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The Sociology of Cybersecurity

An Ethnography of a Science
and the Profession

By Marcin Zaród

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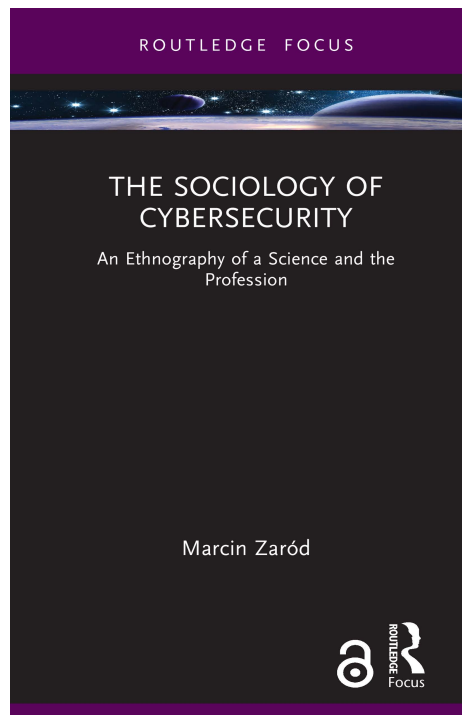
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This book explores the sociological processes related to digital infrastructures, nation-states, military organisations, companies and hackers. It explores how the European Union consults hackers, what the sociological implications beneath hacking tournaments might be, how the CVE system might be mapped onto the research of ICD-11 and how many theological devils fit as opponent models?

Based on ethnographic research conducted among hackers and cybersecurity conferences from several countries across Europe, *The Sociology of Cybersecurity* asks how knowledge is created in different groups connected with information security. It considers the ways in which social processes in the field of cybersecurity appear similar to phenomena that characterise knowledge production in scientific disciplines.

An examination of what the study of information security can contribute to our debates on privacy, digital economy, theories of sovereignty and critical perspectives in the 21st century, *The Sociology of Cybersecurity* will appeal to social scientists interested in the sociology of knowledge and contemporary research at the intersection of labour, technology and society.

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Technocreep and the Politics of Things Not Seen

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This edited volume examines emerging technologies frequently described as “creepy,” especially when they enter intimate spaces, homes, bodies, and everyday social relations. Bringing together scholarly essays and artistic contributions, it develops a feminist theorization of “technocreep” that moves beyond such familiar binaries as privacy and surveillance, harm and usefulness, or seeing and being seen. The collection frames the concept as a creative feminist analytic that illuminates how digital technologies become woven into the fabric of ordinary

life while often remaining difficult to apprehend through conventional critical vocabularies. Inclusion of a dedicated interlude on smart homes and chapters on the datafied home, home assistants, and neighborhood surveillance platforms—as well as situating domestic smart technologies within broader questions of intimacy, trust, embodiment, and power—make the volume relevant to the ongoing academic debates on digitized domesticity. Constituting an appealing contribution to feminist science and technology studies, the book offers an original and multifaceted perspective on the changing politics of domestic life under conditions of increasing—and all-infiltrating—digitalization.

The Platformization of the Family

Towards a Research Agenda

Edited by

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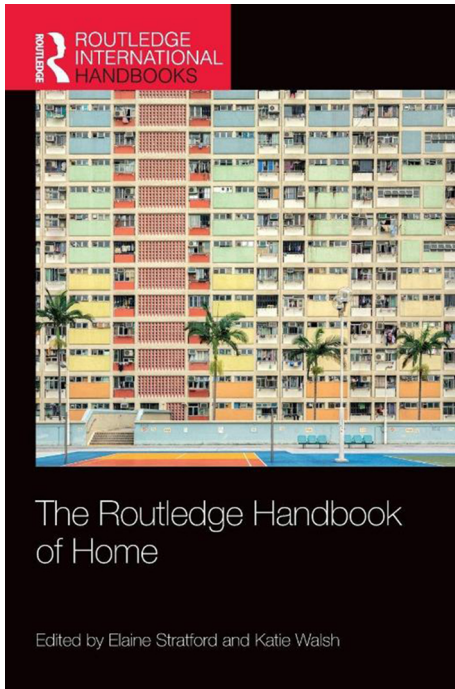
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This open access volume examines how digital platforms reshape everyday family life by mediating communication, care, relationships, and domestic habits. Positioned at the crossroad of platform studies, media and communication research, and the sociological explorations of the family, the collection examines how platformization structures, affects, and recontextualizes everyday life as digital platforms become increasingly embedded within both households and intimate relations. Rather than approaching the family as a defined group of users, the volume frames it as a social unit being infiltrated, and subsequently transformed, by digitalization, datafication, and commodification processes. It thus offers a timely and important voice in current sociological discussions on smartified home environments, paying attention to how technological advancements, and their increasing availability, generate consequential effects for the established understandings of domesticity and family life. Thematizing home as a site of platformization, the chapters in the volume explore complex negotiations around privacy and autonomy that this process produces; address the technology-enabled extension of familial care beyond the household; investigate the technology-facilitated reshaping of practices within the home; and reflect on digitally assisted forms of parenting. They also make a significant methodological contribution to existent scholarship on platformization, rehearsing novel research strategies for detecting and documenting digitalization-related, often opaque, transformations of everyday life. The volume concludes by outlining a broader agenda for future research tackling home technologization, inviting multifaceted interrogation of the challenges it poses. Offering conceptual and empirical interventions, it may be of interest to scholars engaged in research on how platforms reconfigure everyday routines and interpersonal relations within (and beyond) contemporary households.





The Routledge Handbook of Home

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This interdisciplinary handbook offers a wide-ranging and critical reconsideration of home as a material, affective, political, and geopolitical formation. Bringing together 46 chapters across four sections—Theorising Home, Housing and Home, Domesticities and Everyday Life, and Global Challenges and Home Futures—the volume examines housing, displacement, domesticity, care, inequality, climate emergency, and the intimate labors and practices through which home is made, contested, and reimagined. Of particular value for scholars interested in digitalized domesticity, the handbook situates technological changes within broader academic debates on everyday life, domestic interiors, gendered

home lives, homeworking, and housing futures. As the term “home” in smart homes has not yet been sufficiently examined in the context of digitalization practices, readers may find the chapter in the volume explicitly devoted to the impact of digital technologies on the dwelling, as well as the one tackling smart homes, particularly interesting. Encompassing feminist, queer, decolonial, legal, geographical, and sociological perspectives, the collection challenges romanticized understandings of home, illuminating instead its exclusions, violences, and uneven possibilities it creates, while recognizing its significance as a site of belonging, care, and identity. It serves as an important conceptual and empirical resource for further research on contemporary domestic life, especially one concerned with the recalibration of the meanings of home in the context of current technological, social, cultural, and ecological changes.

The Smartification of Everything

Critical Perspectives in Sciences, Arts,
and Society

Edited by

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and Vincent Mirza**

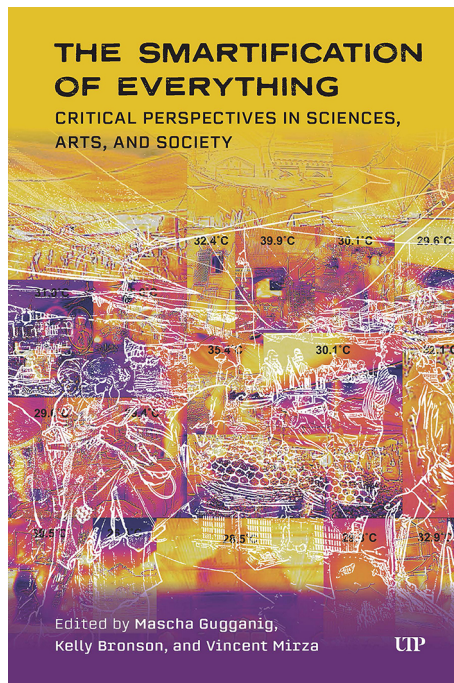
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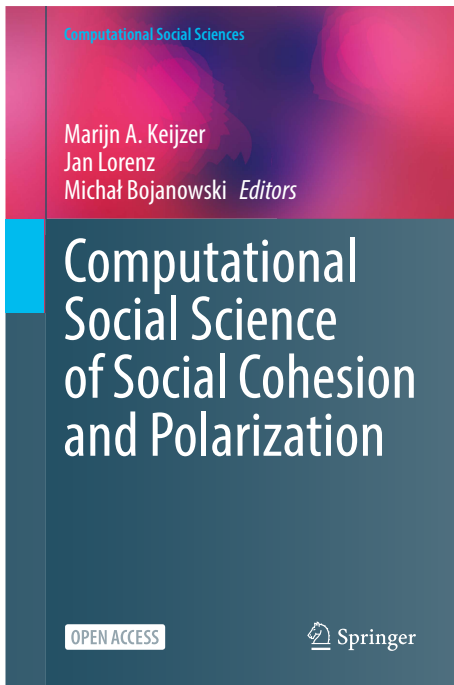
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This edited volume critically interrogates “smartification” as an increasingly pervasive condition of contemporary social and cultural life, extending from the growing reliance on smartphones, to proliferation of smart homes and smart devices, to broader sociotechnical systems and environments. Bringing together twenty contributions from the social sciences, humanities, and the arts, the book moves beyond celebratory accounts of intelligent technologies to examine how smart systems are messy and uneven, as well as how they get contested and critiqued; it also explores how intelligent solutions—together with the definitions, uses, and values associated with them—are embedded in specific historical, spatial, and political contexts, encouraging their rigorous examination against these multifaceted backgrounds. Relevant to research on digitalized domesticity, the volume situates the smart home concept within a much wider landscape of interconnected technologies, asking important questions about who benefits from smart systems, how they reorganize everyday life, and what social and ethical consequences they generate over time. Edited by scholars working within the fields of science and technology studies, anthropology, and sociology, and written across a range of disciplinary perspectives, the collection emphasizes that smartness is never neutral or seamless; rather, it remains bound up with questions of power, environment, and (in)equality.





Computational Social Science of Social Cohesion and Polarization

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This is an open access book. What holds societies together—and what drives them apart? As worry over political polarization and social cohesion intensifies across the globe, this volume explores timely and vital questions of social cohesion and polarization through the lens of Computational Social Science. It brings together leading and junior scholars who harness the power of computational methods to analyze, model, and understand discourse, social relationships, and beliefs. Drawing on

tools such as agent-based modeling, social network analysis, and natural language processing, the book offers a range of innovative approaches to study how belief systems form, attitudes polarize, and communities fragment.