the concept of Asia in the region are seeped with imperial aesthetics that originated from competing imperialisms operating in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Such aesthetics has sustained both colonial and local modes of perception in the formation of nation-states and expanded the reach of regulatory powers in East Asia since 1945. The twelve thought-provoking essays in this collection tackle the problematics that arise at

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the nexus of aesthetics and politics in four areas: theoretical issues of aesthetics and politics in East Asia, aesthetics of affect and sexuality, the productive tension between critical aesthetics and political movements, and aesthetic critiques of sovereignty and neoliberalism in East Asia today. If the seemingly universal operation of capital and militarism in East Asia requires locally specific definitions of biopolitical concepts to function smoothly, this book critiques the circuit of power between the universalism of capital and

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particularism of nation and
culture. Treating aesthetic
experiences in art at large
as the bases for going
beyond imperial categories,
the contributors present new
modes of sensing, thinking,
and living that have been
unimaginable within the
mainstream modality of Asian
studies, a discipline that
has reproduced the colonial
regime of knowledge
production. By doing so,
Beyond Imperial Aesthetics
illuminates the aesthetic
underside of critical theory
to uncover alternative forms
of political life in East
Asia. "This much needed
volume takes readers on an
erudite and challenging

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journey. Along the way, its
theoretically-minded authors
explore what a future
liberated from the Cold War
shackles of securitized
institutions and capitalist
exploitation as well as
concomitant epistemologies
of aestheticized domination
might look like in East
Asia.” –Todd Henry, UC San
Diego “Beyond Imperial
Aesthetics is an impressive
intervention between art,
politics, and theoretical
reflection in contemporary
East Asia. The project
convincingly articulates
various sites of resistance
to the postwar US hegemon
throughout East Asia. The
editors are to be

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congratulated for putting
together such a timely and
compelling work.” –Richard
Calichman, City College of
New York

Political Aesthetics
highlights the complex and
ambiguous connections of
aesthetics with social,
cultural and political
experiences in contemporary
societies. If today
aesthetics seems a rather
overused term, mixing a
variety of historical
realities and complex
personal states of being,
its relevance as a
connecting agent between
individual, state and
society is stronger than
ever. The actual context of

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political and economic
crisis generates new
relations between official
imposed aesthetics and the
resistance and critiques
they trigger. Considered
beyond the poles of power
and protest, the book
examines how traditional or
innovative artistic
practices may acquire
unexpected capacities of
subversion. It nourishes the
current debate around the
new political stakes of
aesthetics as an inviolable
right of ordinary citizens,
an essential element of
empowerment and agency in a
democratic every day. It
will be of interest to
students and scholars of

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international relations,
political culture and
political aesthetics, as
well as critical sociology
and history. It will also be
useful for some broad
courses in media studies,
cultural studies, and
sociology.

*The Aesthetics and Politics
of Depression
Beyond Aesthetics and
Politics*

*Feminist Aesthetics and the
Politics of Modernism
Aesthetics and Its
Discontents
Theories of Art and Politics
in East Asia*
**Through empirical analysis and
theoretical reflection, this book**

shows that the aesthetics and politics of the Islamic State is "futurist." ISIS overcomes postmodern pessimism and joins the modern, techno-oriented, and optimistic attitude propagated by Italian Futurism in the early twentieth century.

Jacques Rancière's work is increasingly central to several debates across the humanities. Distributions of the Sensible confronts a question at the heart of his thought: How should we conceive the relationship between the "politics of aesthetics" and the "aesthetics of politics"? Specifically, the book explores the implications of Rancière's rethinking of the relationship of aesthetic to political democracy from a wide range of critical

perspectives. Distributions of the Sensible contains original essays by leading scholars on topics such as Rancière's relation to political theory, critical theory, philosophical aesthetics, and film. The book concludes with a new essay by Rancière himself that reconsiders the practice of theory between aesthetics and politics.

This thesis is an investigation into the aesthetic and political functions of "rumor" in modern Egypt. While previous studies have emphasized the formal or structural features of the genre, I seek to analyze the discursive, political and technological contexts that contribute to its persistence as such a powerful and ambivalent way of imagining

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speech. The scope of my analysis is a collection of texts culled from the tradition of Arabic letters in Egypt, beginning with early works of historiography (16th century), and into the political journals, newspapers, and novels of the 20th century, as well as the blogs, search engines and internet forums of the 21st century. I argue that specific discourses and imaginings of the rumor--contingent and mutable--emerged as an inseparable feature of the elite author's textual encounter with the masses. Anxieties over the agency of various mass subjects--the urban crowd, the citizenry, and others--have contributed to the ways in which different writers reify speech. The

final chapters of my thesis turn to focus on rumors about the death of President Husni Mubarak, in order to analyze the role the genre plays in contests over national political authority. Here, the rumor is an index of fears, passions, fantasies and other narratives that the writers both draw on and contribute to.

Foregrounding these associations becomes a powerful aesthetic and affective process that allows actors to "fix"--Solidify and treat--the agency and subjectivity of others.

Dissensus: On Politics and Aesthetics brings together some of Jacques Rancière's most recent writings on art and politics to show the critical potential of two of his most important concepts:

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the aesthetics of politics and the politics of aesthetics. In this fascinating collection, Rancière engages in a radical critique of some of his major contemporaries on questions of art and politics: Gilles Deleuze, Antonio Negri, Giorgio Agamben, Alain Badiou and Jacques Derrida. The essays show how Rancière's ideas can be used to analyse contemporary trends in both art and politics, including the events surrounding 9/11, war in the contemporary consensual age, and the ethical turn of aesthetics and politics. Rancière elaborates new directions for the concepts of politics and communism, as well as the notion of what a 'politics of art' might be. This important collection includes several essays

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that have never previously been published in English, as well as a brand new afterword. Together these essays serve as a superb introduction to the work of one of the world's most influential contemporary thinkers.

Urban Interstices: The Aesthetics and the Politics of the In-between

A Nordic Perspective on How Cultural Policy Negotiates the Agency of Music and Arts

The Agon of Modernism

On the Aesthetics and Politics of Decadance

Perennial Decay

Aesthetics and Politics

"I suggest that although at any given place and moment the aesthetic expressions of a political system just are that political system, the concepts

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**are separable. Typically,
aesthetic aspects of political
systems shift in their meaning
over time, or even are
inverted or redeployed with
an entirely transformed
effect. You cannot understand
politics without
understanding the aesthetics
of politics, but you cannot
understand aesthetics as
politics. The point is precisely
to show the concrete nodes at
which two distinct discourses
coincide or connive, come
apart or coalesce."—from
Political Aesthetics
Juxtaposing and connecting
the art of states and the art
of art historians with
vernacular or popular arts
such as reggae and hip-hop,**

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Crispin Sartwell examines the reach and claims of political aesthetics. Most analysts focus on politics as discursive systems, privileging text and reducing other forms of expression to the merely illustrative. He suggests that we need to take much more seriously the aesthetic environment of political thought and action. Sartwell argues that graphic style, music, and architecture are more than the propaganda arm of political systems; they are its constituents. A noted cultural critic, Sartwell brings together the disciplines of political science and political philosophy, philosophy of art and art history, in a new way,

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clarifying basic notions of
aesthetics—beauty, sublimity,
and representation—and
applying them in a political
context. A general argument
about the fundamental
importance of political
aesthetics is interspersed
with a group of stimulating
case studies as disparate as
Leni Riefenstahl's films and
Black Nationalist aesthetics,
the Dead Kennedys and
Jeffersonian architecture.
The 6th set of the renowned
philosophy series: beautiful
covers, bargain price, classic
theory.
Only yesterday aesthetics
stood accused of concealing
cultural games of social
distinction. Now it is

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***considered a parasitic
discourse from which artistic
practices must be freed. But
aesthetics is not a discourse.
It is an historical regime of
the identification of art. This
regime is paradoxical,
because it founds the
autonomy of art only at the
price of suppressing the
boundaries separating its
practices and its objects from
those of everyday life and of
making free aesthetic play
into the promise of a new
revolution. Aesthetics is not a
politics by accident but in
essence. But this politics
operates in the unresolved
tension between two opposed
forms of politics: the first
consists in transforming art***

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***into forms of collective life,
the second in preserving from
all forms of militant or
commercial compromise the
autonomy that makes it a
promise of emancipation. This
constitutive tension sheds
light on the paradoxes and
transformations of critical art.
It also makes it possible to
understand why today's calls
to free art from aesthetics are
misguided and lead to a
smothering of both aesthetics
and politics in ethics.
Do aesthetic appeals to
senses and emotions in
political debate necessarily
marginalise political reason
and reduce citizens to
consumers - thus dangerously
undermining democracy? Or is***

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**sensuous-emotional
engagement, on the contrary,
a basic fact of the political
process and a crucial
precondition for revitalising
democracy? Aesthetics and
Political Culture in Modern
Society investigates the
current interrelationship
between aesthetic practice
and political practice in
Western democracies,
focusing on its impact on
democratic political culture.
Henrik Kaare Nielsen argues
that aesthetic interventions in
the political process do not by
definition undermine politics'
content of reason. Instead, a
differentiation must be made
between a multiplicity of
aesthetic forms of**

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**intervention - some of which
tend to weaken the political
judgement of citizens while
other forms tend to stimulate
competent judgement. This
book will be of interest to
scholars in the fields of
political science, sociology,
media studies, and cultural
studies.**

**New Discourses across Art,
Architecture, and Philosophy
Rethinking Aesthetics and
Politics**

**Deleuze and Guattari
The Aesthetics and Politics of
Rumor in Modern Egypt
Going Nowhere, Slow
Wyndham Lewis's Allegories,
Aesthetics, and Politics**

In this book the influential

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philosopher Jacques Rancière, in discussion with Peter Engelmann, explores the enduring connection between politics and aesthetics, arguing that aesthetics forms the fundamental basis for social and political upheaval. Beginning from his rejection of structuralist Marxism, Rancière outlines the development of his thought from his early studies on workers' emancipation to his recent work on literature, film and visual art. Rather than discussing aesthetics within narrow terms of how we contemplate art or beauty, Rancière argues that aesthetics

underpins our entire 'regime of experience'. He shows how political relations develop from sensual experience, as individual feelings and perceptions become the concern of the community as a whole. Since politics emerges from the 'division of the sensual', aesthetic experience becomes a radically emancipatory and egalitarian means to disrupt this order and transform political reality. Investigating new forms of emancipatory politics arising from current art practices and social movements, this short book will appeal to anyone

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interested in contemporary art,
aesthetics, philosophy and
political theory.

In recent years we have
witnessed an increasing
convergence of work in
International Politics and
Performance Studies around the
troubled, and often troubling,
relationship between politics
and aesthetics. Whilst
examination of political
aesthetics, aesthetic politics,
and politics of aesthetic practice
has been central to research in
both disciplines for some time,
the emergence of a distinctive
'performative turn' in
International Politics and a

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critical return to the centrality of politics and the concept of 'the political' in Performance Studies highlights the importance of investigating the productivity of bringing the methods and approaches of the two fields of enquiry into dialogue and mutual relation. Exploring a wide range of issues including rioting, youth-driven protests, border security practices and the significance of cultural awareness in war, this text provides an accessible and cutting edge survey of the intersection of international politics and performance examining issues surrounding

the politics of appearance, image, event and place; and discusses the development and deployment of innovative critical and creative research methods, from auto-ethnography to site-specific theatre-making, from philosophical aesthetics to the aesthetic thought of new securities scenario-planning. The book's focus throughout is on the materiality of performance practices—on the politics of making, spectating, and participating in a variety of modes as political actors and audiences—whilst also seeking to explicate the performative

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dynamics of creative and critical thinking. Structured thematically and framed by a detailed introduction and conclusion, the focus is on producing a dialogue between contributors and providing an essential reference point in this developing field. This work is essential reading for students of politics and performance and will be of great interest to students and scholars of IR, performance studies and cultural studies.

Aesthetics and Politics Verso

This collection showcases a multivalent approach to the study of literary multilingualism,

embodied in contemporary Nordic literature. While previous approaches to literary multilingualism have tended to take a textual or authorship focus, this book advocates for a theoretical perspective which reflects the multiplicity of languages in use in contemporary literature emerging from increased globalization and transnational interaction. Drawing on a multimodal range of examples from contemporary Nordic literature, these eighteen chapters illustrate the ways in which multilingualism is dynamic rather than fixed,

resulting from the interactions between authors, texts, and readers as well as between literary and socio-political institutions. The book highlights the processes by which borders are formed within the production, circulation, and reception of literature and in turn, the impact of these borders on issues around cultural, linguistic, and national belonging. Introducing an innovative approach to the study of multilingualism in literature, this collection will be of particular interest to students and researchers in literary studies, cultural studies, and

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multilingualism.

Aesthetics Equals Politics

The Politics of Perception and
the Aesthetics of Social Change
Ten Theses for an Aesthetics of
Politics

Distributions of the Sensible
Dissensus

A Savage Journey into the Heart
of Digital Cultures

Worlds on screen: the
ontology of television series
and/as the ontology of film --
Storytelling and worldhood:
the screen and us -- "This
America, man": tragic
reconciliation, television, and
The Wire -- The gangster,
boredom, and family: Weeds,

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nativity, and new television
-- "Boyd and I dug coal
together": Justified, moral
perfectionism, and the
United States of America --
Conclusion

This book examines the
relationship between
aesthetics and politics based
on the philosophies of Gilles
Deleuze (1925–1995) and
Pierre-Félix Guattari
(1930–1992), most famous
for their collaborative works
Anti-Oedipus (1972) and A
Thousand Plateaus
(1980). Porter analyses the
relationship between art and
social-political life and

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considers in what ways the aesthetic and political connect to each other.

Deleuze and Guattari believed that political theory can have aesthetic form and that vice versa, the arts can be thought to be forms of political theory. Deleuze and Guattari force us to confront the idea that 'art', the things we call language, literature, painting and architecture, always has the potential to be political because naming, or language-use, implies a shaping or ordering of the 'political' as such, rather than its re-presentation.

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Illuminating developments in contemporary Cambodia with political and aesthetic theory, this book analyses the country's violent transition from socialism to capitalism through an innovative method that combines the aesthetic approach and critical theory. To understand the particularities of the country's transition and Cambodia's unfolding encounter with neoliberal capitalism, the book pursues the circuits of desire connecting the constellation of objects and relations,

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which is identified as Cambodia. Chapters focus on the pre-colonial empire of Angkor, the invasions of Siam and Vietnam in the nineteenth century, the devastation of the Khmer Rouge genocide and the subsequent Vietnamese occupation, and the present rapacity of Hun Sen's neoliberal government. A creative combination of auto-ethnography, critical theory, and area studies and the analysis of a historical moment, the book is of interest to academics working on comparative

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politics, Asian studies, holocaust studies, critical theory, and in the politics of aesthetics.

Through comparative and integrated case studies, this book demonstrates how aesthetics becomes politics in cultural policy.

Contributors from Norway, Sweden and the UK analyse exactly what happens when art is considered relevant for societal development, at both a practical and theoretical level. Cultural policy is seen here as a mechanism for translating values, that through

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organized and practical
aesthetical judgement lend
different forms of agency to
the arts. What happens
when aesthetical value is
reinterpreted as political
value? What kinds of
negotiations take place at a
cultural policy ground level
when values are translated
and reinterpreted? By
addressing these questions,
the editors present an
original collection that
effectively centralises and
investigates the role of
aesthetics in cultural policy
research.

The Philosophy, Aesthetics

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and Politics of Noise

Towards a New Manifesto

Politics and Aesthetics

Money, Aesthetics, and the

Politics of Care

Perspectives on the Dark

Grotesque

Radical Thinkers Set 6

This study examines how hunger narratives and performances contribute to a reconsideration of neglected or prohibited domains of thinking which only a full confrontation with the body's heterogeneity and plasticity can reveal. From literary motif or psychosomatic symptom to revolutionary gesture or existential malady, the double

crux of hunger and disgust is a powerful force which can define the experience of embodiment. Kafka's fable of the "Hunger Artist" offers a matrix for the fast, while its surprising last-page revelation introduces disgust as a correlative of abstinence, conscious or otherwise. Grounded in Kristeva's theory of abjection, the figure of the fraught body lurking at the heart of the negative grotesque gathers precision throughout this study, where it is employed in a widening series of contexts: suicide through overeating, starvation as self-performance or political resistance, the teratological versus

**the totalitarian, the anorexic
harboring of death. In the process,
writers and artists as diverse as
Herman Melville, Percy Bysshe
Shelley, Christina Rossetti,
George Orwell, Knut Hamsun,
J.M. Coetzee, Cindy Sherman,
Pieter Breughel, Marina
Abramovic, David Nebreda, Paul
McCarthy, and others are brought
into the discussion. By looking at
the different acts of visceral,
affective, and ideological
resistance performed by the
starving body, this book
intensifies the relationship
between hunger and disgust
studies while offering insight into
the modalities of the "dark**

grotesque" which inform the aesthetics and politics of hunger.

It will be of value to anyone interested in the culture, politics, and subjectivity of embodiment, and scholars working within the fields of disgust studies, food studies, literary studies, cultural theory, and media studies.

The Politics of Aesthetics rethinks the relationship between art and politics, reclaiming "aesthetics" from the narrow confines it is often reduced to. Jacques Rancière reveals its intrinsic link to politics by analysing what they both have in common: the delimitation of the visible and the invisible, the audible and the

inaudible, the thinkable and the unthinkable, the possible and the impossible. Presented as a set of inter-linked interviews, The Politics of Aesthetics provides the most comprehensive introduction to Rancière's work to date, ranging across the history of art and politics from the Greek polis to the aesthetic revolution of the modern age. Available now in the Bloomsbury Revelations series 10 years after its original publication, The Politics of Aesthetics includes an afterword by Slavoj Žižek, an interview for the English edition, a glossary of technical terms and an extensive bibliography.

Noise permeates our highly mediated and globalised cultures. Noise as art, music, cultural or digital practice is a way of intervening so that it can be harnessed for an aesthetic expression not caught within mainstream styles or distribution. This wide-ranging book examines the concept and practices of noise, treating noise not merely as a sonic phenomenon but as an essential component of all communication and information systems. The book opens with ideas of what noise is, and then works through ideas of how noise works in contemporary media, to conclude by showing potentials

within noise for a continuing cultural renovation through experimentation. Considered in this way, noise is seen as an essential yet excluded element of contemporary culture that demands a rigorous engagement. Reverberations brings together a range of perspectives, case studies, critiques and suggestions as to how noise can mobilize thought and cultural activity through a heightening of critical creativity. Written by a strong, international line-up of scholars and artists, Reverberations looks to energize this field of study and initiate debates for years to come. Critique after modern monetary

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Politics**

Declarations of Dependence

This book suggests that
modern cultural and

critical institutions
have persistently
associated questions of
aesthetics and politics
with literature, theory,
technics, and
Romanticism. Its first
section examines
aesthetic nationalism
and the figure of the
body, focusing on
writings by Benedict
Anderson, J. G. Fichte,
and Matthew Arnold, and
arguing that uneasy acts
of aestheticization (of
media technology) and
abjection (of the
maternal body) undergird

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the production of the
national body as

“imagined community.”

Subsequent chapters on
Paul de Man, Friedrich
Schlegel, and Percy
Shelley explore the
career of the gendered
body in the aesthetic
tradition and the
relationship among
aesthetics, technics,
politics, and figurative
language. The author
accounts for the
hysteria that has
characterized media
representations of
theory, explains why and

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how Romanticism has remained a locus of extravagant political hopes and anxieties, and, in a sequence of close readings, uncovers the “anaesthetic” condition of possibility of the politics of aesthetics.

This volume investigates our dissonant and exuberant existences online. As social media users we know we’re under surveillance, yet we continue to click, like, love and share ourselves online as if

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nothing was. So, how do we overcome the current online identity regime? Can we overthrow the rule of Narcissus and destroy the planetary middle class subject? In this catalogue of strategies, the reader will find stories on hacker groups, gaming platforms in the occupied territories, art objects, selfies, augmented reality, Gen Z autoethnographies, love and life. The authors of this anthology believe we cannot simply put

vanity aside and a
rational analysis of
platform capitalism is
not going to convince
the youngs on TikTok nor
liberate us from
Zuckerbergian indentured
servitude. Do we really
need to wade through the
subjective mud and
'learn more' about
online aesthetics? The
answer is yes. Writing
by Wendy Chun, Franco
Berardi "BIFO", Julia
Preisker, Katherine
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Fabio Cristiano, Emilio
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Boccia Artieri, Jodi
Dean.

Ten Theses for an
Aesthetics of Politics
is an invitation to
culture makers,
political thinkers of
all kinds, and everyday
spectators to reconsider
their love of the world
of appearances. Inspired
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and work by Hannah
Arendt, Stanley Cavell,
and Roland Barthes,
Davide Panagia offers
conceptual provocations
that emphasize the sense
of conviction one has
when facing the
frictions of aesthetic
experience. Rooted in
varied and variable
experiences of border
crossings, Panagia
invites readers to
reflect on the
relational practices
that appearances
engender. Forerunners:
Ideas First is a thought-

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Forerunners draws on
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other period has produced a tradition of major aesthetic debate to compare with that which unfolded in German culture from the 1930s to the 1950s. In *Aesthetics and Politics* the key texts of the great Marxist controversies over literature and art during these years are assembled in a single volume. They do not form a disparate collection but a continuous, interlinked debate between thinkers who

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have become giants of
twentieth-century
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the Everyday

Towards a New Political
Aesthetics

On Politics and
Aesthetics

International Politics
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When Oscar Wilde was convicted of
gross indecency in 1895, a reporter for
the National Observer wrote that there
was "not a man or a woman in the
English-speaking world possessed of

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the treasure of a wholesome mind who is not under a deep debt of gratitude to the marquis of Queensberry for destroying the high Priest of the Decadents." But reports of the death of decadence were greatly exaggerated, and today, more than one hundred years after the famous trial and at the beginning of a new millennium, the phenomenon of decadence continues to be a significant cultural force. Indeed, "decadence" in the nineteenth century, and in our own period, has been a concept whose analysis yields a broad set of associations. In *Perennial Decay*, Emily Apter, Charles Bernheimer, Sylvia Molloy, Michael Riffaterre, Barbara Spackman, Marc Weiner, and others extend the critical

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field of decadence beyond the traditional themes of morbidity, the cult of artificiality, exoticism, and sexual nonconformism. They approach the question of decadence afresh, reevaluating the continuing importance of late nineteenth-century decadence for contemporary literary and cultural studies.

Communities of Sense argues for a new understanding of the relation between politics and aesthetics in today's globalized and image-saturated world. Established and emerging scholars of art and culture draw on Jacques Rancière's theorization of democratic politics to suggest that aesthetics, traditionally defined as the "science of the sensible," is not a depoliticized

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discourse or theory of art, but instead part of a historically specific organization of social roles and communality. Rather than formulating aesthetics as the Other to politics, the contributors show that aesthetics and politics are mutually implicated in the construction of communities of visibility and sensation through which political orders emerge. The first of the collection's three sections explicitly examines the links between aesthetics and social and political experience. Here a new essay by Rancière posits art as a key site where disagreement can be staged in order to produce new communities of sense. In the second section, contributors investigate how sense was constructed in the past by

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the European avant-garde and how it is mobilized in today's global visual and political culture. Exploring the viability of various models of artistic and political critique in the context of globalization, the authors of the essays in the volume's final section suggest a shift from identity politics and preconstituted collectivities toward processes of identification and disidentification. Topics discussed in the volume vary from digital architecture to a makeshift museum in a Paris suburb, and from romantic art theory in the wake of Hegel to the history of the group-subject in political art and performance since 1968. An interview with Étienne Balibar rounds out the collection. Contributors. Emily Apter, Étienne

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Balibar, Carlos Basualdo, T. J.
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Kaizen, Ranjanna Khanna, Reinaldo
Laddaga, Vered Maimon, Jaleh
Mansoor, Reinhold Martin, Seth
McCormick, Yates McKee, Alexander
Potts, Jacques Rancière, Toni Ross
Using examples from art and
literature, Frantzen explores the
social, political and economic
implications of both real and
imagined depression. Is feeling blue a
symptom of the death of progress?
Was the suicide of David Foster
Wallace a proverbial canary in a coal
mine? Margaret Thatcher once
declared that there is no alternative to
the social order that we now reside
within. Have we accepted her slogan

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as a fact, and is that why so many are
on Prozac and other anti-depressants?

Frantzen examines the works of
Michel Houellebecq, Claire Fontaine
and David Foster Wallace as he seeks
out an answer and a way to formulate
a new future oriented left movement.
Connecting Hegelian aesthetics with
contemporary cultural politics, Jason
Miller argues that both the aesthetic
and political value of art are found in
the reflexive self-awareness that it
enables. The significance of art in
modern life is that it shows us both the
particular element in humanity as
well as the human element in
particularity.

The Politics and Aesthetics of Hunger
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on the Avant-Garde, Pragmatism, and
Postmodernism

The Aesthetics and Politics of a Genre

The Politics of Aesthetics

Aesthetics and Political Culture in
Modern Society

The book presents five philosophical and axiological studies devoted to the relationship between aesthetics and politics. It shows this relationship throughout the works of some avant-gardists, pragmatists, and postmodernists. It is also a voice in the discussion about the meaning of the fine arts and aesthetics in the context of the political aims and norms.

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This voice claims that the political dimension of art and aesthetics should be studied much more seriously than it has been till today, and needs more courageous re-interpretations and re-readings.

"Lewis's political writings present ambiguities: his stated belief in the autonomy of art from life is contradicted by other statements he made and by his critical analyses of writers; and his political writings blur any a priori generic distinction between art and non-art. Given this blurring between art and life, artistic genre and non-artistic genre,

Quema claims that Lewis's political texts present characteristics usually attributed to avant-gardism. However, this radicalism has to be balanced against Lewis's conservatism. Thus his political writings can be read as allegories with two pragmatic aims: to organize the life of the polis from an artistic standpoint and to persuade the reader to adhere to authoritarian politics."--BOOK JACKET.

Bringing together a team of international scholars with an interest in urban transformations, spatial justice and territoriality, this volume

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questions how the interstice is related to the emerging processes of partitioning, enclave-making and zoning, showing how in-between spaces are intimately related to larger flows, networks, territories and boundaries. Illustrated with a range of case studies from places such as the US, Quebec, the UK, Italy, Gaza, Iraq, India, and South-east Asia, the volume analyses the place and function of interstitial locales in both a 'disciplined' urban space and a disordered space conceptualized through the notions of 'excess', 'danger' and 'threat'. Warning not to

romanticize the interstice, the book invites us to study it as not simply a place but also a set of phenomena, events and social interactions. How are interstices perceived and represented? What is the politics of visibility that is applied to them? How to capture their peculiar rhythms, speeds and affects? On the one hand, interstices open up venues for informality, improvisation, challenge, and bricolage, playful as well as angry statements on the neoliberal city and enhanced urban inequalities. On the other hand, they also represent a crucial site of governance

(even governance by withdrawal) and urban management, where an array of techniques ranging from military urbanism to new forms of value extraction are experimented. At the point of convergence of all these tensions, interstices appear as veritable sites of transformation, where social forces clash and mesh prefiguring our urban future. The book interrogates these territories, proposing new ways to explore the dynamics, events and visibilities that define them.

*Multilingualism in Northern
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