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modernity was supposed to be the period in human history when the fears that pervaded social life in the past could be left behind and human beings could at last take control of their lives and tame the uncontrolled forces of the social and natural worlds and yet at the dawn of the twenty first century we live again in a time of fear whether its the fear of natural disasters the fear of environmental catastrophes or the fear of indiscriminate terrorist attacks we live today in a state of constant anxiety about the dangers that could strike unannounced and at any moment fear is the name we give to our uncertainty in the face of

the dangers that characterize our liquid modern age to our ignorance of what the threat is and our incapacity to determine what can and can't be done to counter it this new book by Zygmunt Bauman one of the foremost social thinkers of our time is an inventory of liquid modern fears it is also an attempt to uncover their common sources to analyse the obstacles that pile up on the road to their discovery and to examine the ways of putting them out of action or rendering them harmless through his brilliant account of the fears and anxieties that weigh on us today Bauman alerts us to the scale of the task which we shall have to confront through most of the current century if we wish our fellow humans to emerge at its end feeling more secure and self-confident than we feel at its beginning

this book examines the insecurity that besets our lives in the contemporary world whether as a result of natural disasters human negligence or more recently threats to security in the form of terrorist activity which itself gives rise to new fears fear of travel agoraphobia distrust of others and existential anxieties revealing the connection between the two components of our insecurity as reflecting on and conditioning human existence and producing social problems the author brings this to bear on the notion of security that modernity had sought to guarantee to its citizens a notion that has slowly crumbled with the crisis of modernity and with the emergence of the liquid world now insecurity is endemic and has so firmly become part of us as to be accepted as an unpleasant aspect of normality that we must live with however the necessity of living in a risk society in which security has emerged as important does nothing to dispel the fear that accompanies us at all times an engagement with the thought of Bauman that explores fear as an accompaniment to the end of modernity and its assurances state of fear in a liquid world offers developments of the thesis of liquid modernity and will appeal to scholars and students of sociology social theory and politics with interests in individualisation social change and in security

we are living in times when populism war and climate change are all sources of anxiety caused by overlapping crises anxiety is a phenomenon that is not just reflected everywhere around us but is also increasingly manifesting itself in contemporary drama particularly in the last five to ten years many new British dramas and theatre productions have given a stage to anxiety given this central role of anxiety the aim of this study is to outline the interplay of theatre and anxiety on both a thematic and aesthetic level it argues that a strand of contemporary theatre that combines topics of social ecological technological and pandemic importance with investigations into the philosophical and aesthetic implications of anxiety has come to prominence in recent years the theatre of anxiety this is traced across

exemplary readings of a number of contemporary british plays by playwrights such as caryl churchill zinnie harris alistair mcdowall and others they show that contemporary drama and performance both aesthetically and thematically reflect and comment on global crises and catastrophes through the lens of anxiety as a feeling that colours the perception of and reaction to these social and political conditions

the volume offers a timely discussion of the feeling of fear adopting a diachronic and complex perspective taking into account its various forms including its literary mythological anthropological psychoanalytical etymological philosophical theological and historiographical representations among others it tackles the concept of fear in a range of time periods in cultural and literary history from the archaic period and greco roman classical antiquity to the modern and postmodern periods as such the volume marks an extremely relevant contribution to scholarship in the humanities and will be of interest to scholars professors and students as well as anyone interested in the analysis of profound human feelings

a new book by one of the most original and brilliant social thinkers of our time extends and develops some of the key themes in other bauman titles namely what it is to live in a time of liquid modernity identity culture and consumerism

this book offers a diachronical and inter transmedia approach to the relationship of media and fear in a variety of geographical and cultural settings this allows for an in depth understanding of the media s role in pandemics wars and other crises as well as in political intimidation the book assembles chapters from a variety of authors focusing on the relation between media and fear in the west the middle east the arab world and china besides its geographical and cultural diversity the volume also takes a long term perspective bringing together cases from transforming media environments which span over a century the book establishes a strong and historically persistent nexus between media and fear which finds ever new forms with new media but always follows similar logics

the passage from solid to liquid modernity has created a new and unprecedented setting for individual life pursuits confronting individuals with a series of challenges never before encountered social forms and institutions no longer have enough time to solidify and cannot serve as frames of reference for human actions and long term life plans so individuals have to find other ways to organise their lives they have to splice together an unending series of short term projects and episodes that don t add up to the kind of sequence to which concepts like career and progress could meaningfully be applied such fragmented lives require

individuals to be flexible and adaptable to be constantly ready and willing to change tactics at short notice to abandon commitments and loyalties without regret and to pursue opportunities according to their current availability in liquid modernity the individual must act plan actions and calculate the likely gains and losses of acting or failing to act under conditions of endemic uncertainty zygmunt bauman s brilliant writings on liquid modernity have altered the way we think about the contemporary world in this short book he explores the sources of the endemic uncertainty which shapes our lives today and in so doing he provides the reader with a brief and accessible introduction to his highly original account developed at greater length in his previous books of life in our liquid modern times

fear aspects of an emotion examines the effect of fear on the human experience and the ways in which its manifestation has shaped the creative and social imagination contents include frank furedi u kent our culture of fear ian haywood roehampton university the irish rebellion of 1798 and tropes of violence e mccarthy tcd americanÃ Â Ã Â ad culture and war propaganda john paul colgan tcd the politics of fear and ethics of representing 9 11 bill durodiÃ Â Ã Â cranfield u lessons from the blitz and other disasters darryl jones tcd the fiction of the american neo nazi movement amanda pieszke tcd childhood fears and children s literature gary o reilly ucd anxiety disorders in childhood and the therapeutic use of stories sir christoper frayling royal college of art theÃ Â Ã Â nightmare fuseli to frankenstein and beyond k hebblethwaite tcd debunking the legend of leap bernice murphy tcd why horror films aren t scary anymore

this unique and original collection by internationally renowned scholars uses critical engagements with baumans sociology to identify and better understand the challenges that face globalized human societies at the start of the twenty first century

in this new book bauman examines how we have moved away from a heavy and solid hardware focused modernity to a light and liquid software based modernity this passage he argues has brought profound change to all aspects of the human condition the new remoteness and un reachability of global systemic structure coupled with the unstructured and under defined fluid state of the immediate setting of life politics and human togetherness call for the rethinking of the concepts and cognitive frames used to narrate human individual experience and their joint history this book is dedicated to this task bauman selects five of the basic concepts which have served to make sense of shared human life emancipation individuality time space work and community and traces their successive incarnations and changes of meaning liquid modernity concludes the analysis undertaken in

bauman's two previous books globalization the human consequences and in search of politics together these volumes form a brilliant analysis of the changing conditions of social and political life by one of the most original thinkers writing today

a team from the dutch research school on safety and justice organized a conference in leyden in november 2008 and the presentations there have been collected here under the same title criminologists legal scholars and other contributors consider such topics as doing justice in a world of strangers the political reasons for tackling anti social behavior investigating the axioms of precautionary logic the idea of protection in dutch juvenile criminal justice criminal law perspectives on sexual hiv exposure and transmission and resilience joins research in vulnerability of economic activity to crime also a film and photography scholar suggests how the really boring pictures on video surveillance might affect viewers particularly their alertness distributed in the us by isbs annotation 2010 book news inc portland or booknews.com

the need to develop collective skills to acquire a shared long term vision and to manage change is evident given that resources are limited and there is no such thing as complete independence or immunity from the damaging effects of other people's acts or failures to act current trends are having a significant effect on both the scope and the substance of specific responsibilities individual or collective voluntary or statutory in addition extreme interdependence exacerbates the differences between values concepts of well being and interests potentially giving rise to mutually destructive conflicts wastage of resources and externally negative consequences hence the council of europe's proposal to adopt the concept of shared social responsibility as a vital adjunct to specific responsibilities to make them more meaningful in accordance with this concept which is the subject of a charter addressed to governments and to all stakeholders all parties are encouraged to

europe has been going through its most serious crisis of values since the fall of communism in public discourse economic and social pressures have overshadowed the other dimensions of the crisis including societal values however the crisis of values would appear to be more than simply an effect of the recession europeans have lost trust in democratic institutions at all levels european national and local rising xenophobia and discrimination against minorities undermine the vitality of the european model of tolerance europe is plagued by endemic corruption which costs it more than 100 billion euro annually triggering political instability some believe that once europe is back on the path of growth the crisis of values will disappear and that there will be a resurgence of faith in european integration but in the

long term growth in western societies may be impaired by serious headwinds resulting from demographic trends and rising inequalities and europe may become the first post growth society european societies are already changing their traditional characteristics as a result of exposure to the effects of two global mega trends the empowerment of the individual and cosmopolitisation can the european project be of relevance when addressing these challenges what role in this process can be played by the council of europe which is the embodiment of the idea that europe is bigger than the european union and the european agenda is richer than the economy and politics

why are newspapers and television programs filled with stories about crime and criminals is their portrayal of crime accurate how do the media transform our attitudes to crime is fear of crime for example really created by the media the book introduces the different ways in which relationships between crime and the media have been understood including classic debates about the media s effects news production and moral panics as well as more cutting edge studies of the representation of crime in the contemporary media

contains papers which explore the link between globalisation citizenship and the war on terror this work incorporates ideas from sociology criminology political science and development studies into the contributors examination of the nature of globalisation and the war on terror

while technology is increasingly a central component for the operation of government its role is poorly understood this ground breaking and insightful book uniquely utilizes foucault s governmentality approach to examine the nature of contemporary technologically facilitated government drawing on six detailed case studies of e government in welfare health and taxation the book demonstrates that information technology is more than just a tool for politicians and policy makers but contributes to the very substance and reconfiguration of public administration public policy power and citizenship moreover governmental changes are analysed in terms of networks risk speed complexity power and citizenship

broad in scope this two volume set covers the economic and political aspects of globalization as well as its social and cultural impacts

this volume explores the political implications of violence and alterity radical difference for the very practice of democracy and reformulates the possibility of community that democracy is said to imply most significantly contributors intervene in traditional

democratic theory by boldly contesting the widely held assumption that increased inclusion tolerance and cultural recognition are democracy's sufficient conditions rather than simply inquiring how best to expand the demos they investigate how claims to self-determination identity and sovereignty are a problem for democracy and how paradoxically alterity may be its greatest strength drawing largely on the left continental tradition contributions include an appeal to the tension between fear and love in the face of anti-Semitism in Poland an injunction to rethink the identity-difference binary that dominates liberal democratic thought a critique of the canonical democratic 'we' and a call for an ethics and a politics of dissensus in democratic struggles against racist and sexist oppression the authors thus mobilize some of the most powerful critical insights emerging across the social sciences and humanities from anthropology critical legal studies critical race theory and post-colonial studies marxism psychoanalysis social and political thought philosophy and sociology to reconsider the meaning and possibility of democracy in the face of its contemporary crisis the book directly appeals to students and scholars interested in cutting-edge critical reflection on the empirical phenomenon of increased violence in the West provoked by radical difference and on the possibility of radical political-theoretical critique

Sicherheits- und Überwachungstechnologien etablieren Sichtbarkeitsregime die sich ihrerseits der Einsehbarkeit und damit der Kontrolle entziehen während Bevölkerung und Individuen in neuer Weise lesbar gemacht werden als Gefahrenträger die kontrolliert als Gefährdete die geschützt als Konsumenten deren Präferenzen erhoben als Angestellte deren Leistungen evaluiert werden bleibt die gesellschaftliche Funktionalität der Technik zu dechiffrieren im Zeichen von Prävention vollzieht sich ein radikaler Innovationsschub der die Verfasstheit liberaler Gesellschaften in Frage stellt und traditionelle Grenzziehungen auf dem Feld der Sicherheit untergräbt Kriminalität Terrorismus Krieg und Naturkatastrophen werden zu einem Kontinuum der Bedrohung verknüpft neben den staatlichen Organen treten private Sicherheitsagenturen Anwender von Sicherheitstechnologien wie Verkehrsunternehmen kommerzielle Datensammler und die Think Tanks der Sicherheitsforschung der Sonderband nimmt dieses Zusammenspiel von Akteuren Technologien und Strategischen Wirkungen ebenso in den Blick wie die gesellschaftlichen Bewegungen die Privatheit als Residuum gegen Überwachung und Kontrolle neu entdecken

this text examines the most inconvenient truth of all and the most important our moral responsibility for climate change

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