Sweden's Turn To Economic Inequality, 1982-2019
Göran Therborn | Structural Change and Economic Dynamics

"In 1980 Sweden was probably the least unequal country of the world, but as part of the international turn of the centres of capitalism Sweden became one of the European frontrunners of economic unequalization. How did this happen?"

Racial Innocence: Law, Social Science, and the Unknowing of Racism in the US Carceral State
Naomi Murakawa | Annual Review of Law and Social Science

"Racial innocence is the practice of securing blamelessness for the death-dealing realities of racial capitalism. This article reviews the legal, social scientific, and reformist mechanisms that maintain the racial innocence of one particular site: the US carceral state."

Producing Antipetismo: Media Activism and the Rise of the Radical, Nationalist Right in Contemporary Brazil
Stuart Davis, Joe Straubhaar | International Communication Gazette

"...Popular right-wing Facebook groups and networks formed around the communication network WhatsApp-fueled antipetismo by channeling anger originating in the 2013 nationwide protests away from a variety of social, political, and issues and toward a villainous depiction of Partido dos Trabalhadores leaders and valorization of anti-Partido dos Trabalhadores activists like Bolsanaro, as well as some focus on his own conservative, nationalist agenda."

On 'Modified Human Agents': John Lilly and the Paranoid Style in American Neuroscience
Charlie Williams | History of the Human Sciences

"The personal papers of... John C. Lilly...hold a classified paper he wrote in the late 1950s on the behavioural modification and control of 'human agents'...Lilly claimed that the use of sensory isolation, electrostimulation of the brain, and the recording and mapping of brain activity could be used to gain 'push-button' control over motivation and behaviour."

The Nuclear Sensorium: Cold War Nuclear Imperialism and Sensory Violence
John Shiga | Canadian Journal of Law and Society / Revue Canadienne Droit et Société

"Nuclear imperialism projected its power not only through weapons tests, the vaporization of land and the erosion of the rights of people who lived there, but also through the production of a nuclear sensorium—the differentiation of modes of sensing the bomb through legal, military, and scientific discourses and the attribution of varying degrees of epistemological value and legal weight to these sensory modes."

"Balance-Sheet" City: Martin Wagner and the Visualization of Statistical Data
Anna Vallye | Journal of Urban History

"Martin Wagner (1885-1957) was a leading city planner of the Weimar Republic and chief planner for Greater Berlin from 1926 to 1933...For Wagner modern techniques of social data calculation and representation, such as the balance sheet and the graph, became key instruments of planning by translating urban territory into an avatar of the metropolitan economy..."

Building the Black Box: Cyberneticians and Complex Systems
Elizabeth R. Petrick | Science, Technology, & Human Values

"In the 1950s and 1960s, cyberneticians defined and utilized a concept previously described by electronic engineers: the black box...The black box evolved as they applied it in new ways, across a range of scientific fields, from an unnamed concept involving inputs and outputs, to digital representations of the human brain, to white boxes that might be used to replicate black boxes."
"Climate Refugees"-A Useful Concept?
Gregory White | Global Environmental Politics

"It is highly unlikely that this concept will go away. For nearly four decades the notion of environmental refugees has been used by scholars, environmentalists, security and defense intellectuals, policymakers, artists, and writers."

Global Governance "As It Was, Is and Ought To Be": A Critical Reflection
Stephen Gill | Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and

"This essay reflects on the past, present, and potential future of global governance, its historical practices and principles, the interests it has served, and who/what it has included/excluded or marginalized...It reflects on developments from the eleventh century up to World WarII and critically appraises presently dominant principles and practices of global governance..."

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Stainforth, Walton | Science Fiction Studies

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Salvatore Babones, John H. S. Aberg | International Theory

"...Power has centralized as it has globalized, generating steep global hierarchies in world society that are similar to those that characterize national societies. The centrality of the United States in the networks of world society makes it in effect the ‘central state’ of a new kind of international society that is endogenized within integrated world society."

Make Fossil Fuels Great Again? The Paris Agreement, Trump, and the US Fossil Fuel Industry
Lukas Hermwille, Lisa Sanderink | Global Environmental Politics

"...The Paris Agreement has institutionalized a narrative paradigm that is surprisingly resilient. While the election of Donald Trump and his climate and energy policy led to a narrative shift in the coal industry, the oil and gas industry remained conspicuously silent in its immediate response and maintained its narrative strategies despite its alignment with the Paris Agreement."