

# Genealogies of Speculation: Unraveling Materialism and Subjectivity Since Structuralism



In the intellectual landscape of the 20th century, structuralism emerged as a transformative force, shaping our understanding of language, society, and

the human mind. However, as scholars sought to push the boundaries of structuralist thought, they embarked on a journey that led to a profound re-examination of the very foundations of materialism and subjectivity.



## Genealogies of Speculation: Materialism and Subjectivity since Structuralism by Armen Avanesian

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*Genealogies of Speculation: Materialism and Subjectivity Since Structuralism*, edited by Anthony Elliott and Derek Attridge, is a groundbreaking anthology that delves into this fascinating intellectual odyssey. With contributions from renowned scholars across disciplines, the book traces the intricate genealogies of speculation that have emerged in the wake of structuralism, offering a comprehensive and thought-provoking exploration of the complex relationship between materialism and subjectivity.

### Deconstructing Structuralism's Legacy

Structuralism, with its emphasis on language and the unconscious as structuring forces, had a profound impact on our understanding of the human experience. However, as scholars began to question its limitations,

they realized the need to move beyond the confines of its binary oppositions.

*Genealogies of Speculation* examines the ways in which thinkers such as Michel Foucault, Gilles Deleuze, and Judith Butler challenged the structuralist divide between subject and object. These scholars argued that the subject is not a static entity but rather a product of complex and fluid processes of power, knowledge, and discourse.

### **The Materiality of Subjectivity**

One of the central themes explored in the book is the materiality of subjectivity. In contrast to the Cartesian notion of the mind as a disembodied entity, scholars such as Bruno Latour and Karen Barad have argued that subjectivity is deeply embedded in material practices and technologies.

The essays in this volume investigate the ways in which the material world shapes our thoughts, emotions, and experiences. They examine how things, objects, and environments become entangled with our identities and how they influence our sense of self and agency.

### **Speculating on the Future**

While acknowledging the profound contributions of post-structuralist thought, *Genealogies of Speculation* also looks ahead, exploring new directions and possibilities for theorizing materialism and subjectivity.

The book features essays that engage with cutting-edge concepts such as quantum materialism, speculative realism, and the "new materialisms."

These essays push the boundaries of our understanding and offer glimpses into the future of intellectual inquiry.

## **Essential Reading for Scholars and Students**

*Genealogies of Speculation* is an indispensable resource for scholars and students across the humanities and social sciences. It provides a comprehensive overview of the major theoretical currents that have emerged since structuralism and offers a rich tapestry of perspectives on the complex relationship between materialism and subjectivity.

With its interdisciplinary approach and thought-provoking insights, this book is sure to inspire new research, challenge established assumptions, and stimulate intellectual conversations for years to come.

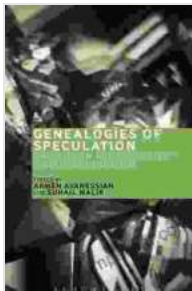
*Genealogies of Speculation* is a masterful collection that illuminates the intricate web of ideas that have shaped our understanding of the human condition since the advent of structuralism. It is a testament to the enduring legacy of structuralist thought and a testament to the power of speculation in pushing the boundaries of knowledge.

For anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the complexities of materialism and subjectivity, this book is an essential read. It is a challenging and rewarding work that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the intellectual landscape.

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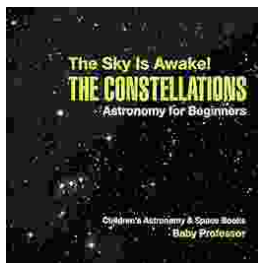
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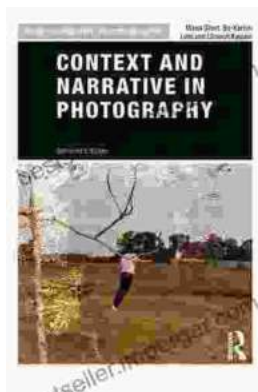
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