

Der Anteil der Dinge an der Gesellschaft.

Sozialität – Kognition – Netzwerke (von Gustav Roßler)

Zusammenfassung/Abstract

How can we think the interaction of humans and things in society? Is it possible to view things as social actors? The book argues for a more reflected consideration of things in sociology and other human sciences. It includes considerations on distributed and shared cognition and makes suggestions for further developments of main concepts in science and technology studies, including hybrids, quasi-objects, object institutions, boundary objects, technological objects, epistemic things, agency, actor-networks and heterogeneous associations.

The starting point of this theoretical study is the growing importance and multiplication of things in society. The book takes a look at the relation between people and things from two main points of view: *sociality with things* and *cognition with things*.

It studies more specifically three aspects of how things are social or get involved in society: action (and agency), normativity and (heterogeneous) associations.

The book presents a sociology of things, including distributed cognition.