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Shannon McHugh is Associate Professor of Italian and French at University of Massachusetts Boston. She is co-translator of *Writings on the Sisters of San Luca and Their Miraculous Madonna* (Iter Press, 2015) and coeditor of *Innovation in the Italian Counter-Reformation* (University of Delaware Press, 2020) and *Vittoria Colonna: Poetry, Religion, Art, Impact* (Amsterdam University Press, 2021).



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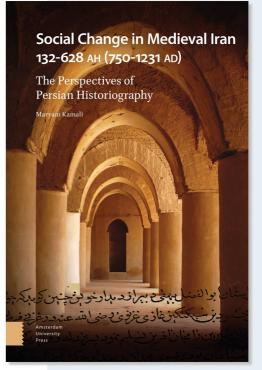
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## Edited by Richard Rogers The Propagation of Misinformation in Social Media

A Cross-platform Analysis

There is growing awareness about how social media circulate extreme viewpoints and turn up the temperature of public debate. Posts that exhibit agitation garner disproportionate engagement. Within this clamour, fringe sources and viewpoints are mainstreaming, and mainstream media are marginalized. This book takes up the mainstreaming of the fringe and the marginalization of the mainstream. In a cross-platform analysis of Google Web Search, Facebook, YouTube, Reddit, Twitter, Instagram, 4chan and TikTok, we found that hyperpartisan web operators, alternative influencers and ambivalent commentators are in ascendency. The book can be read as a form of platform criticism. It puts on display the current state of information online, noting how social media platforms have taken on the mantle of accidental authorities, privileging their own onplatform performers and at the same time adjudicating between claims of what is considered acceptable discourse.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Richard Rogers, PhD, is Professor of New Media and Digital Culture, Media Studies, University of Amsterdam, and Director of the Digital Methods Initiative. He is author of *Information Politics on the Web* and *Digital Methods* (both MIT Press) and *Doing Digital Methods* (SAGE).



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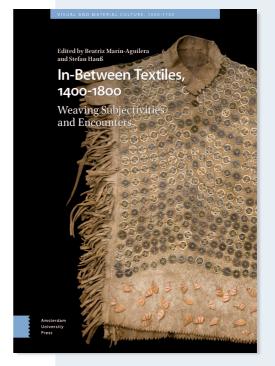
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*In-Between Textiles* establishes cutting-edge conversations between textile studies, critical cultural theory, and material culture studies to examine how textiles created and challenged experiences of subjectivity, relatedness, and dis/location that transformed social fabrics around the globe.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Beatriz Marín-Aguilera is a Derby Fellow at The University of Liverpool working on the archaeology of Indigenous slavery in the early modern Americas, and the Caribbean and Chile in particular.

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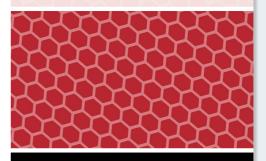
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## Rome and Byzantium in the Visigothic Kingdom

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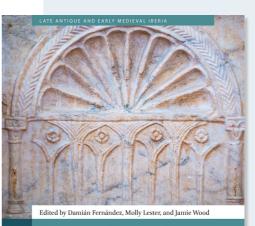
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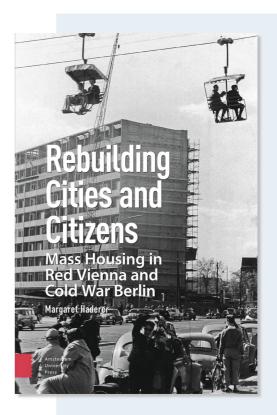
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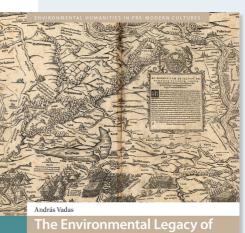
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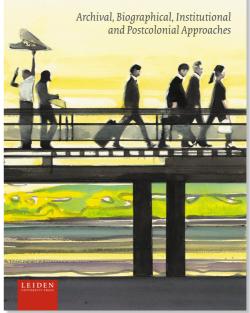
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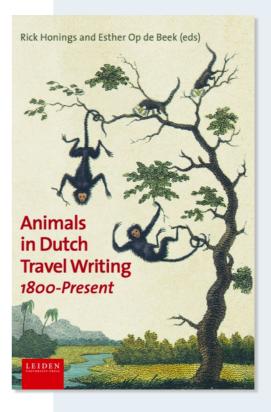
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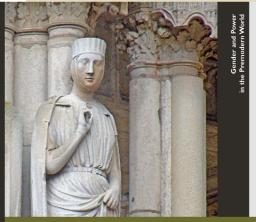
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