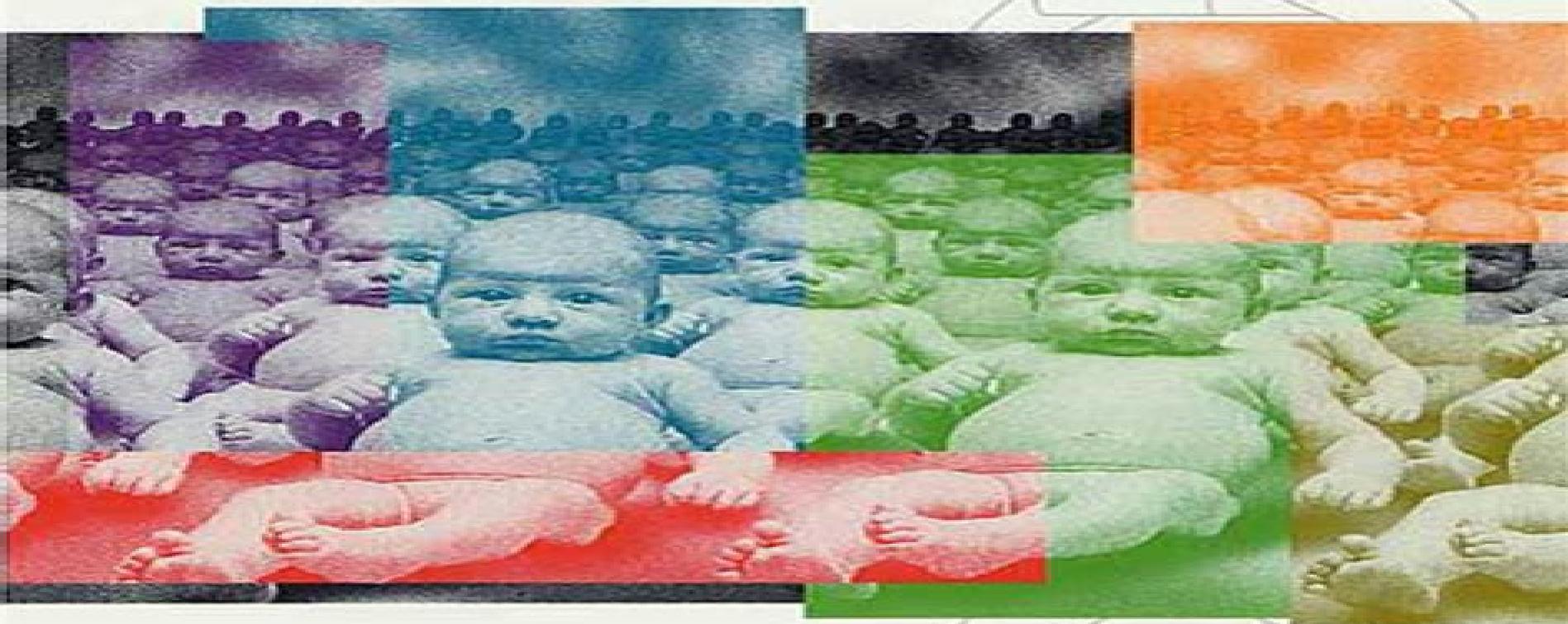


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Screening the Posthuman Missy Molloy, Pansy Duncan, Claire Henry, 2023 From AI to climate change recent technological ecological and cultural transformations have unsettled established assumptions about the relationship between the human and the more than human world *Screening the Posthuman* addresses a heterogeneous body of twenty first century films that turn to the figure of the posthuman as a means of exploring this development Through close analyses of films as diverse as *Kikou* dir Hirokazu Koreeda 2009 *Testrol* s l lekrol *On Body and Soul* dir Ildiko Enyedi 2017 and *Nomadland* dir Chlo Zhao 2020 this wide ranging volume shows that while often identified as the remit of science fiction the posthuman on screen crosses filmic genres national contexts and industrial settings In the process posthuman cinema emphasizes humanity's entanglement in broader biological technological and social worlds and exposes new models of subjectivity community and desire In advancing these arguments *Screening the Posthuman* draws on scholarship associated with critical posthumanist theory an ongoing project unified by a decentering of the human As the first systematic full length application of this body of scholarship to cinema *Screening the Posthuman* advocates for a rigorous posthumanist critique that avoids both humanist nostalgia and transhumanist fantasy in its attention to the excitements and anxieties of posthuman experience

Aldous Huxley Alessandro Maurini, 2017-01-30 Aldous Huxley *The Political Thought of a Man of Letters* argues that Huxley is not a man of letters engaged in politics but a political thinker who chooses literature to spread his ideas His preference for the dystopian genre is due to his belief in the tremendous impact of dystopia on twentieth century political thought His political thinking is not systematic but this does not stop his analysis from supplying elements that are original and up to date and that represent fascinating contributions of political theory in all the spheres that he examines from anti Marxism to anti positivism from political realism to elitism from criticism of mass society to criticism of totalitarianism from criticism of ideologies to the future of liberal democracy from pacifism to ecological communitarianism Huxley clearly grasped the unsolved issues of contemporary liberalism and the importance of his influence on many twentieth century and present day political thinkers ensures that his ideas remain indispensable in the current liberal democratic debate *Brave New World* is without doubt Huxley's most successful political manifesto While examining the impassioned struggle for the development of

all human potentialities it yet manages not to close the doors definitively on the rebirth of utopia in the age of dystopia

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*The American Spectator* ,2002      **The Ecologist** ,2002      **Nanoculture** N. Katherine Hayles,2004 Nano denotes a billionth a nanometer is a billionth of a meter New instrumentation and techniques have for the first time made possible materials research and engineering at this level the scale of individual molecules and atoms Extraordinary visions of material abundance unprecedented materials and powerful engineering capabilities have marked the arrival of nanotechnology as well as dystopian scenarios of self replicating devices running amok and causing global catastrophe Largely a future possibility rather than present actuality nanotechnology has become a potent cultural signifier NanoCulture explores the ways in which nanotechnology interacts with and itself becomes a cultural construction Topics include the co construction of nanoscience and science fiction the influence of risk assessment and nanotechnology on the shapes of narratives intersections between nanoscience as a writing practice and experimental literature at the limits of fabrication the Alice in Wonderland metaphor for nanotechnology and the effects of mediation on nanotechnology and electronic literature NanoCulture is produced in collaboration with the nano art exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art December 2003 September 2004 created by an interdisciplinary team led by media artist Victoria Vesna and nanoscientist James Gimzewski NanoCulture is richly illustrated with images from the nano exhibit which also provides the basis for an ethnographic analysis of collaborative process and an exploration of changing concepts of museum space The dynamic uniting these diverse perspectives is boundary crossing between art science and literature cultural imaginaries scientific facts and technological possibilities actual virtual and hybrid spaces the science of fictions and the fictions of science and utopian dreams material constraints and dystopian nightmares The first book length study focus on cultural implications of nanotechnology NanoCulture breaks new ground in showing the importance of the new technoscience to contemporary

culture and of culture to the development interpretation and future of this technoscience

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**The Nation** ,2002

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