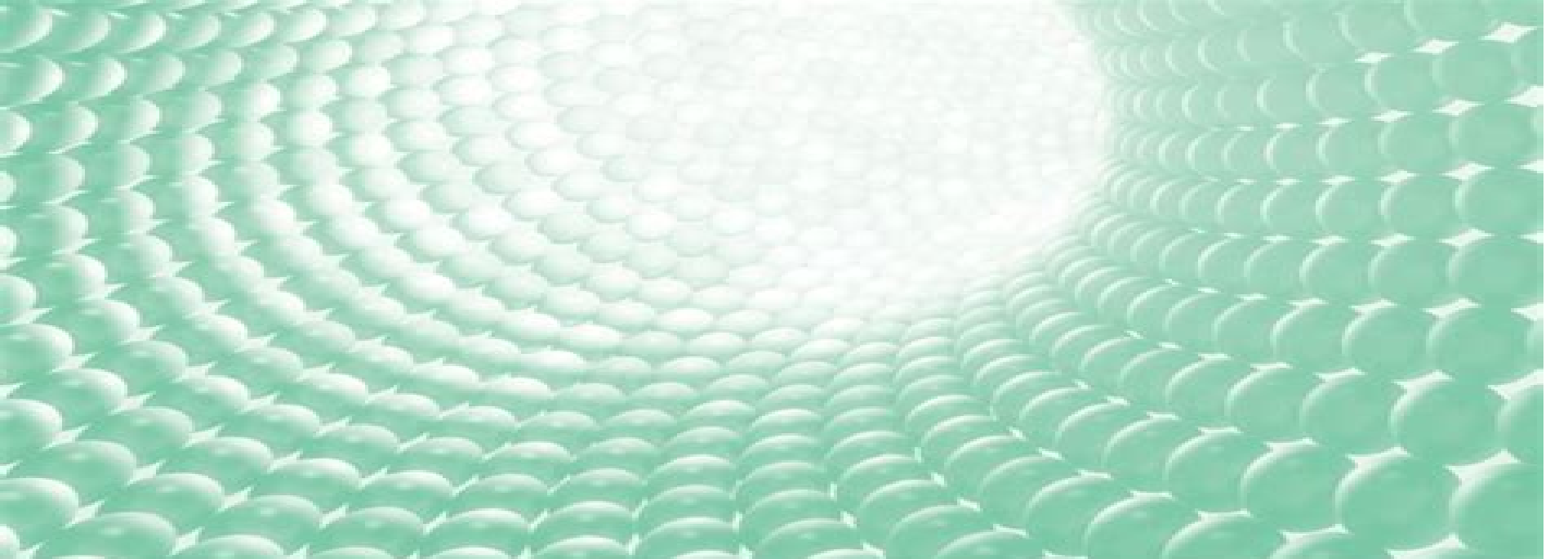




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are pursued with a bit less exuberance and a bit more humility The book is addressed to academic professional and political readers alike Science, Technology, and Medicine in the Modern Japanese Empire David G. Wittner, Philip C Brown, 2016-03-22 Science technology and medicine all contributed to the emerging modern Japanese empire and conditioned key elements of post war development As the only emerging non Western country that was a colonial power in its own right Japan utilized these fields not only to define itself as racially different from other Asian countries and thus justify its imperialist activities but also to position itself within the civilized and enlightened world with the advantages of modern science technologies and medicine This book explores the ways in which scientists engineers and physicians worked directly and indirectly to support the creation of a new Japanese empire focussing on the eve of World War I and linking their efforts to later post war developments By claiming status as a modern internationally engaged country the Japanese government was faced with having to control pathogens that might otherwise not have threatened the nation Through the use of traditional and innovative techniques this volume shows how the government was able to fulfil the state s responsibility to protect society to varying degrees Chapter 14 of this book is freely available as a downloadable Open Access PDF at <http://www.taylorfrancis.com> under a Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial No Derivatives CC BY NC ND 4.0 license

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affective behavior in real time Rethinking the role of sociability in emotion has also led the field of social robotics to interrogate a number of human ethical assumptions and to formulate a crucial political insight there are simply no universal human characteristics for social robots to emulate What we have instead is a plurality of actors human and nonhuman in noninterchangeable relationships Foreshadowing an inflection point in human evolution Living with Robots shows that for social robots to be effective they must be attentive to human uniqueness and exercise a degree of social autonomy More than mere automatons they must become social actors capable of modifying the rules that govern their interplay with humans A detailed tour of the philosophy of artificial intelligence AI especially as it applies to robots intended to build social relationships with humanity If we are to build a robust appropriate ethical structure around the next generation of technical development some combination of deep learning artificial intelligence robotics and artificial empathy we need to understand that managing the impact of these technologies is far too important to be left to those who are enthusiastically engaged in producing them Times Higher Education

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Situated Intervention Teun Zuiderent-Jerak, 2015-08-28 An exploration of sociological research that is neither detached nor engaged a new approach to sociological knowledge production with examples from health care In this book Teun Zuiderent Jerak considers how the direct involvement of social scientists in the practices they study can lead to the production of sociological knowledge Neither detached sociological scholarship nor engaged social science this new approach to sociological research brings together two activities often viewed as belonging to different realms intervening in practices and furthering scholarly understanding of them Just as the natural sciences benefited from broadening their scholarship from theorizing to experiment so too could the social sciences Additionally Zuiderent Jerak points out rather than proceeding from a pre set normative agenda scholarly intervention allows for the experimental production of normativity Scholars are far from detached but still may be surprised by the normative outcomes of the interactions within the experiment Zuiderent Jerak illustrates situated intervention research with a series of examples drawn from health care Among the topics addressed are patient compliance in hemophilia home care the organization of oncology care and the value of situated standardization the relationship between standardization and patient centeredness the development of patient centered pathways value driven and savings driven approaches to the construction of health care

markets and multiple ontologies of safety in care for older adults Finally returning to the question of normativity in sociological research Zuiderent Jerak proposes an ethics of specificity according to which research adapts its sociological responses to the practices studied Sociology not only has more to offer to the practices it studies it also has more to learn from them

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