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The Rustle of Language

Univ of California Press Essays discuss science, mythology, language, style, history, semiotics, literature, and meaning

Romanticism and Pragmatism

Richard Rorty and the Idea of a Poeticized Culture

Springer This interdisciplinary project is situated at the boundary between literary studies and philosophy. Its chief focus is on American Romanticism and it examines work by a number of prominent writers and philosophers, from Whitman and Thoreau to Barthes and Rorty.

Roland Barthes' Cinema

Oxford University Press The most famous name in French literary circles from the late 1950s till his death in 1981, Roland Barthes maintained a contradictory rapport with the cinema. As a cultural critic, he warned of its surreptitious ability to lead the enthralled spectator toward an acceptance of a pre-given world. As a leftist, he understood that spectacle could be turned against itself and provoke deep questioning of that pre-given world. And as an extraordinarily sensitive human being, he relished the beauty of images and the community they could bring together.

Michelet

Univ of California Press "For students interested in historiography, Michelet is one of the earliest truly successful literary readings of an historical text. . . . For all of us who are interested in this field it is a classic."--Lionel Gossman, author of *Between History and Literature*

Metafiction

Taylor & Francis Metafiction explores the great variety and effects of this popular genre and style, variously defined as a type of literature that philosophically questions itself, that repudiates the conventions of literary realism, that questions the relationship between fiction and reality, or that lies at the border between fiction and non-fiction. Yaël Schlick surveys a wide range of metafictional writings by diverse authors, with particular focus on the contemporary period. This book asks not only what metafiction is but also what it can do, examining metafictional narratives' usefulness for exploring the role of art in society, its role in conceptualizing the figure of author and the reader of fiction, its investigation and playfulness with respect to language and linguistic conventions, and its troubling of the boundaries between fact and fiction in historiographic metafiction, autofiction, and autotheory. Metafiction is an engaging and accessible introduction to a pervasive and influential form and concept in literary studies, and will be of use to all students of literary studies requiring a depth of knowledge in the subject.

The Poverty of Structuralism

Literature and Structuralist Theory

Routledge The Poverty of Structuralism is the first in a sequence of volumes which examine in turn the basic ideas of Saussure, Marx and Freud, and analyse the way in which they have been developed and applied to art, culture and modern textual theory. The text offers a critical introduction to the structuralist foundations of modern literary theory. It gives an account of the way such foundations have been developed, twisted and distorted to become part of the language that contemporary literary and cultural theoreticians use. It also addresses some of the fundamental issues about language and society that are presupposed by the often difficult language of modern literary and cultural theory.

Voices of the Survivors

Testimony, Mourning, and Memory in Post-Dictatorship Argentina (1983-1995)

Routledge First published in 1999. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Hayden White

Polity This new book offers a clear and accessible exposition of Hayden White's thought. In an engaging and wide-ranging analysis, Herman Paul discusses White's core ideas and traces the development of these ideas from the mid-1950s to the present. Starting with White's medievalist research and youthful fascination for French existentialism, Paul shows how White became increasingly convinced that historical writing is a moral activity. He goes on to argue that the critical concepts that have secured White's fame - trope, plot, discourse, figural realism - all stem from his desire to explicate the moral claims and perceptions underlying historical writing. White emerges as a passionate thinker, a restless rebel against scientism, and a defender of existentialist humanist values. This innovative introduction will appeal to students and scholars across the humanities, and help develop a critical understanding of an increasingly important thinker.

On History and Memory in Arab Literature and Western Poetics

Cambridge Scholars Publishing Texts act like receptacles for an ever-present remembered past, or what the French philosopher Paul Ricœur calls "the present representation of an absent thing". They might embody an efficient remedy to forgetting but could also become a vivid testimony for exorcised traumas. This volume focuses on Ricœur's phenomenology of memory, epistemology of history, and hermeneutics of forgetting. A special emphasis is laid on the dissension between individual and collective institutional memory.

Animal Narratology

MDPI Animal Narratology interrogates what it means to narrate, to speak—speak for, on behalf of—and to voice, or represent life beyond the human, which is in itself as different as insects, bears, and dogs are from each other, and yet more, as individual as a single mouse, horse, or puma. The varied contributions to this interdisciplinary Special Issue highlight assumptions about the human perception of, attitude toward, and responsibility for the animals that are read and written about, thus demonstrating that just as "the animal" does not exist, neither does "the human". In their zoopoetic focus, the analyses are aware that animal narratology ultimately always contains an approximation of an animal perspective in human terms and terminology, yet they make clear that what matters is how the animal is approximated and that there is an effort to approach and encounter the non-human in the first place. Many of the analyses come to the conclusion that literary animals give readers the opportunity to expand their own points of view both on themselves and others by adopting another's perspective to the degree that such an endeavor is possible. Ultimately, the contributions call for a recognition of the many spaces, moments, and modes in which human lives are entangled with those of animals—one of which is located within the creative bounds of storytelling.

What is Sport?

Yale University Press In this elegant paperback gift edition, one of the major figures of 20th-century French literature and thought offers a poetic meditation on professional sport.

The Grain of the Voice

Interviews 1962-1980

Northwestern University Press This book brings together the great majority of Barthes's interviews that originally appeared in French in *Le Figaro Littéraire*, *Cahiers du Cinéma*, *France-Observateur*, *L'Express*, and elsewhere. Barthes replied to questions—on the cinema, on his own works, on fashion, writing, and criticism—in his unique voice; here we have Barthes in conversation, speaking directly, with all his individuality. These interviews provide an insight into the rich, probing intelligence of one of the great and influential minds of our time.

Deconstruction and the 'Unfinished Project of Modernity'

Routledge Through a close engagement with some key thinkers, Norris argues that deconstruction is part of the "unfinished project of modernity," a project whose interest and values it upholds by continuing to question them in a spirit of enlightened self-critical inquiry.

Sounds

The Ambient Humanities

Univ of California Press This is not a book about sound. It is a study of sounds that aims to write the resonance and response they call for. John Mowitt seeks to critique existing models in the expanding field of sound studies and draw attention to sound as an object of study that solicits a humanistic approach encompassing many types of sounds, not just readily classified examples such as speech, music, industrial sounds, or codified signals. Mowitt is particularly interested in the fact that beyond hearing and listening we "audit" sounds and do so by drawing on paradigms of thought not easily accommodated within the concept of "sound studies." To draw attention to the ways in which sounds often are not perceived for the social and political functions they serve, each chapter presents a culturally resonant sound—including a whistle, an echo, a gasp, and silence—to show how sounds enable critical social and political concepts such as dialogue, privacy, memory, social order, and art-making. *Sounds: The Ambient Humanities* significantly engages, provokes, and contributes to the dynamic field and inquiry of sound studies.

Reading Eco

An Anthology

Indiana University Press Examines some of Eco's writings together with secondary sources in order to arrive at a more comprehensive critique of his literary theories and his notions of general semiotics as a cognitive social/cultural practice. Articles on literary semiotics, which comprise the second section, focus primarily on Eco, Peirce, Bakhtin, Greimas, Borges, and Derrida. Part three examines aspects of Eco's fiction. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Philosophizing Brecht

Critical Readings on Art, Consciousness, Social Theory and Performance

BRILL This interdisciplinary anthology unites scholars with the notion that Bertolt Brecht is a missing link in bridging diverse discourses in social philosophy and aesthetics—an essential read for all those interested in Brecht as a socio-cultural theorist and theatre practitioners.

Mappings

Feminism and the Cultural Geographies of Encounter

Princeton University Press In this powerful work, Susan Friedman moves feminist theory out of paralyzing debates about us and them, white and other, first and third world, and victimizers and victims. Throughout, Friedman adapts current cultural theory from global and transnational studies, anthropology, and geography to challenge modes of thought that exaggerate the boundaries of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, and national origin. The author promotes a transnational and heterogeneous feminism, which, she maintains, can replace the proliferation of feminisms based on difference. She argues for a feminist geopolitical literacy that goes beyond fundamentalist identity politics and absolutist poststructuralist theory, and she continually focuses the reader's attention on those locations where differences are negotiated and transformed. Pervading the book is a concern with narrative: the way stories and cultural narratives serve as a primary mode of thinking about the politically explosive question of identity. Drawing freely on modernist novels, contemporary film, popular fiction, poetry, and mass media, the work features narratives of such writers and filmmakers as Gish Jen, Julie Dash, June Jordan, James Joyce, Gloria Anzaldúa, Neil Jordan, Virginia Woolf, Mira Nair, Zora Neale Hurston, E. M. Forster, and Irena Klepfisz. Defending the pioneering role of academic feminists in the knowledge revolution, this work draws on a wide variety of twentieth-century cultural expressions to address theoretical issues in postmodern feminism.

The Archive Effect

Found Footage and the Audiovisual Experience of History

Routledge *The Archive Effect: Found Footage and the Audiovisual Experience of History* examines the problems of representation inherent in the appropriation of archival film and video footage for historical purposes. Baron analyses the way in which the meanings of archival documents are modified when they are placed in new texts and contexts, constructing the viewer's experience of and relationship to the past they portray. Rethinking the notion of the archival document in terms of its reception and the spectatorial experiences it generates, she explores the 'archive effect' as it is produced across the genres of documentary, mockumentary, experimental, and fiction films. This engaging work discusses how, for better or for worse, the archive effect is mobilized to create new histories, alternative histories, and misreadings of history. The book covers a multitude of contemporary cultural artefacts including fiction films like *Zelig*, *Forrest Gump* and *JFK*, mockumentaries such as *The Blair Witch Project* and *Forgotten Silver*, documentaries like *Standard Operating Procedure* and *Grizzly Man*, and videogames like *Call of Duty: World at War*. In addition, she examines the works of many experimental filmmakers including those of Péter Forgács, Adele Horne, Bill Morrison, Cheryl Dunye, and Natalie Bookchin.

Reading the graphic surface

The presence of the book in prose fiction

Manchester University Press This book critically engages with the visual appearance of prose fiction where it is manipulated by authors, from alterations in typography to the deconstruction of the physical form of the book. It reappraises the range of effects it is possible to create through the use of graphic devices and explores why literary criticism has dismissed such features as either unreadable experimental gimmicks or, more recently, as examples of the worst kind of postmodern decadence. Through the examination of problematical texts which utilise the graphic surface in innovative and unusual ways, including Samuel Beckett's *Watt*, B. S. Johnson's *Albert Angelo*, Christine Brooke-Rose's *Thru* and Alasdair Gray's *Lanark*, this book demonstrates that an awareness of the graphic surface can make significant contributions to interpretation.

Influence and Intertextuality in Literary History

Univ of Wisconsin Press This collection explores and clarifies two of the most contested ideas in literary theory - influence and intertextuality. The study of influence tends to centre on major authors and canonical works, identifying prior documents as sources or contexts for a given author. Intertextuality, on the other hand, is a concept unconcerned with authors as individuals; it treats all texts as part of a network of discourse that includes culture, history and social practices as well as other literary works. In thirteen essays drawing on the entire spectrum of English and American literary history, this volume considers the relationship between these two terms across the whole range of their usage.

Text

The Genealogy of an Antidisciplinary Object

Duke University Press The concept of textuality in recent decades has come to designate a fundamentally contested terrain within a number of academic disciplines. How it came to occupy this position is the subject of John Mowitt's book, a critical genealogy of the social and intellectual conditions that contributed to the emergence of the textual object. Beginning with the *Tel Quel* group in France in the sixties and seventies, Mowitt's study details how a certain interdisciplinary crisis prompted academics to rethink the conditions of cultural interpretation. Concentrating on three disciplinary projects—literary analysis, film studies, and musicology—Mowitt shows how textuality's emergence called into question not merely the relations among these disciplines, but also the cultural logic of disciplinary reason as such. At once an effort to define "the text" and to explore and extend the theory of textuality, this book illustrates why the notion of interdisciplinary research has recently acquired

such urgency. At the same time, by emphasizing the genealogical dimension of the textual object, Mowitt raises the issues of its "antidisciplinary" character, and by extension its immediate pertinence for the current debates over multiculturalism and Eurocentrism. Innovative, historically astute and theoretically informed, this important book will be indispensable reading for all scholars in literary and cultural studies.

Mythologies

Random House A series of essays in which Barthes seeks to tear away masks and demystify the signs, signals, gestures and messages through which western society sustains, sells, identifies and yet obscures itself.

Feminist Review

Routledge A wide-ranging issue of the UK's leading socialist feminist journal including articles on motherhood, disability and women and modernism.

The Biafran War and Postcolonial Humanitarianism

Spectacles of Suffering

Cambridge University Press A global history of 'Biafra', providing a new explanation for the ascendance of humanitarianism in a postcolonial world.

The Three Paradoxes of Roland Barthes

University of Georgia Press Revolution must of necessity borrow, from what it wants to destroy, the very image of what it wants to possess.—Roland Barthes In the field of contemporary literary studies, Roland Barthes remains an inestimably influential figure—perhaps more influential in America than in his native France. The Three Paradoxes of Roland Barthes proposes a new method of viewing Barthes's critical enterprise. Patrizia Lombardo, who studied with Barthes, rejects an absolutist or developmental assessment of his career. Insisting that his world can best be understood in terms of the paradoxes he perceived in the very activity of writing, Lombardo similarly sees in Barthes the crucial ambiguity that determines the modern writer—an irresistible attraction for something new, different, breaking with the past, yet also an unavoidable scorn for the contemporary world. Lombardo demonstrates that her mentor's critical endeavor was not a linear progression of thought but was, as Barthes described his work, a romance, a "dance with a pen."

Language and Relationship in Wordsworth's Writing

Routledge William Wordsworth (1770-1850) needs little introduction as the central figure in Romantic poetry and a crucial influence in the development of poetry generally. This broad-ranging survey redefines the variety of his writing by showing how it incorporates contemporary concepts of language difference and the ways in which popular and serious literature were compared and distinguished during this period. It discusses many of Wordsworth's later poems, comparing his work with that of his regional contemporaries as well as major writers such as Scott. The key theme of relationship, both between characters within poems and between poet and reader, is explored through Wordsworth's construction of community and his use of power relationships. A serious discussion of the place of sexual feeling in his writing is also included.

History and Cultural Theory

Routledge In recent times there has been recognition of the growing influence of cultural theory on historical writing. Foucault, Bourdieu, Butler and Spivak are just some of the thinkers whose ideas have been taken up and deployed by historians. What are these ideas and where do they come from? How have cultural theorists thought about 'history'? And how have historians applied theoretical insights to enhance their own understanding of events in the past? This book provides a wide-ranging and authoritative guide to the often vexed and controversial relationship between history and contemporary theory. It analyses the concepts that concern both theorists and historians, such as power, identity, modernity and postcolonialism, and offers a critical evaluation of them from an historical standpoint. Written in an accessible manner, History and Cultural Theory gives historians and students an invaluable summary of the impact of cultural theory on historiography over the last twenty years, and indicates the likely directions of the subject in the future.

Missing Out

In Praise of the Unlived Life

Penguin UK All of us lead two parallel lives- the life we actually live and the one that we wish for and fantasise about. And this life unlived (the one that never actually happens, the one we might be living but for some reason are not) can occupy an extraordinary part of our mental life. We share our lives, in a sense, with the people we have failed to be - and this can become itself the story of our lives- an elegy to needs unmet, desires sacrificed and roads untaken. We quickly notice as children that our needs, like our wishes, are often unmet. And we begin then to learn to live somewhere between the lives we have and the lives we would like. We become haunted by the myth of our own potential, of what we might have it in ourselves to be or to do. And this can make of our lives a perpetual falling short - a failure to live the good life that we are told is one lived to the full. In this elegant, compassionate and absorbing book, acclaimed psychoanalyst Adam Phillips demonstrates that there might in fact be much to be said for the unlived life. Drawing deeply on the works of Shakespeare and of Freud, amongst other writers and thinkers, he suggests that in missing out on one experience we always open ourselves to the potential of another, and that in depriving ourselves of the frustration of not getting what we think we want, we would be depriving ourselves of the possibilities of satisfaction. The experiences described in this wise and witty book - missing out, getting away with it, getting out of it and not getting it - are all chapters in our unlived lives and as Adam Phillips suggests they may in fact be essential to a life fully lived.

Media Ventriloquism

How Audiovisual Technologies Transform the Voice-Body Relationship

Oxford University Press "Media Ventriloquism repurposes the term "ventriloquism," which has traditionally referred to the act of throwing one's voice into an object that appears to speak, to reflect our complex vocal relationship with media technologies. Indeed, media technologies have the potential to separate voice from body and to constitute new relationships between them that could scarcely have been imagined before such technologies' invention and mass circulation. Radio, cinema, television, video games, digital technologies, and other media have each fundamentally transformed the relationship between voice and body in myriad and often unexpected ways. Our volume interrogates the categorical definitions of voice and body as they operate within mediated environments, exploring the experiences of ventriloquism facilitated by media technologies and theorizing some of the political and ethical implications of separating bodies from voices. We build in particular on Steven Connor's notion of the vocalic body, which he coined to identify an imaginary body that is created and maintained primarily through voice. In modifying Connor's term to theorize the "technovocalic body," we focus our study on cases in which the relationship between voice and body has been modified specifically by media technologies. The essays in the collection demonstrate not only how particular bodies and voices have been (mis)represented through media ventriloquism but also how marginalized groups - racialized, gendered, queered, etc. - have used media ventriloquism to claim their agency and power"--

The French Connections of Jacques Derrida

SUNY Press Addresses for the first time the issue of Derrida's relation to French poetics, writing, thought, and culture.

The Philosophical Baroque

On Autopoietic Modernities

BRILL In The Philosophical Baroque, Erik Roraback brings a fresh, interdisciplinary eye to a selection of texts from across modernity's four hundred years—from the explosive energy of the early seventeenth century to the spectacle society of the present.

Speech, Memory, and Meaning

Intertextuality in Everyday Language

Walter de Gruyter The series provides a comprehensive forum for publications in linguistics covering the entire range of language, including its variation and variability in space and time, its acquisition, theories on the nature of human language in general, and descriptions of individual languages. The series welcomes publications addressing the state of the art of linguistics as a whole or of specific

subfields, and publications that offer challenging new approaches to linguistics. The book introduces the concept of intertextual memory into the domain of linguistic theory. All new facts of speech are grounded in the speakers' memory of previous experiences of using language. The new meaning is shown to be always superscribed on the familiar and recognizable, as its more or less radical alteration.

Optical Allusions

Screens, Paintings, and Poetry in Classical Japan (ca. 800-1200)

BRILL In *Optical Allusions: Screens, Paintings, and Poetry in Classical Japan* (ca. 800-1200), Joseph T. Sorensen illustrates how painted screens and other visual art objects contributed to the development of some of the essential characteristics of Japanese court poetry.

Modernism and the Ordinary

Oxford University Press Traditionally literary modernism has been seen as a movement marked by transcendent epiphanies, episodes of estrangement, and a privileging of the extraordinary. Yet modernist writings often take great pains to describe the material, seemingly insignificant details of daily life. *Modernism and the Ordinary* upends our perceived notions of the period's literature as it recognizes just how pivotal commonplace activities are to modernist aesthetics. Through pointed readings of prose and poetry from both the U. S. and abroad, Liesl Olson highlights the variety of ways modernist writers represented the quotidian details of modern life, even during times of political crisis and war. Run of the mill experiences like walking to work, eating a sandwich, or mending a dress were often resistant to shock, and these daily actions presented a counter-force to the aesthetic of heightened affect with which modernism is often associated. In a series of persuasively argued chapters, we see how the ordinary operates in its many modernist manifestations: the minutiae of list-making and the decidedly unheroic qualities of Bloom in Joyce's *Ulysses*; Virginia Woolf's rendering of the ordinary as an affective experience in *Mrs. Dalloway*; the retreat into daily routine as a refuge from the tumult of World War II in Gertrude Stein's *Mrs. Reynolds*; Wallace Stevens's conception of the commonplace as rooted in pragmatist philosophy; and how Beckett and Proust are simultaneously compelled and repelled by the banalities of modern life. These works are read alongside the ideas of philosophers such as William James, Henri Bergson, and Henri Lefebvre to illustrate how these artists responded to the difficulty of representing the mundane without making it transcendent. A trenchant, richly textured monograph, *Modernism and the Ordinary* reveals how the non-transformative power of everyday experiences-what Virginia Woolf called the "cotton wool of daily life"-exerts a profound influence on the epoch-defining art of some of the twentieth century's most celebrated writers.

Roland Barthes

The Play of Signifiers

Poststructuralism and Study of the Bible

BRILL A brief introduction to the scholarly methodology known as "poststructuralism," with focus on the importance of the materiality of the signifier and how that materiality both plays a part in and disrupts the construction of meaning. Special attention is given to the interests of biblical scholars. Poststructuralism is presented as a methodology that questions and challenges the meanings that readers assign to biblical (and other) texts.

Jacques Ranciere

Polity Davis shows that Ranciere's work sets a new standard in contestatory critique and reflects on the philosophical implications of his singular project. --Book Jacket.

Handbook of Autobiography / Autofiction

Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG Autobiographical writings have been a major cultural genre from antiquity to the present time. General questions of the literary as, e.g., the relation between literature and reality, truth and fiction, the dependency of author, narrator, and figure, or issues of individual and cultural styles etc., can be studied preeminently in the autobiographical genre. Yet, the tradition of life-writing has, in the course of literary history, developed manifold types and forms. Especially in the globalized age, where the media and other technological / cultural factors contribute to a rapid transformation of lifestyles, autobiographical writing has maintained, even enhanced, its popularity and importance. By conceiving autobiography in a wide sense that includes memoirs, diaries, self-portraits and autofiction as well as media transformations of the genre, this three-volume handbook offers a comprehensive survey of theoretical approaches, systematic aspects, and historical developments in an international and interdisciplinary perspective. While autobiography is usually considered to be a European tradition, special emphasis is placed on the modes of self-representation in non-Western cultures and on inter- and transcultural perspectives of the genre. The individual contributions are closely interconnected by a system of cross-references. The handbook addresses scholars of cultural and literary studies, students as well as non-academic readers.

The Labyrinth

Infobase Publishing Examines labyrinths in literary works ranging from Virgil's "Aeneid" to Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose."

Biography in Theory

Key Texts with Commentaries

Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG This textbook is an anthology of significant theoretical discussions of biography as a genre and as a literary-historical practice. Covering the 18th to the 21st centuries, the reader includes programmatic texts by authors such as Herder, Carlyle, Dilthey, Proust, Freud, Kracauer, Woolf and Bourdieu. Each text is accompanied by a commentary placing its contribution in critical context. Ideal for use in undergraduate seminars, this reader may also be of interest for academic researchers in the areas of literary studies and history aiming to get an overview of historical questions in biographical theory. This revised and updated English language edition also includes new translations of texts by J. G. Herder and Stefan Zweig, as well as an introductory discussion on the possibility of a 'theory of biography'. Note: Due to copyright reasons, the chapter "Sade, Fourier, Loyola [Extract] (1971)" (pp. 175-177) by Roland Barthes could not be included in the ebook.