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Art in Transfer in the Era of Pop

Annika Öhrner (ed.)

How should we understand post-war art? How were issues of cultural transfer and curatorial strategies dealt with in the extended 1960s – the era of pop?

**Art in Transfer in the Era of Pop** juxtaposes issues and contexts approaching the concept and reception of Pop Art. Contributors from Europe and beyond weave a web that resists the notion of universalism, adding to art historian Piotr Piotrowski’s “horizontal” art history. This volume avoids the historiographic stance where the US–Europe relationship appears to be a one-way affair. Instead, the reader is drawn into the history of the circulation and cross-pollination of ideas, the aesthetic practices and the various contexts that influenced them.

With an introductory essay by Professor Piotr Piotrowski and contributions from twelve international scholars and experts in the field, Annika Öhrner, Senior Lecturer, Södertörn University, Stockholm, edited this volume for the series Södertörn Studies in Art History and Aesthetics.
A Contemporary History of Alcohol in Russia

Alexandr Nemtsov

Vodka sadly is seen as the symbol of 20th century Russia.

Alexandr Nemtsov’s book on alcohol in contemporary Russia is a landmark achievement expressing a unique point of view, highlighting failings in our understanding of Russia’s relationship with alcohol. Political events – Gorbachev’s anti-alcohol campaign of the 1980s, the collapse of the Soviet system and the introduction of a market economy – have dictated drinking habits. The consequences have been horrendous. Deaths as a result of crime, Afghanistan and the two Chechen wars are dwarfed by those caused by alcohol in the 1990s.

Nemtsov presents statistics and reports not known about in the West, and studies from international medical journals little known about in Russia. His book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history and politics of alcohol in Russia, and, moreover policy makers involved in alcohol issues in Europe and all over the world.
How were fishponds introduced, farmed and spread in Scandinavia and the Baltic Region in early modern times? What was their economic, social and religious importance? Which fish species were significant and why?

This book uncovers a long, now broken, tradition that barely left traces in the written record or physical environment. Its broad and multidisciplinary scope highlights the situation from medieval times until the late nineteenth century. Besides Scandinavia and the Baltic States, insights from England are also introduced.

Several socio-cultural domains have been identified: late medieval monastic fishponds; late medieval aristocratic fishponds associated with castles and manors; seventeenth and eighteenth century ponds rectory ponds as well as urban ponds from the seventeenth century to the nineteenth century.

Kertin Olofsson (ed.), From Orientalism to Postcoloniality (2008)


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The series is attached to Philosophy at Södertörn University. Published in the series are essays as well as anthologies, with a particular emphasis on the continental tradition, understood in its broadest sense, from German idealism to phenomenology, hermeneutics, critical theory and contemporary French philosophy. The commission of the series is to provide a platform for the promotion of timely and innovative philosophical research. Contributions to the series are published in English or Swedish.

Foucault, Biopolitics, and Governmentality

Sven-Olov Wallenstein & Jakob Nilsson (eds.)

Foucault’s work on biopolitics and governmentality has inspired a wide variety of responses, ranging from philosophy and political science to history, legal studies, and urban planning.

Drawing on historical sources from antiquity to twentieth century liberalism, Foucault presented us with analyses of freedom, individuality, and power that cut right to the heart of these matters in the present.

Hans Ruin, Kommentar till Heideggers Varat och tiden (2005)


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The Body as Gift, Resource, and Commodity

Martin Gunnarson & Fredrik Svenaeus (eds.)
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The series is published by The Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge and accommodates both English and Swedish contributions addressing the field of practical knowledge studies. The research themes overall are: cultural changes in contemporary working life, theory, ethics and history of practical knowledge, and articulation of practical knowledge through writing and literature.

Departing from three metaphors—the body as gift, resource, and commodity—the book explores the contemporary exchange of organs, tissues, and cells. Although the gift is the sanctioned metaphor for donating parts of the body, the underlying perspective from the side of states, authorities, and the medical establishment often seems to be that the body shall be understood as a resource. But medicine, as some of the contributors to this book show, is not sealed off from the market economy. Increasingly, therefore, body parts become commodities on legal as well as illegal markets.

The chapters of the book are arranged in a way that presents, one after the other, the three metaphors of the body, starting with the body as gift, proceeding by way of the body as resource, and ending in the body as commodity. Although all three metaphors as ways of conceptualizing and making use of the human body can be found throughout human history, the present drive of commercialization will increasingly force us to identify and scrutinize the way these metaphors are used. Not only in addressing the fascinating question of what kind of an object (subject) the human body is, but also in trying to decipher what interests lurk behind the use of the metaphors in question when claiming that human bodies, organs, tissues, and cells are gifts, resources or commodities. The ambition of this volume is to address and remedy the need of a hermeneutics not only of depth, but also of suspicion, in the case of organ transplantation and other medical technologies involving the transfer of human tissues and cells.
In 1993 Toni Morrison was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. The Nobel committee described her work as “characterized by visionary force and poetic import [that] gives life to an essential aspect of American reality.”

Twenty years later, a group of scholars met in Stockholm to commemorate and celebrate Morrison’s award, and just as importantly, to critically engage the wealth of scholarship that has sprung up around Morrison’s work – both the six novels recognized by the Nobel committee and those works of fiction and criticism published in the two decades afterwards.

The essays in this collection implicitly and explicitly take up Morrison’s clarion call to vivify language. They engage her words by elaborating on their meaning, offering readings of her literary texts that highlight their intertextuality, their proliferating conversations with other texts and contexts, and even other languages. In some, Morrison’s words give life to authors no longer with us, in others we are encouraged to resituate her writing in unfamiliar contexts in order to highlight the multiplicity of meanings generated by her work. The essays offer rich testimony to the life-giving properties of Morrison’s language and seek to contribute to the ongoing afterlife of her work by adding to the scholarly conversations animated by her extraordinary literary career.
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