Eggs, Sperm and Desire: Sex and Science in the Dutch Golden Age
Karen Hollewand | Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies

"Within the seventeenth-century Dutch Republic, humanism, empiricism and liberalism thrived...The Dutch Republic boasted a fertile environment for the science of sex owing to its tolerant intellectual setting and social freedom regarding sexual behaviour."

Iconoclasm and Imagination: Gaston Bachelard's Philosophy of Technoscience
Hub Zwart | Human Studies

"Gaston Bachelard (1884-1962) occupies a unique position in the history of European thinking...While emphatically acknowledging the strength, precision and reliability of scientific knowledge compared to every-day experience, he saw literary phantasies as important supplementary sources of insight."

Can the Refugee Speak? Albert Hirschman and the Changing Meanings of Exile
Volker M. Heins | Thesis Eleven

"This article presents a critical reading of Albert O. Hirschman's typology of exit, voice and loyalty as a heuristic for understanding the changing meanings of exile in the 20th and early 21st centuries. Hirschman's experiences as well as the theory he distilled from them are highly relevant for researchers of forced migration and exile."

Art and Politics in Freetown Christiania: a Benjaminian and Brechtian Utopia?
Can Mert Kökerer | International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society

"[This article analyzes] Freetown Christiania, in order to reveal the role of local artistic engagement in bringing about political outcomes, and in particular, relative autonomy at the local level.... Freetown Christiania is an example of Benjaminian and Brechtian utopia in [showing] how their micro-level artistic engagement has brought about relative autonomy at the local level."

Varieties of Neoliberalism in Brazil (2003-2019)
Alfredo Saad-Filho | Latin American Perspectives

"The political crisis unfolding in Brazil since 2013 and the imposition of authoritarian neoliberalism after Rousseff's impeachment can be examined from the perspective of the contradictions in the dominant varieties of neoliberalism under the PT and the limitations of the party's political ambitions."

Leninfall: The Spectacle of Forgetting
Anastasiya Pshenychnykh | European Journal of Cultural Studies

"This article explores the phenomenon of Leninfall - destroying, replacing and transferring objects symbolizing the Russian Revolution in the Ukrainian material landscape in the context of the 2014 Revolution of Dignity...Contrary to common assumptions in this conflicted context, political identities are not only represented as irreconcilable binaries..."

From Pablo Honey To A Moon Shaped Pool: Radiohead's Experimental, Political Journey
Guillaume Clément | Revue LISA / LISA E-Journal

"OK Computer can thus be seen as the album which paved the way for three key characteristics of Radiohead's music to this day: the inclusion of more experimental influences in their brand of rock music, the subversiveness of politically-laden lyrics, and a creative approach as to the way music is to be marketed and consumed."
Communist Proteins: Lenin's Skin, Astrobiology, and the Origin of Life
Alexei Yurchak | Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History
“When Lenin died on 21 January 1924, there were no plans to preserve his body, and the funeral was planned for 27 January. However, in part due to extremely cold temperatures that winter, the body showed no signs of decay for longer than usual...”

Cyclical Evolution of the Global Right
Christopher Chase-Dunn Peter Grimes Eugene N. Anderson | Canadian Review of Sociology
“An understanding of the current right-wing national and transnational social movements can benefit from comparing them to the global and national conditions operating during their last appearance in the first half of the twentieth century and by carefully comparing twentieth-century fascism with the neofascist and right-wing populist movements that have been emerging in the twenty-first century.”

Carl Gustav Jung and Albert Einstein: An Ambivalent Relationship
Orsolya Lukács | Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences
“Despite Carl Gustav Jung's acknowledgment of Albert Einstein's influence on his thinking, and despite the significant number of studies about Jung's interest in physics-and his collaboration with the theoretical physicist Wolfgang Pauli-so far there has been no thorough investigation into the connection between Jung and Einstein.”

BOOKS

Human Rights in the Age of Platforms
Rikke Frank Jørgensen | The MIT Press
“This book discusses the relationship between human rights law and private actors, addressing such issues as private companies' human rights responsibilities and content regulation.”

Beyond Hashtags: Racial Politics and Black Digital Networks
Sarah Florini | New York University Press
“This book explores everyday practices and their relationship to larger social issues through an in-depth analysis of a trans-platform network of black American digital and social media users and content creators”

The Sonic Episteme: Acoustic Resonance, Neoliberalism, and Biopolitics
Robin James | Duke University Press
“This book examines how twenty-first-century conceptions of sound as acoustic resonance shape notions of the social world, personhood, and materiality in ways that support white supremacist capitalist patriarchy.”

JOURNALISM & ESSAYS

Economic Exceptionalism Is Back (If It Ever Went Away)
Jacqueline Best | Centre for International Policy Studies
"Exceptionalism is usually used to describe how liberal democracies handle major security threats. However, governments also use exceptionalist policies to deal with economic crises."

How Digital Currency Could Be China's Ultimate Soft-Power Tool
Chris Roberts | Observer
"Once prohibited, Bitcoin is suddenly enormously popular in China-specifically among members of government, who are aiming to use a state-issued coin to spread Chinese influence and project Chinese power abroad."

Barbara Liskov Is the Architect of Modern Algorithms
Susan D'Agostino | Quanta Magazine
"In her modern approach to writing code, she warns that the challenges facing computer science today can't be overcome with good design alone.”

REPORTS, DISSERTATIONS, & MISCELLANEOUS
Europe's Giant 'Taxi' Company: Is Uber Part of the Problem or the Solution?
Anonymous | Transport Environment
"The uptake of ride-hailing services across EU cities also poses a risk to the fight against pollution and climate changing emissions."

Surveillance Giants: How the Business Model of Google and Facebook Threatens Human Rights
Amnesty International
"The era of self-regulation in the tech sector is coming to an end: further state-based regulation will be necessary, but it is vital to follow a human rights-based approach."

Economic Consequences of Housing Speculation
Zhenyu Gao | NBER
"Using speculation led not only to greater price appreciation, economic expansions, and housing construction during the boom in 2004-2006, but also to more severe economic downturns during the subsequent bust in 2007-2009."

VIDEOS

De-Dollarization – Toward the End of U.S. Monetary Hegemony?
Michael Hudson | Global University for Sustainability
"This talk discusses the prospects and challenges of global de-dollarization, and how countries like China may forge a way toward a different monetary system free of U.S. control."

Anatomies of Revolution
George Lawson | Cambridge University Press
"Revolution is everywhere, from people power uprisings in Sudan and Algeria to the rise of Islamic State and the emergence of populism. But how should we understand this new age of revolution?"

Feminism Neoliberal Tool or Fuel for the 99%?
Hester Eisenstein | SOAS University of London
"Are recent events instances of 'feminist class struggle'? This talk addresses some of the contemporary debates over this new wave, including its relation to mainstream feminism and to Marxism and social reproduction theory."

PODCASTS

Lessons From IBM in Nazi Germany
Geoff Jones | Cold Call
"This episode discusses the options and responsibilities of multinationals with investments in politically reprehensible regimes."

Financialization, Securitization and the 'War' on Caribbean Remittances
Beverley Mullings | CFRC
"This episode examines the impulses behind the emerging regulatory infrastructure by identifying the strategies, regulations and procedures at work in an emerging financialization/securitization nexus that is reinvigorating new forms of coloniality, imperial control and abandonment in the Caribbean."

The Habermas-Rawls Debate
James Gordon Finlayson | New Books in Political Science
"The guest examines and contextualizes The Habermas-Rawls Debate and traces their dispute from its inception in their earliest works to the 1995 exchange and its aftermath."