

Pdf free Metamorphoses towards a materialist theory of becoming (Download Only)

breaking new ground in the debate about the relation of mind and body david armstrong s classic text first published in 1968 remains the most compelling and comprehensive statement of the view that the mind is material or physical in the preface to this new edition the author reflects on the book s impact and considers it in the light of subsequent developments he also provides a bibliography of all the key writings to have appeared in the materialist debate a materialist theory of mind 1968 by david armstrong is one of a handful of texts that began the physicalist revolution in the philosophy of mind it is perhaps the most influential book in the field of the second half of the twentieth century in this volume a distinguished international team of philosophers examine what we still owe to armstrong s theory and how to expand it as well as looking back on how it came about the first four chapters are historical in orientation exploring how the book fits into the history of materialism in the twentieth century the chapters that follow discuss perception belief the supposed explanatory gap between the physical and the mental introspection conation causality and functionalism a materialist theory of justice offers an innovative re reading of justice that draws from diverse theoretical currents tracing in the process an age old tradition of critical thought this book challenges the traditional idea that religions can be understood primarily as texts to be interpreted decoded or translated in more than belief manuel a vásquez argues for a new way of studying religions one that sees them as dynamic material and historical expressions of the practices of embodied individuals who are embedded in social fields and ecological networks he sketches the outlines of this approach through a focus on body practices and space in order to highlight the centrality of these dimensions of religious experience and performance vásquez recovers materialist currents within religious studies that have been consistently ignored or denigrated drawing on state of the art work in fields as diverse as anthropology sociology philosophy critical theory environmental studies cognitive psychology and the neurosciences vásquez offers a groundbreaking new way of looking at religion the discussions about the ethical political and human implications of the postmodernist condition have been raging for longer than most of us care to remember they have been especially fierce within feminism after a brief flirtation with postmodern thinking in the 1980s mainstream feminist circles seem to have turned their back on the staple notions of poststructuralist philosophy metamorphoses takes stock of the situation and attempts to reset priorities within the poststructuralist feminist agenda cross referring in a creative way to deleuze s and irigaray s respective philosophies of difference the book addresses key notions such as embodiment immanence sexual difference nomadism and the materiality of the subject metamorphoses also focuses on the implications of these theories for cultural criticism and a redefinition of politics it provides a vivid overview of contemporary culture with special emphasis on technology the monstrous imaginary and the recurrent obsession with the flesh in the age of techno bodies this highly original contribution to current debates is written for those who find changes and transformations challenging and necessary it will be of great interest to students and scholars of philosophy feminist theory gender studies sociology social theory and cultural studies a landmark of 20th century philosophy of mind it launched the physicalist revolution in approaches to the mind and has been debated and puzzled over ever since its first publication in 1968 includes a new foreword by peter anstey placing armstrong s book in helpful philosophical and historical context the five physical senses of seeing hearing smelling tasting and touching have been held to underpin the complexity of human experience ever since aristotle first theorised about how they worked classical and scholastic philosophy up to the time of the european enlightenment relegated their operations to its margins viewing them as at best a

distraction from higher thinking and at worst a positive deception paradoxically what one could not objectively know the products of the mind were accorded precedence over the concrete from the romantic era onwards the senses moved to the centre of speculative thought and the various dialectical currents of philosophy after hegel made them interdependent with the intellectual function which was held to derive most or all of its authority from them this tendency has continued down to the sensualist hedonist and anti intellectual currents of our own day in this theoretical consideration of what has been done to the senses in modern experience stuart walton subjects the life of the senses to a further materialist turn one that refuses a spiritualisation of the material realm to which contemporary discourses of the body have often fallen prey while at the same time preserving sensuality from being delivered once again to a sterile idealism a materialist theory of mind 1968 by david armstrong is one of a handful of texts that began the physicalist revolution in the philosophy of mind it is perhaps the most influential book in the field of the second half of the twentieth century in this volume a distinguished international team of philosophers examine what we still owe to armstrong s theory and how to expand it as well as looking back on how it came about on the basis of a reconstruction of legal theory in the tradition of marx which has been more or less silenced since the end of the 1970s subjectivation and cohesion develops a critical counter pole to the dominant approaches to law in contemporary social theory this book provides an overview of key features of philosophical materialism in historical perspective it is thus a study in the history and philosophy of materialism with a particular focus on the early modern and enlightenment periods leading into the 19th and 20th centuries for it was in the 18th century that the word was first used by a philosopher la mettrie to refer to himself prior to that materialism was a pejorative term used for wicked thinkers as a near synonym to atheist spinozist or the delightful hobbist the book provides the different forms of materialism particularly distinguished into claims about the material nature of the world and about the material nature of the mind and then focus on materialist approaches to body and embodiment selfhood ethics laws of nature reductionism and determinism and overall its relationship to science for materialism is often understood as a kind of philosophical facilitator of the sciences and the author want to suggest that is not always the case materialism takes on different forms and guises in different historical ideological and scientific contexts as well and the author wants to do justice to that diversity figures discussed include lucretius hobbes gassendi spinoza toland collins la mettrie diderot d holbach and priestley büchner bergson j j c smart and d m armstrong guiding the reader through both theory and application fox and allred explore the varied uses of new materialism a key emerging trend in 21st century thought in the practice of doing sociology today the great teachers of the axial age the buddha confucius zoroaster the hebrew prophets right down to jesus began the making of the modern god they re made their inherited gods creating a personal god in their own image we may best celebrate them not by clinging to their creation but by emulating their work developments in psychology mean that our view of persons is unlike theirs and therefore the god they made can no longer serve as ours we have to make our own so argues ann long in this fascinating exploration of personhood religion and moral value the revolutionary decentring of the earth in the universe galileo was followed by the revolutionary decentring of the human in the biosphere darwin now we are living through the even more revolutionary decentring of the i in the world a movement from that which is normal having persons in society to that which is moral loving persons in community the discussions about the ethical political and human implications of the postmodernist condition have been raging for longer than most of us care to remember they have been especially fierce within feminism after a brief flirtation with postmodern thinking in the 1980s mainstream feminist circles seem to have turned their back on the staple notions of poststructuralist philosophy metamorphoses takes stock of the situation and attempts to reset priorities within the poststructuralist feminist agenda cross referring in a creative way to deleuze s and irigaray s respective philosophies of difference the book addresses key notions such as embodiment immanence sexual difference nomadism and the materiality of the subject

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clear exposition of new materialist theory and using sociological examples throughout to enable the reader to develop a materialist sociological understanding the book outlines the fundamental precepts of new materialism explores how materialism provides new perspectives on the range of sociological topic areas explains how materialist approaches can be used to research sociological issues and also to engage with social issues sociology and the new materialism is a clear and authoritative one stop guide for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates in sociology cultural studies social policy and related disciplines through embodied and material practice research underpinned with theories of new materialism tara page shows how our ways of knowing making and learning place are entangled with embodied and material pedagogies by taking this avowal seriously adrian johnston finally clarifies the philosophical project underlying Žižek's efforts what does it mean for our understanding of history if we assume that everything is physical and that no immaterial entities forces or phenomena exist a materialist philosophy of history a realist antidote to postmodernism examines the implications of a materialist worldview in contemporary philosophy of history materialism has wide ranging consequences for historical research as well as for the credibility of various conceptions of the historical past branko mitrović shows how these implications pertain both to the nature of social institutions and the capacities of historical figures to decide act acquire beliefs and communicate and to the methodology of historical research and problems such as the interpretation and the translation of historical documents a materialist view also entails rejecting the view that forces such as culture language or society can construct physical reality or that the historical past is constructed through the work of the historian this book examines these consequences and presents a comprehensive materialist perspective on historical research and the understanding of the historical past first published in 1977 this book presents a comprehensive and lucid guide through the labyrinths of semiology and structuralism perhaps the most significant systems of study to have been developed in the twentieth century the authors describe the early presuppositions of structuralism and semiology which claim to be a materialist theory of language based on saussure's notion of the sign they show how these presuppositions have been challenged by work following althusser's development of the marxist theory of ideology and by lacan's re-reading of freud the book explains how the encounter of two disciplines psychoanalysis and marxism on the ground of their common problem language has produced a new understanding of society and its subjects it produces a critical re-examination of the traditional marxist theory of ideology together with the concepts of sign and identity of the subject in recent decades what is known as the subject has been problematized by various old and new materialisms and today appears as decentered in and by language split by the unconscious deformed by social forces governed by ideology and is either seen to have succumbed to the postmodern condition or to never have existed in the first place every materialist theory of the subject depends on a conception of materiality which can delineate the character of what the material reality which de-centers or constitutes the subject consists of materiality and subject in marxism post-structuralism and material semiotics investigates the relation between materiality and the subject in the materialist approaches of marxism post-structuralism and material semiotics none of these approaches subscribes to a reductionist materialism rather they conceive of materiality as multiple complex and not reducible to tangible matter for each approach the modalities of materiality of the respective materialism are defined the relationship between the multiple materialities and the subject constituted and decentered in this relationship are presented as specific to the theoretical approaches discussed new materialism has emerged over the past 20 years as an approach concerned fundamentally with the material workings of power but focused firmly upon social production rather than social construction applied to empirical research radically extends traditional materialist analysis beyond traditional concerns with structural and macro level social phenomena addressing issues of how desires feelings and meanings also contribute to social production new materialism is currently having a profound effect across disciplines rooted in post-marxist thinking but spreading out on the flat ontology

of networks objects and bodies new materialism is an interdisciplinary discussion on the properties of matter in terms of agency ethical responsibility and immanence along with post humanism the anthropocene nonrepresentational theories and post deleuzian thought new materialism asks us to reconsider the nature of the human and the non human the difference between actual and virtual the emergence of politics and law in the face of ubiquitous materiality and above all the new responsibilities that come with it all sociology and the new materialism theory research action discusses issues of research design and methods in new materialist social inquiry an approach that is attracting increasing interest across the social sciences as an alternative to either realist or constructionist ontologies new materialism de privileges human agency focusing instead upon how assemblages of the animate and inanimate together produce the world with fundamental implications for social inquiry methodology and methods conversely new materialism takes matter as a lively and active participant in social life problematises core hierarchical binaries such as human nonhuman living non living and idealism materialism and expands the remit of what constitutes social life questioning these binaries renders humans as part of a flatter ontology than we might normally think this book also considers how core social concerns of responsibility and sustainability might be transformed when we pay attention to the forces and capacities of materialities this book discusses two of the oldest and hardest problems in both science and philosophy what is matter and what is mind a reason for tackling both problems in a single book is that two of the most influential views in modern philosophy are that the universe is mental idealism and that the everything real is material materialism most of the thinkers who espouse a materialist view of mind have obsolete ideas about matter whereas those who claim that science supports idealism have not explained how the universe could have existed before humans emerged besides both groups tend to ignore the other levels of existence chemical biological social and technological if such levels and the concomitant emergence processes are ignored the physicalism spiritualism dilemma remains unsolved whereas if they are included the alleged mysteries are shown to be problems that science is treating successfully cultural materialism published in 1979 was marvin harris s first full length explication of the theory with which his work has been associated while harris has developed and modified some of his ideas over the past two decades generations of professors have looked to this volume as the essential starting point for explaining the science of culture to students now available again after a hiatus this edition of cultural materialism contains the complete text of the original book plus a new introduction by orna and allen johnson that updates his ideas and examines the impact that the book and theory have had on anthropological theorizing materialist feminism and the politics of discourse confronts the impasses in materialist feminist work on rethinking woman as a discursively constructed subject the book looks at the problem of examining critically the social dimensions on which theories of discourse are premised how such theories understand materiality the relation between women s experience and feminist politics and that between history and discourse rosemary hennessy considers the work of kristeva foucault laclau and mouffe and argues for a materialist feminist re articulation of discourse as ideology concerns over identity and difference are incorporated into a rewriting of materialist feminism s analysis of women s oppression across capitalist and patriarchal structures in adapting postmodernist theories in this way hennessy develops a project of social change where feminism while maintaining its specificity is necessarily aligned with other emancipatory movements best known for his work in literary criticism pierre macherey has over the past two decades produced a series of original philosophical works this first collection of his philosophical writings to be published in english discloses the full range of macherey s interventions testifying to his signal status as one of france s leading philosophers in a materialist way ranges over macherey s writings on philosophy and theory critiques of the work of major figures in contemporary french thought such as lacan foucault and canguilhem and analyses of the work of spinoza it reveals to english speaking audiences what has long been common knowlege in france that pierre macherey is among the most fertile imaginative and subtle of contemporary

philosophers in mainland china in the recent decades once discarded western marxism studies have reached a peak to study humanism alienation subjectivity and practical materialism epistemology and aesthetics interchange and social ontology as well as cultural philosophy existential philosophy philosophy of daily life has entered into the scope wang nanshi and xie yongkang in this book on practical materialism have succeeded a comprehensive study to reflect the major aspects and theoretical bases of this philosophy marxist philosophical theoretical research had not been so successful for some time this has been fairly evaluated and investigated in this book to open a new scope revealing the past theoretical regress on the one shore was dialectical and historical materialism theory of marxist philosophy propagated in college text books which was scientist and naturalist and on the other shore was critical historical materialism of young lukacs and korsch which put the subject proletarian practice in the center to solve the problem of unity between subject and object isomorphic with the unity of nature and history the issue put by the former was the existence of general principles applicable to both spheres the latter had centered the issue on the existence of natural being opposite to social history lukacs gave a negative answer to these two issues as to history general principles would be abstract and lukacs had viewed the nature as a socio historical category although both schools led their own journey both had failed to grasp the real essence of marx s philosophical theories on materialism metaphysics dialectic and complex human practice the essence of the philosophical revolution achieved by marx which makes him an outstanding modern philosopher was his practical materialist theory and his view on the relation between practice and theory readers will surely find a thought provoking debate and vision in the book content of main parts theoretical philosophy and practical philosophy conceptual study of theory and practice differentiation and evolution of theoretical philosophy and practical philosophy marx s philosophy is a modern practical philosophy materialism and modern materialism general meaning and history of materialism practice and marx s modern materialism modern materialism is historical materialism dialectic as practical wisdom concept and history of dialectic marxist practical dialectic picture of the life world of finite subject marx s two propositions about man material world and human activity social life and human essence practice and human knowledge epistemological issues and their way out quasi epistemological view of truth history and human ideal contradictoriness of human existence history and ideal looking into marx s realm of ideal from the angle of real history materialist feminism and the politics of discourse confronts the impasses in materialist feminist work on rethinking woman as a discursively constructed subject the book looks at the problem of examining critically the social dimensions on which theories of discourse are premised how such theories understand materiality the relation between women s experience and feminist politics and that between history and discourse rosemary hennessy considers the work of kristeva foucault laclau and mouffe and argues for a materialist feminist re articulation of discourse as ideology concerns over identity and difference are incorporated into a rewriting of materialist feminism s analysis of women s oppression across capitalist and patriarchal structures in adapting postmodernist theories in this way hennessy develops a project of social change where feminism while maintaining its specificity is necessarily aligned with other emancipatory movements our technologies rely on an ever expanding infrastructure of wires routers servers and hard drives a proliferation of devices that reshape human interaction and experience prior to conscious knowledge understanding these technologies requires an approach that foregrounds media as an agent that collaborates in the production of the world beyond content or representation materialist media theory provides an accessible synthetic account of the cutting edge of the theoretical humanities examining a range of approaches to media s physical infrastructural role in shaping culture space time cognition and life itself more than a mere introduction materialist media theory provides a critical intervention into matter and media of interest to students and researchers in media studies communication cultural studies visual culture and beyond media determine our reality and any politics of media must begin by foregrounding the media s materiality bringing together phenomenology and materialism two perspectives

seemingly at odds with each other leading international theorist manuel delanda has created an entirely new theory of visual perception engaging the scientific biology ecological psychology neuroscience and robotics the philosophical idea of the embodied mind and the mathematical dynamic systems theory to form a synthesis of how to see in the 21st century a transdisciplinary and rigorous analysis of how vision shapes what matters prolegomena to any future materialism volume two a weak nature alone is the second part of a trilogy on subjectivity in the natural world johnston weaves together major works in western philosophy in a visionary theory that is materialist yet antireductive adrian johnston s prolegomena to any future materialism planned for three volumes will lay the foundations for a new materialist theoretical apparatus his transcendental materialism in this first volume johnston clears an opening within contemporary philosophy and theory for his unique position he engages closely with lacan badiou and meillassoux demonstrating how each of these philosophers can be seen as failing to forge an authentically atheistic materialism johnston builds a new materialism both profoundly influenced by these brilliant comrades of a shared cause as well as making up for the shortcomings of their own creative attempts to bring to realization the lacanian vision of an other less one less ontology the outcome of contemporary french philosophy yields intellectual weapons suitable for deployment on multiple fronts simultaneously effective against the mutually entangled spiritualist and scientific foes of our post enlightenment biopolitical era of nothing more than commodities and currencies this well researched study traces the materialist hypothesis that all existence is an unbroken material continuum from its origins in ancient greece to modern times starting with lucretius great first century bc poem the nature of things it proceeds through enlightenment materialism and paul d holbach s masterpiece the system of nature to 19th century materialism and ludwig buechner s epochal force and matter it concludes by examining the 20th century literature of mind brain materialism addressed to specialists and general readers alike vitzthum s interdisciplinary approach avoids technical jargon as it critically reviews the premises and literature of materialism from philosophical historical scientific and literary perspectives in modernist poetry and the limitations of materialist theory charles altieri skillfully dissects the benefits and limitations of materialist theory for works of art he argues that while materialist theory can intensify our awareness of how art can foreground sensual dimensions of experience it does not yet serve as an adequate description of much of what we experience as mental activity especially in the domain of art which depends on active imaginations and constructive energies for which no materialist theory is yet adequate he carefully shows how constructive imaginations operate in a range of modernist poetry that is especially attentive to the mind s powers because it provides alternatives to impressionist sensibilities which thrive on materialist modes of attention these modernists turned to versions of hegel s idea of the inner sensuousness stressing how a work s very construction can provide different levels of sensuousness inseparable from the work of self consciousness

A Materialist Theory of the Mind 1993

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Materialism Ancient and Modern 1881

persons and minds is an inquiry into the possibilities of materialism professor margolis starts his investigation however with a critique of the range of contemporary materialist theories and does not find them viable none of them he argues can accommodate in a convincing way the most distinctive features of the mental life of men and of lower creatures and the imaginative possibilities of discovery and technology p 8 in an extraordinarily rich analysis margolis carefully considers and criticizes mind body identity theories physicalism eliminative materialism behaviorism as inadequate precisely in that they are reductive he argues then for ramified concepts of emergence and embodiment which will sustain a philosophically coherent account both of the distinctive non natural character of persons and of their being naturally embodied but margolis provokes us to ask what is an embodied mind the crucial context for him is not the plain physical body as such but culture persons he writes are in a sense not natural entities they exist only in cultural contexts and are identifiable as such only by reference to their mastery of language and of whatever further abilities presuppose such mastery p 245 the hallmark of persons in margolis's account is their capacity for freedom as well as their physical endowment thus he writes their characteristic powers in effect their freedom must inform the order of purely physical causes in a distinctive way p 246

Making God 2015-11-26

hud hudson presents an innovative view of the metaphysics of human persons according to which human persons are material objects but not human organisms in developing his account he formulates and defends a unique collection of positions on parthood persistence vagueness composition identity and various puzzles of material constitution the author also applies his materialist metaphysics to issues in ethics and in the philosophy of religion he examines the implications for ethics of his metaphysical views for standard arguments addressing the moral permissibility of our treatment of human persons and their parts fetuses and infants the irreversibly comatose and corpses he argues that his metaphysics provides the best foundation in the philosophy of religion for the christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body hudson addresses a broad range of metaphysical issues but among his most strikingly original contributions are his defense of the partist view according to which a material object can exactly occupy multiple overlapping regions of spacetime and his argument for the compatibility of christianity with a materialistic theory of human persons

Metamorphoses 2002-02-15

the first book of its kind sociology and the new materialism explores the many and varied applications of new materialism a key emerging trend in 21st century thought to the practice of

doing sociology offering a clear exposition of new materialist theory and using sociological examples throughout to enable the reader to develop a materialist sociological understanding the book outlines the fundamental precepts of new materialism explores how materialism provides new perspectives on the range of sociological topic areas explains how materialist approaches can be used to research sociological issues and also to engage with social issues sociology and the new materialism is a clear and authoritative one stop guide for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates in sociology cultural studies social policy and related disciplines

Structure and Thought *2024-02-15*

through embodied and material practice research underpinned with theories of new materialism tara page shows how our ways of knowing making and learning place are entangled with embodied and material pedagogies

Persons and Minds *2012-12-06*

by taking this avowal seriously adrian johnston finally clarifies the philosophical project underlying Pietsch's efforts

A Materialist Metaphysics of the Human Person *2018-10-18*

what does it mean for our understanding of history if we assume that everything is physical and that no immaterial entities forces or phenomena exist a materialist philosophy of history a realist antidote to postmodernism examines the implications of a materialist worldview in contemporary philosophy of history materialism has wide ranging consequences for historical research as well as for the credibility of various conceptions of the historical past branko mitrović shows how these implications pertain both to the nature of social institutions and the capacities of historical figures to decide act acquire beliefs and communicate and to the methodology of historical research and problems such as the interpretation and the translation of historical documents a materialist view also entails rejecting the view that forces such as culture language or society can construct physical reality or that the historical past is constructed through the work of the historian this book examines these consequences and presents a comprehensive materialist perspective on historical research and the understanding of the historical past

Sociology and the New Materialism *2017*

first published in 1977 this book presents a comprehensive and lucid guide through the labyrinths of semiology and structuralism perhaps the most significant systems of study to have been developed in the twentieth century the authors describe the early presuppositions of structuralism and semiology which claim to be a materialist theory of language based on

saussure's notion of the sign they show how these presuppositions have been challenged by work following althusser's development of the marxist theory of ideology and by lacan's re-reading of freud the book explains how the encounter of two disciplines psychoanalysis and marxism on the ground of their common problem language has produced a new understanding of society and its subjects it produces a critical re-examination of the traditional marxist theory of ideology together with the concepts of sign and identity of the subject

Placemaking 2020-06-18

in recent decades what is known as the subject has been problematized by various old and new materialisms and today appears as decentered in and by language split by the unconscious deformed by social forces governed by ideology and is either seen to have succumbed to the postmodern condition or to never have existed in the first place every materialist theory of the subject depends on a conception of materiality which can delineate the character of what the material reality which de-centers or constitutes the subject consists of materiality and subject in marxism post-structuralism and material semiotics investigates the relation between materiality and the subject in the materialist approaches of marxism post-structuralism and material semiotics none of these approaches subscribes to a reductionist materialism rather they conceive of materiality as multiple complex and not reducible to tangible matter for each approach the modalities of materiality of the respective materialism are defined the relationship between the multiple materialities and the subject constituted and decentered in this relationship are presented as specific to the theoretical approaches discussed

Zizek's Ontology 2008-03-19

new materialism has emerged over the past 20 years as an approach concerned fundamentally with the material workings of power but focused firmly upon social production rather than social construction applied to empirical research radically extends traditional materialist analysis beyond traditional concerns with structural and macro-level social phenomena addressing issues of how desires feelings and meanings also contribute to social production new materialism is currently having a profound effect across disciplines rooted in post-marxist thinking but spreading out on the flat ontology of networks objects and bodies new materialism is an interdisciplinary discussion on the properties of matter in terms of agency ethical responsibility and immanence along with post-humanism the anthropocene non-representational theories and post-deleuzian thought new materialism asks us to reconsider the nature of the human and the non-human the difference between actual and virtual the emergence of politics and law in the face of ubiquitous materiality and above all the new responsibilities that come with it all sociology and the new materialism theory research action discusses issues of research design and methods in new materialist social inquiry an approach that is attracting increasing interest across the social sciences as an alternative to either realist or constructionist ontologies new materialism de-privileges human agency focusing instead upon how assemblages of the animate and inanimate together produce the world with fundamental implications for social inquiry methodology and methods conversely new materialism takes matter as a lively and active participant in social life problematizes core hierarchical binaries such as human non-human living non-living and idealism materialism and expands the remit of what constitutes social life questioning these binaries renders humans as part of a flatter ontology than we might normally think this book also considers how core social concerns of responsibility and

sustainability might be transformed when we pay attention to the forces and capacities of materialities

Materialist Philosophy of History 2020-07-08

this book discusses two of the oldest and hardest problems in both science and philosophy what is matter and what is mind a reason for tackling both problems in a single book is that two of the most influential views in modern philosophy are that the universe is mental idealism and that the everything real is material materialism most of the thinkers who espouse a materialist view of mind have obsolete ideas about matter whereas those who claim that science supports idealism have not explained how the universe could have existed before humans emerged besides both groups tend to ignore the other levels of existence chemical biological social and technological if such levels and the concomitant emergence processes are ignored the physicalism spiritualism dilemma remains unsolved whereas if they are included the alleged mysteries are shown to be problems that science is treating successfully

Language and Materialism 2016-11-18

cultural materialism published in 1979 was marvin harris s first full length explication of the theory with which his work has been associated while harris has developed and modified some of his ideas over the past two decades generations of professors have looked to this volume as the essential starting point for explaining the science of culture to students now available again after a hiatus this edition of cultural materialism contains the complete text of the original book plus a new introduction by orna and allen johnson that updates his ideas and examines the impact that the book and theory have had on anthropological theorizing

Materiality and Subject in Marxism, (Post-)Structuralism, and Material Semiotics 2016-08-20

materialist feminism and the politics of discourse confronts the impasses in materialist feminist work on rethinking woman as a discursively constructed subject the book looks at the problem of examining critically the social dimensions on which theories of discourse are premised how such theories understand materiality the relation between women s experience and feminist politics and that between history and discourse rosemary hennessy considers the work of kristeva foucault laclau and mouffe and argues for a materialist feminist re articulation of discourse as ideology concerns over identity and difference are incorporated into a rewriting of materialist feminism s analysis of women s oppression across capitalist and patriarchal structures in adapting postmodernist theories in this way hennessy develops a project of social change where feminism while maintaining its specificity is necessarily aligned with other emancipatory movements

Sociology and the New Materialism 2017-06

best known for his work in literary criticism pierre macherey has over the past two decades produced a series of original philosophical works this first collection of his philosophical writings to be published in english discloses the full range of macherey s interventions testifying to his signal status as one of france s leading philosophers in a materialist way ranges over macherey s writings on philosophy and theory critiques of the work of major figures in contemporary french thought such as lacan foucault and canguilhem and analyses of the work of spinoza it reveals to english speaking audiences what has long been common knowlege in france that pierre macherey is among the most fertile imaginative and subtle of contemporary philosophers

Religion and Social Theory 1983

in mainland china in the recent decades once discarded western marxism studies have reached a peak to study humanism alienation subjectivity and practical materialism epistemology and aesthetics interchange and social ontology as well as cultural philosophy existential philosophy philosophy of daily life has entered into the scope wang nanshi and xie yongkang in this book on practical materialism have succeeded a comprehensive study to reflect the major aspects and theoretical bases of this philosophy marxist philosophical theoretical research had not been so successful for some time this has been fairly evaluated and investigated in this book to open a new scope revealing the past theoretical regress on the one shore was dialectical and historical materialism theory of marxist philosophy propogated in college text books which was scientist and naturalist and on the other shore was critical historical materialism of young lukacs and korsch which put the subject proletarian practice in the center to solve the problem of unity between subject and object isomorphic with the unity of nature and history the issue put by the former was the existence of general principles applicable to both spheres the latter had centered the issue on the existence of natural being opposite to social history lukacs gave a negative answer to these two issues as to history general principles would be abstract and lukacs had viewed the nature as a socio historical category although both schools led their own journey both had failed to grasp the real essence of marx s philosophical theories on materialism metaphysics dialectic and complex human practice the essence of the philosophical revolution achieved by marx which makes him an outstanding modern philosopher was his practical materialist theory and his view on the relation between practice and theory readers will surely find a thought provoking debate and vision in the book content of main parts theoretical philosophy and practical philosophy conceptual study of theory and practice differentiation and evolution of theoretical philosophy and practical philosophy marx s philosophy is a modern practical philosophy materialism and modern materialism general meaning and history of materialism practice and marx s modern materialism modern materialism is historical materialism dialectic as practical wisdom concept and history of dialectic marxist practical dialectic picture of the life world of finite subject marx s two propositions about man material world and human activity social life and human essence practice and human knowledge epistemological issues and their way out quasi epistemological view of truth history and human ideal contradictoriness of human existence history and ideal looking into marx s realm of ideal from the angle of real history

Matter and Mind 2010-09-14

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Cultural Materialism 2001

our technologies rely on an ever-expanding infrastructure of wires routers servers and hard drives a proliferation of devices that reshape human interaction and experience prior to conscious knowledge understanding these technologies requires an approach that foregrounds media as an agent that collaborates in the production of the world beyond content or representation materialist media theory provides an accessible synthetic account of the cutting edge of the theoretical humanities examining a range of approaches to media's physical infrastructural role in shaping culture space time cognition and life itself more than a mere introduction materialist media theory provides a critical intervention into matter and media of interest to students and researchers in media studies communication cultural studies visual culture and beyond media determine our reality and any politics of media must begin by foregrounding the media's materiality

Materialist Feminism and the Politics of Discourse (RLE Feminist Theory) 2012-11-27

bringing together phenomenology and materialism two perspectives seemingly at odds with each other leading international theorist manuel delanda has created an entirely new theory of visual perception engaging the scientific biology ecological psychology neuroscience and robotics the philosophical idea of the embodied mind and the mathematical dynamic systems theory to form a synthesis of how to see in the 21st century a transdisciplinary and rigorous analysis of how vision shapes what matters

In a Materialist Way 1998

prolegomena to any future materialism volume two a weak nature alone is the second part of a trilogy on subjectivity in the natural world johnston weaves together major works in western

philosophy in a visionary theory that is materialist yet antireductive

Marx's Practical Materialism 2011-01

adrian johnston's prolegomena to any future materialism planned for three volumes will lay the foundations for a new materialist theoretical apparatus his transcendental materialism in this first volume johnston clears an opening within contemporary philosophy and theory for his unique position he engages closely with lacan badiou and meillassoux demonstrating how each of these philosophers can be seen as failing to forge an authentically atheistic materialism johnston builds a new materialism both profoundly influenced by these brilliant comrades of a shared cause as well as making up for the shortcomings of their own creative attempts to bring to realization the lacanian vision of an other less one less ontology the outcome of contemporary french philosophy yields intellectual weapons suitable for deployment on multiple fronts simultaneously effective against the mutually entangled spiritualist and scientific foes of our post enlightenment biopolitical era of nothing more than commodities and currencies

Materialist Feminism and the Politics of Discourse 2012-10-11

this well researched study traces the materialist hypothesis that all existence is an unbroken material continuum from its origins in ancient greece to modern times starting with lucretius great first century bc poem the nature of things it proceeds through enlightenment materialism and paul d holbach's masterpiece the system of nature to 19th century materialism and ludwig buechner's epochal force and matter it concludes by examining the 20th century literature of mind brain materialism addressed to specialists and general readers alike vitzthum's interdisciplinary approach avoids technical jargon as it critically reviews the premises and literature of materialism from philosophical historical scientific and literary perspectives

Materialist Media Theory 2019-09-19

in modernist poetry and the limitations of materialist theory charles altieri skillfully dissects the benefits and limitations of materialist theory for works of art he argues that while materialist theory can intensify our awareness of how art can foreground sensual dimensions of experience it does not yet serve as an adequate description of much of what we experience as mental activity especially in the domain of art which depends on active imaginations and constructive energies for which no materialist theory is yet adequate he carefully shows how constructive imaginations operate in a range of modernist poetry that is especially attentive to the mind's powers because it provides alternatives to impressionist sensibilities which thrive on materialist modes of attention these modernists turned to versions of hegel's idea of the inner sensuousness stressing how a work's very construction can provide different levels of sensuousness inseparable from the work of self consciousness

Materialist Phenomenology 2021-09-23

Prolegomena to Any Future Materialism 2019

Prolegomena to Any Future Materialism 2013-07-31

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