



Technology and the Trajectory of Myth

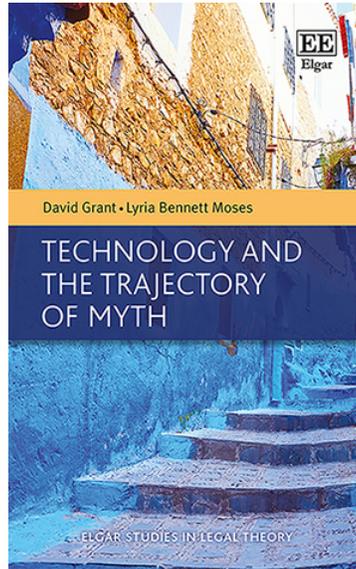
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This book presents an entirely new way of understanding technology, as the successor to the dominant ideologies that have underpinned the thought and practices of the Western world. Like the preceding ideologies of Deity, State and Market, technology displays the features of a modern myth, promising to deal with our existential concerns on condition of our subjection to them. Utilising robust empirical evidence, David Grant and Lyria Bennett Moses argue that the pathway out of this mythological maze is the production of means to establish a new sense of political, corporate and personal self-responsibility.

'This is a challenging and sophisticated book, with an original thesis. It is intriguing at many levels: part assessment of the new worlds of modern technologies, part a work of deeply engaged intellectual history, part itself a philosophy of history, part a treatise on the proper relations between law, regulation and technology. Underlying all this is a philosophically deeply grounded plea that we not succumb to "mythologising" the new technologies, as we have over ages succumbed to the (successive) mythologies of Deity, State and Market, but take responsibility for our lives. It is a timely, powerful and arresting work.'

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