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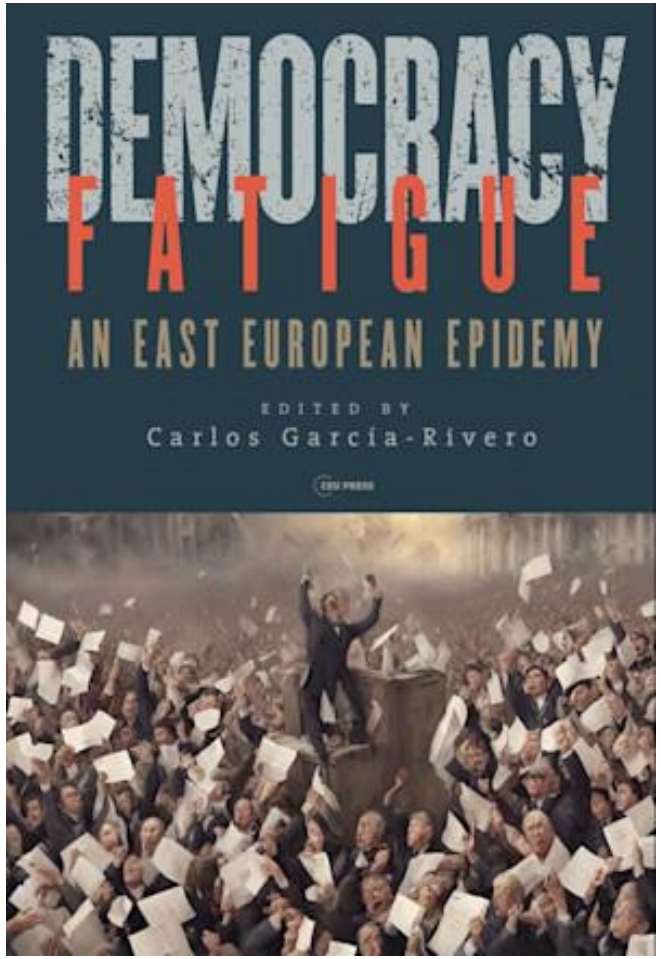
Technological maturity (as an exit from technological immaturity) in an era of computational reasoning

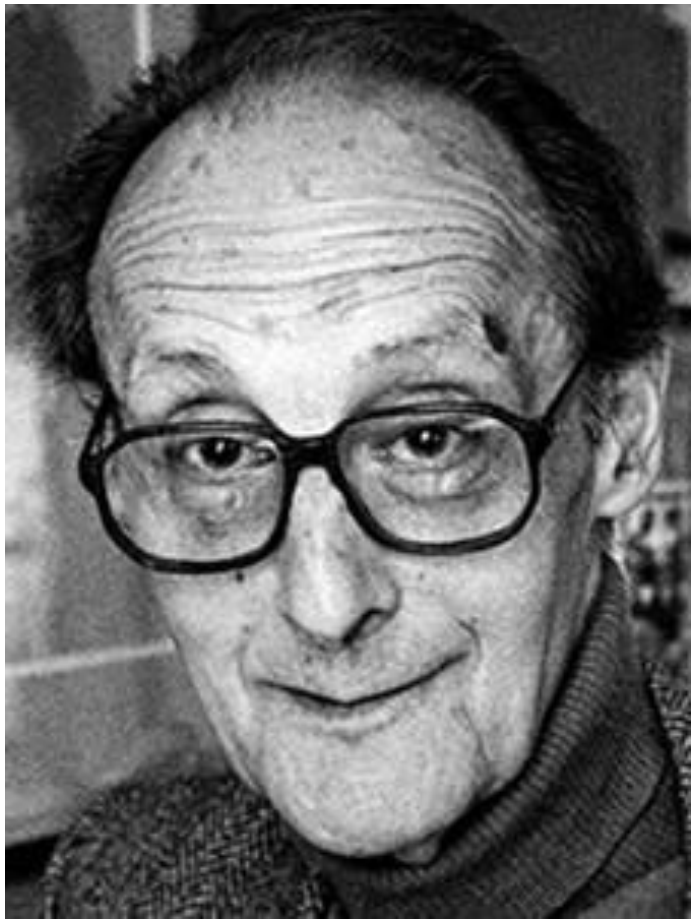
Immanuel Kant (*What Is Enlightenment*, 1784): ‘Enlightenment is man’s emergence from his self-imposed immaturity. Immaturity is the inability to use one's understanding without guidance from another. This immaturity is self-imposed when its cause lies not in lack of understanding, but in lack of resolve and courage to use it without guidance from another. *Sapere Aude*! [dare to know] "Have courage to use your own understanding!"—that is the motto of enlightenment.’

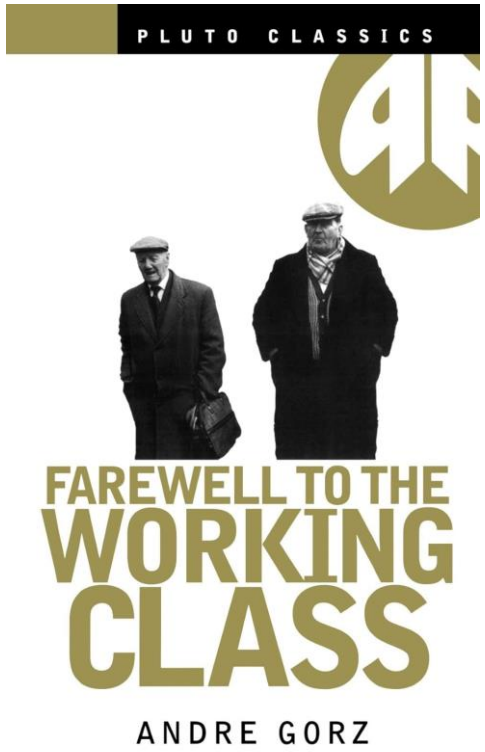
Corine Pelluchon (*Les Lumières à l'âge du vivant*, 2021): ‘Enlightenment is at once an epoch, a proces and a project. It is above all the act by which a generation, through a reflexive return to itself, seeks to give birth to a new imaginary.’

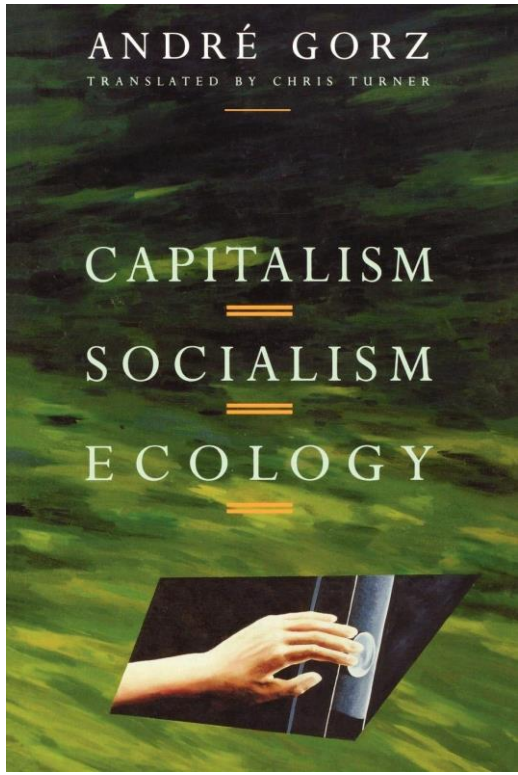


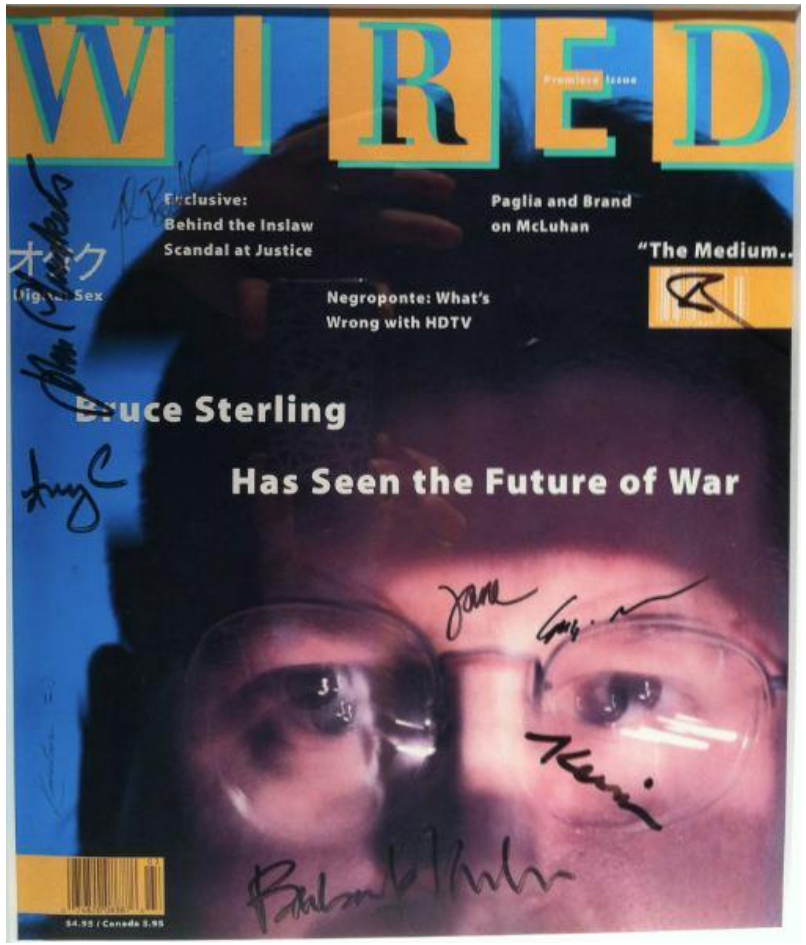
‘Interestingly, the trends in Eastern Europe and Western Europe seem different. Whereas in most of Western Europe satisfaction with democracy runs parallel to the level of democratic quality, in Eastern Europe, the opposite trend can be observed: a growing satisfaction with democracy is seen in a decaying liberal democracy.
This is especially evident in countries such as Hungary and Poland.’

André Gorz (1990): ‘Which Way Is Left?’









Louis Rossetto, editor-in-chief of Wired magazine (1993)

‘The Digital Revolution is whipping through our lives like a Bengali typhoon’ and brings with it ‘social changes so profound their only parallel is probably the discovery of fire.’

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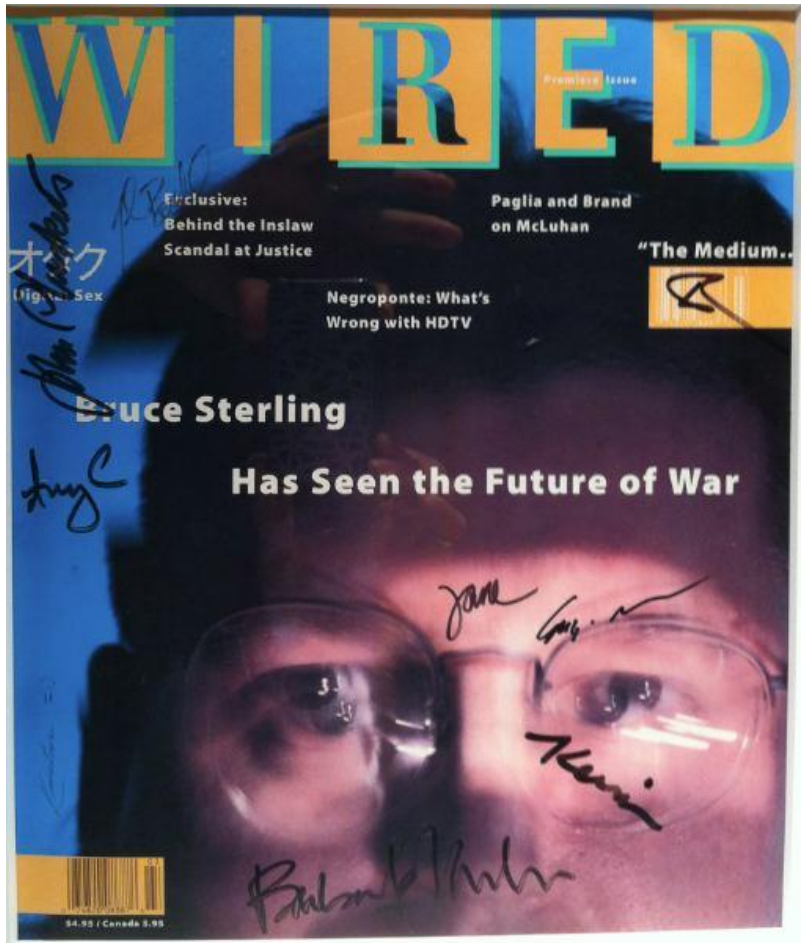

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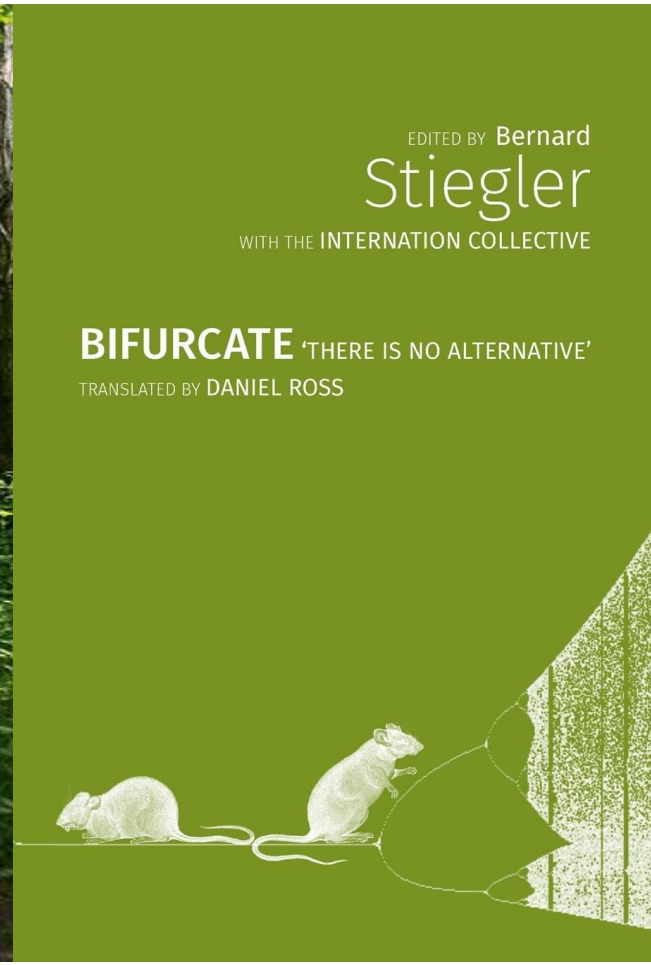

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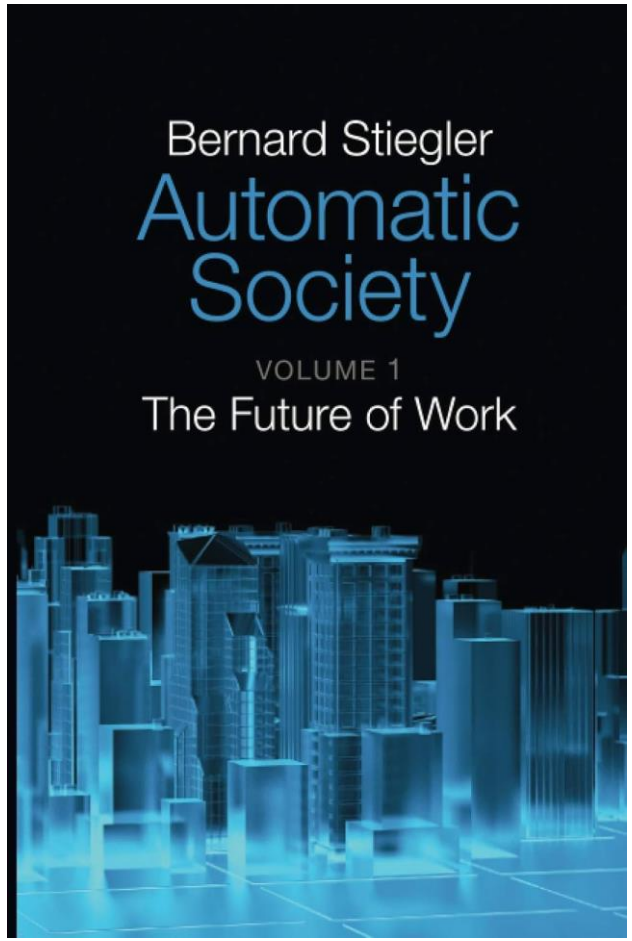
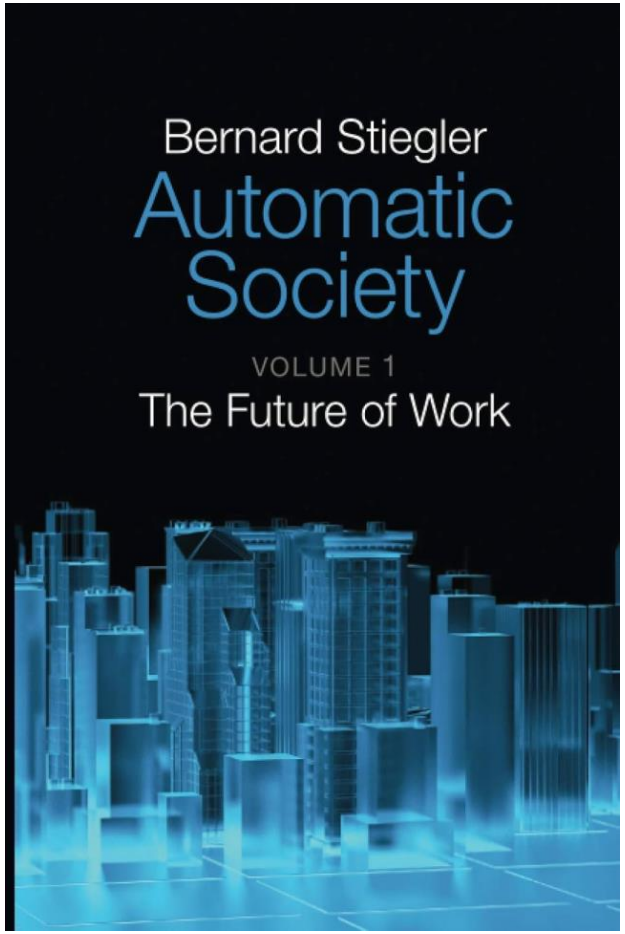


Bernard Stiegler's approach to computational capitalism as a computerized nihilism

'The structural effect of full and generalized automatization is that capitalism becomes a computerized nihilism, which seems to be giving rise to a new form of totalitarianism.'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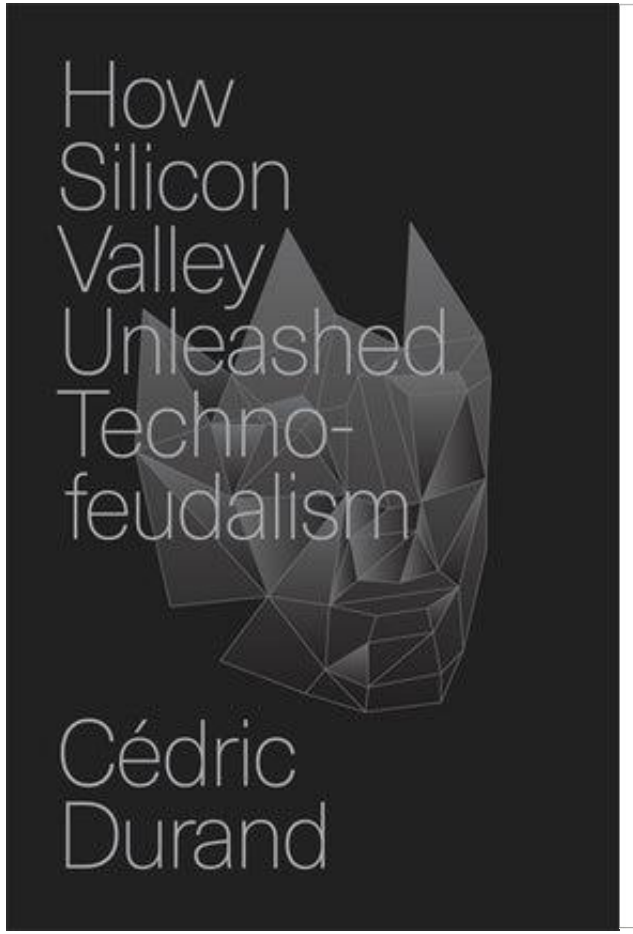
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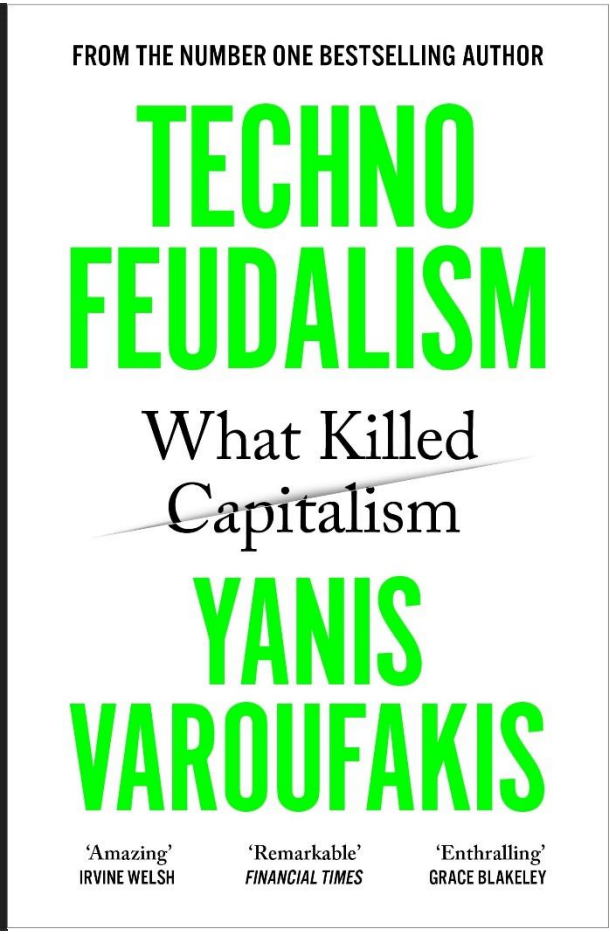
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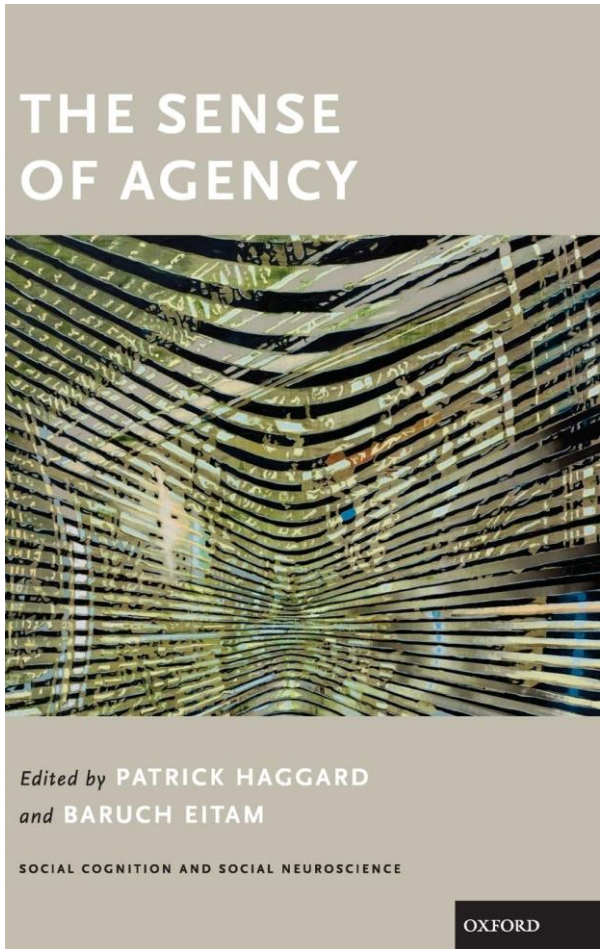
A critique of new technologies is needed as a path to escape from technofeudalism and a way toward technological maturity.

Technological maturity as stemming from an ethical attitude or a philosophical *ēthos* that consists in 'a critique of what we are saying, thinking, and doing, through a historical ontology of ourselves' (Michel Foucault updating Kant's call for having the courage to know).

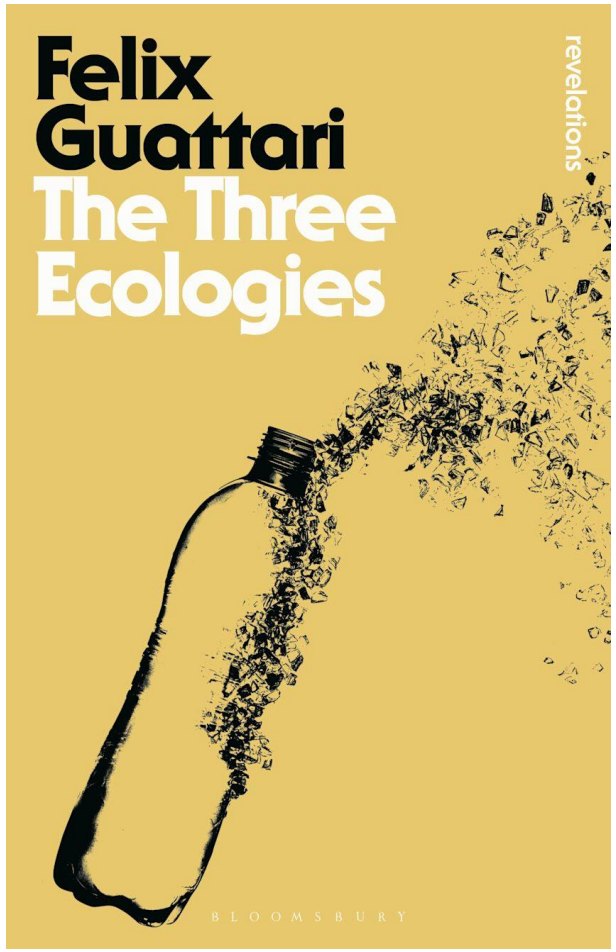


Two meanings of agency in cognitive psychology

1. Objective meaning: one's capacity to affect the world and act in line with one's goals and desires;

2. Subjective meaning: experience of controlling one's actions, or how it feels to achieve one's goals or affect the world.

The sense of agency is related to the subjective aspect of agency and contrasts with the objective facts of agency.



Social responsibility in AI in light of Félix Guattari's three ecologies (1989)

'I am convinced that the question of subjective enunciation will pose itself ever more forcefully as machines producing signs, images, syntax and artificial intelligence continue to develop. Here we are talking about a reconstruction of social and individual practices which I shall classify under three complementary headings, all of which come under the ethico-aesthetic aegis of an ecosophy: **social ecology, mental ecology and environmental ecology**.
The increasing deterioration of human relations with the socius, the psyche and ‚nature', is due not only to environmental and objective pollution but is also the result of a certain incomprehension and fatalistic passivity towards these issues as a whole, among both individuals and governments.'

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