The Seven and the Many—Or: The Most Referenced Works in Our Special Issue

Seven is a nice number. Cohen chose to proclaim his ‘Monster Culture’ through seven theses—many of which have been internalized by manifold scholars of the young discipline ‘monster studies’ by now. Here, we want to make reference to the seven most used works throughout our special issue, and many more. We speak of seven particular books that got mentioned by at least three of our contributors each (figures 1a–1g). Quantitatively speaking, and not quite surprisingly, it is the ‘seven-theses author’ Cohen himself who leads the bibliographical entries with his *Monster Theory* collection (mentioned in six contributions). *Manufacturing Consent* follows suit, just to add the ‘manufacturing’ to the ‘monster[s]’. What you will find underneath is a list of all works that were referred to at least twice. These works are sorted in chronological order. Later on, we will list further writers who also appear multiple times throughout our special issue, yet through different works.

In short, we consider as a bibliographical bridge the shared bibliographical reference to a particular work or to a particular person by at least two of our issue’s authors. If some of our authors refer to ‘writer A’, an imaginary bridge is being created between their contributions—oftentimes unconsciously. These bridges become even more intriguing when noticing that numerous authors independently investigated the identical ‘work B’, without even knowing that another contributor did so as well. Our overview is based on a close examination of all roughly 1000 bibliographical entries in this special issue. It may not be free from errors. For the detailed references, see each contributor’s bibliography individually. Here, our contributors are referred to by SURNAME only, while the names of the source authors are given in full.
Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein (1818)

A decent group of our authors relates to Frankenstein. While ULSTEIN and ROBINSON—and also our collective INTRODUCTION—directly refer to two editions of the classic work Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus (2012 [1818]; 2003 [1818]), BISCAIA starts her contribution with a 100-year reference and THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD refer to Haifaa al-Mansour’s drama film Mary Shelley (2017). In addition, ULSTEIN mentions Jed Mayer’s ‘The Weird Ecologies of Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein’ (Science Fiction Studies, 2018).

Bram Stoker’s Dracula (1897)


Antonio Gramsci’s Prison Notebooks (1935)


Mary Douglas’ Purity and Danger (1966)


Edward Said’s Orientalism (1978)

To many contributions, the question of othering is essential. In that regard, no less than four articles (HILTUNEN; PÖTZSCH; HAMMAR; ANDREASEN) relate to Edward Said’s 1978 classic work Orientalism—while referring to different (reprint) editions (1978; 1979 [1978]; 2003 [1978]). In addition, HILTUNEN and HAMMAR include a reprint edition of Said’s Culture and Imperialism (1994 [1993]) into their bibliographies.
Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky’s Manufacturing Consent (1988)

Four articles (BOCKWOLDT; PÖTZSCH; HAMMAR; OTTOSEN), one book review (PÖTZSCH), as well as our collective INTRODUCTION refer to the book Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media by Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky; written in 1988 and revised with a new introduction in 2002. All here mentioned five contributions have in common that they utilize this particular 2002 reprint edition. Regarding current ‘re-readings’ of Manufacturing Consent, three contributions (BOCKWOLDT; PÖTZSCH; HAMMAR) make reference to Matthew Alford’s ‘Why Not a Propaganda Model for Hollywood?’ (2011) and ‘How Useful Is a Propaganda Model for Screen Entertainment?’ (2015). While the 2011 article was part of Alison Edgley’s Noam Chomsky, it is noteworthy to mention that Alford’s 2015 article appeared in Screens of Terror, a collection edited by Phil[ip] Hammond: The name Hammond will be mentioned in the Pötzsch section again; then with reference to the forthcoming War Games volume by the two (2019). Two contributions (OTTOSEN; PÖTZSCH) link to two of Florian Zollmann’s reviews of ‘[...]—The Propaganda Model after 30 Years’ and his call to ‘Bringing Propaganda Back into News Media Studies’ (2019 [2017]; 2018). Further selected references to the propaganda model are made through Gabriel N. Brahms ‘Understanding Noam Chomsky’ (2006) and Piers Robinson’s ‘The Propaganda Model: Still Relevant Today?’ (2015), both referred to by PÖTZSCH; David Edwards’ and David Cromwell’s Propaganda Blitz (2018)—as to be found in the bibliographies of the INTRODUCTION and HAMMAR—; and also through Oliver Boyd-Barrett’s Western Mainstream Media and the Ukraine Crisis (2017), as mentioned in the book review by HORDIJK.

Noël Carroll’s Philosophy of Horror (1990)

Three of our contributors (ROBINSON; SCHUBART; ŠVELCH) integrated Noël Carroll’s 1990 The Philosophy of Horror; or, Paradoxes of the Heart into their bibliographies.

Barbara Creed’s Monstrous-Feminine (1993)

References to Barbara Creed’s reading of Julia Kristeva and her concomitant elaboration of the term ‘monstrous-feminine’ can be found in three of our issue’s contributions. While THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD point to Creed’s foundational article ‘Horror and the Monstrous-Feminine: An Imaginary Abjection’ (Screen, 1986), SCHUBART lists the related book version The Monstrous-Feminine: Film, Feminism, Psychoanalysis (1993). STANG has a look at both of these publications. Note, in that regard, the resemblance to Mary Ann Doane two-years-earlier published Femmes Fatales: Feminism, Film Theory, Psychoanalysis (1991)—a source that is being taken into account by STANG and THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD as well.

Marie-Hélène Huet’s Monstrous Imagination (1993)

Already on the blurb, the potential reader is being asked: “What woeful maternal fancy produced such a monster?” As a key reference within ‘monster studies’, Marie-Hélène Huet’s Monstrous Imagination (1993) is more than welcome in our collective bibliographical bridges. Here, we can link the articles of THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD and STANG to another: the two make use of that particular Huet text.


Known to us as Judith, and Jack, and everything in-between, the Female Masculinity (1998) author Halberstam has her and his place in two of the issue’s bibliographies. Both THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD and STANG work with Skin Shows: Gothic Horror and the Technology of Monsters (1995), and THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD add The Queer Art of Failure (2011) to the reading list.

Vincent Mosco’s Political Economy of Communication (1996)

Ten years ago, the second edition of Mosco’s The Political Economy of Communication (2009 [1996]) appeared. This print version has been read by both PÖTZSCH and HAMMAR; and has been utilized by the two.

Jeffrey Jerome Cohen’s Monster Theory (1996)

Five of our authors (BORG ANDREASSEN; ROBINSON; THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD; STANG; ŠVELCH) refer to the 1996 collection Monster Theory: Reading Culture, edited by Jeffrey Jerome Cohen. While BORG ANDREASSEN, ROBINSON, and STANG explicitly quote from Cohen’s article ‘Monster Culture (Seven Theses)’ therein (3–25)—such as we do in the INTRODUCTION as well—, ŠVELCH points to the collection as a whole and THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD refer to a book review by John S. Ryan (1998) instead. In addition, ROBINSON also has a look at another article of the 1996 collection: ‘Vampire Culture’ by Frank Grady (225–241).

Stuart Hall’s Representation (1997)

In 1997, Stuart Hall edited Representation: Cultural Representations and Signifying Practices. Therein, he contributed with his article ‘The Spectacle of the ‘Other’’ (223–290). In our special issue, this article is being referenced by both HILTUNEN and HAMMAR. In addition, PÖTZSCH makes use of Hall’s 1977 The Cultural Studies Reader contribution ‘Encoding/Decoding’ (91–103) and HAMMAR complements the list of Hall references with ‘The Rediscovery of ‘Ideology’: Return of the Repressed in Media Studies’, as published 1982 in Culture, Society and the Media (61–95). It is also HAMMAR who includes current Stuart Hall readings such as Isabel Molina-Guzmán’s ‘#OscarsSoWhite: How Stuart Hall Explains Why Nothing Changes in Hollywood and
Everything Is Changing’ (Critical Studies in Media Communication, 2016) and Adrienne Shaw’s ‘Encoding and Decoding Affordances: Stuart Hall and Interactive Media Technologies’ (Media, Culture & Society, 2017). Jumping from Culture, Society and the Media via Media, Culture & Society to the journal New Media & Society, we find therein the 2009 article ‘The Virtual Census: Representations of Gender, Race and Age in Video Games’, written by a whole group of people: Dmitri Williams, Nicole Martins, Mia Consalvo, and James D. Ivory. This, in turn, is one of the multiple sources both STANG and ŠVELCH share.

Barry Buzan, Jaap de Wilde and Ole Waever’s Security (1997)

In 1997, the ‘Copenhagen School’—known for their ‘securitization’ concept of international relations—published their primary book Security: A New Framework for Analysis. References can be found in our INTRODUCTION and in ANDREASEN (1998 [1997]). Furthermore, the section on Sybille Reineke de Buitrago’s Portraying the Other in International Relations (2012) below gives hints at other crucial texts of international relations, as referred to by ANDREASEN and ROBINSON, and by our INTRODUCTION.

Julian Petley’s ‘Manufacturing Monsters’ (2000)

We consider the Index on Censorship special issue 29:5 on ‘Manufacturing Monsters’ (2000), edited by Julian Petley, as one of our key sources. Funnily enough, we came across this work after having coined our course with the same name—as a symbiosis of Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky’s ‘manufacturing’ (2002 [1988]) and Jeffrey Jerome Cohen’s ‘monster[s]’ (1996). Yet, as one does after having ‘invented’ a ‘creative’ title: One searches the World Wide Web for potentially earlier appearances of the ‘just established’ phrase. Unfortunately, we were indeed not the first ones with that idea. Fortunately, the 2000 issue ‘Manufacturing Monsters’ turned out to be a treasure: Therein, we did not only find an interesting article by Jeffrey Jerome Cohen’s name twin Stanley Cohen (‘Some Thoroughly Modern Monsters’, 36–43)—but also quite relevant contributions by Noam Chomsky (44–48) and Edward Said (49–53), both of which have their own section in these bibliographical bridges. While our INTRODUCTION gives credit to the special issue ‘Manufacturing Monsters’ as a whole, ANDREASEN starts his analysis with a block quotation from Stanley Cohen’s article.

Margrit Shildrick’s Embodying the Monster (2001)

In our collective INTRODUCTION, we shortly refer to Margrit Shildrick’s Embodying the Monster: Encounters with the Vulnerable Self (2001). This bibliographical entry is shared by THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD. In addition, THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD make use of Janet Price and Margrit Shildrick’s collection Feminist Theory and the Body: A Reader (1999 [1996]) when referring to Rosi Braidotti’s contribution ‘Signs of Wonder and Traces of Doubt’ therein (see also the section on Braidotti’s 1994 Nomadic Subjects above).

Richard Kearney’s Strangers, Gods and Monsters (2002)

Both STANG and ŠVELCH look at Richard Kearney’s 2002 work Strangers, Gods and Monsters: Interpreting Otherness, wherein Kearney notes that “[e]ach monster narrative recalls that the self is never secure in itself” (2).
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Peter Hervik’s ‘The Danish Cultural World of Unbridgeable Differences’ (2004)

Content-wise, at first glance, the two contributions of THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD and ANDREASEN appear to deal with quite different issues. It is the more intriguing to see that a bibliographical bridge can be build, regardless. Not least due to the shared Danish situatedness, both articles contain Hervik references. While THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD have studied Hervik’s recent edited volume Racialization, Racism, and Anti-Racism in the Nordic Countries (2019 [2018]), ANDREASEN highlights Hervik’s ‘Anthropological Perspectives on the New Racism in Europe’ (Journal of Anthropology, 2006). Building a semantic inversion to Hervik’s following title, both THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD and ANDREASEN bridge to the identical reading, after all: ‘The Danish Cultural World of Unbridgeable Differences’ (Ethnos, 2004; ‘unbridgeable’ emphasized).

Robert Marich’s Marketing to Moviegoers (2005)

Both BOCKWOLDT and PÖTZSCH have included the third edition of Robert Marich’s Marketing to Moviegoers: A Handbook of Strategies and Tactics (2013 [2005]) into their bibliographies.

Judith Butler’s Frames of War (2009)


Stephen T. Asma’s On Monsters (2009)

In an earlier manuscript version of her text, ULSTEIN linked to Stephen T. Asma’s On Monsters: An Unnatural History of Our Worst Fears (2012 [2009]). Although this particular entry has vanished by now, its soul, so to say, still remains: In other of her current works, ULSTEIN relates to Asma’s notion of grasping the monstrous as a “cultural category” (13). If you look closely enough, Asma’s monsters still remain visible at two other places: ŠVELCH’s bibliography, as well as the INTRODUCTION’s one.

Sybille Reinke de Buitrago’s Portraying the Other in International Relations (2012)

As an essential course literature, Portraying the Other in International Relations: Cases of Othering, Their Dynamics and the Potential for Transformation—an edited volume put together by Sybille Reinke de Buitrago (2012)—appears at two places in our special issue: You will find the references in the INTRODUCTION and in ANDREASEN. This work is clearly interwoven with discourses on ‘securitization’ (see above) and to be read in conjunction with other classics of international relations, such as Michael Walzer’s Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations (2000 [1977]), Robert Cox’ ‘Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory’ (Millennium, 1981), and Rob B. J. Walker’s Inside/Outside: International Relations as Political Theory (1993), all of which can be found in ROBINSON’s literature list.
Berthold Molden’s ‘Resistant Pasts versus Mnemonic Hegemony’ (2016)

Our two co-editors BOCKWOLDT and HAMMAR both link to an article by Berthold Molden: ‘Resistant Pasts versus Mnemonic Hegemony: On the Power Relations of Collective Memory’ (Memory Studies, 2016).

Holger Pötzsch’s ‘Selective Realism’ (2017)

Holger Pötzsch can easily be regarded as a ‘personal bridge’ between many of our contributors—one who has private contacts to numerous of our authors. It is therefore not striking to find his name in many of the special issue’s bibliographies, including the one of his own contribution (PÖTZSCH), but also the ones of BOCKWOLDT, STANG, ŠVELCH, and HAMMAR. Among the Pötzsch works, two get mentioned twice: the 2013 article ‘Ubiquitous Absence: Character Engagement in the Contemporary War Film’ (Nordicom Review; used by BOCKWOLDT and PÖTZSCH), as well as the 2017 article ‘Selective Realism: Filtering Experiences of War and Violence in First- and Third-Person Shooters’ (Games and Culture; used by ŠVELCH and HAMMAR). Further, STANG points to Phil[ip] Hammond and Holger Pötzsch’s forthcoming collection War Games: Memory, Militarism, and the Subject of Play (2019), BOCKWOLDT mentions the 2012 article ‘Framing Narratives: Opening Sequences in Contemporary American and British War Films’ (Media, War & Conflict), and PÖTZSCH re-reads his earlier work ‘Challenging the Border as Barrier: Liminality in Terrence Malick’s The Thin Red Line’ (Journal of Borderlands Studies, 2010).

The Manifold—Writers Who Appear Through Different Works

In the following, we refer to further key authors who have been mentioned multiple times throughout our issue. Yet, other than above, in these cases, our contributors have not related to identical works, but to different texts of the same authors instead. Since we have already started to ‘sort’ our bibliographical bridges chronologically, we will continue with a ‘time map’. All the following writers are sorted by year of birth.

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Selected Works by Sigmund Freud (1856–1939)

Next comes Freud: ‘a classic’, so to say. Here, referred to by three of our contributors: ULSTEIN, STANG, and STURM. While STURM makes use of Freud references throughout, ULSTEIN picks up ‘The Uncanny’, as reprinted in The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud: Vol. XVII (1966 [1919]) and STANG studies the translated reprint edition An Outline of Psychoanalysis (1949 [1940]). Without this particularly phrased outline—the one of ‘psychoanalysis’—titles such as Mary Ann Doane’s Femmes Fatales: Feminism, Film Theory, Psychoanalysis (1991) or Barbara Creed’s The Monstrous-Feminine: Film, Feminism, Psychoanalysis (1993) would most likely not exist (both of which are discussed by STANG as well).

Selected Works by Mikhail Bakhtin (1895–1975)

Also Mikhail Mikhailovich Bakhtin’s carnival can be tracked as a bibliographical bridge between two of our contributions; even if rather indirectly: Whereas ŠVELCH points to Rabelais and His World, as translated by Hélène Iswolsky (1984 [1965]), and further looks at current Bakhtin readings such as Tomasz Z. Majkowski’s ‘Grotesque Realism and Carnality: Bakhtinian Inspirations in Video Game Studies’ (as part of a proceedings collection that was co-edited by Jaroslav Švelch [ŠVELCH] in 2015) and Cody Mejeur’s 2018 contribution ‘Look At Me, Boy!: Carnivalesque, Masks, and Queer Performativity in BioShock in Beyond the Sea: Navigating BioShock (a collection that also Sarah Stang [STANG] contributed to), PÖTZSCH makes use of Hamed Faizi’s carnivalesque interpretation ‘Distorted Dialogue in Richard Matheson’s I Am Legend: A Bakhtinian Perspective’ (Advances in Language and Literary Studies, 2015).

Selected Works by Michel Foucault (1926–1984)


Selected Works by Johan Galtung (b. 1930)

Selected Works by Robert A. Rosenstone (b. 1936)

Robert A. Rosenstone appears in two of our special issue’s bibliographies: HAMMAR looks at ‘The Historical Film as Real History’ (Filmhistorica Online, 1995), whereas BOCKWOLDT investigates the first 2006 edition of Rosenstone’s key publication History on Film—Film on History (a third edition got published by Routledge in 2017).

Selected Works by Teun A. van Dijk (b. 1943)

Reference works by Teun A. van Dijk function as a suitable bibliographical bridge between the articles of OTTOSEN and ANDREASEN. In the first bibliography, we find van Dijk’s News as Discourse from 1988. The second bibliography includes van Dijk’s ‘Structures of Discourse and Structures of Power’ from 1989 (as printed in Annals of the International Communication Association 12:1, 18–59), as well as ‘Ideologies, Racism, Discourse: Debates on Immigration and Ethnic Issues’ from 2002 (as printed in Comparative Perspectives on Racism by Jessika ter Wal and Maykel Verkuyten).

Selected Works by Donna Haraway (b. 1944)


Selected Works by Linda Williams (b. 1946) and Mary Ann Doane (b. 1952)

The two ‘film and gender’ scholars Linda Williams and Mary Ann Doane often collaborate. As it is the case with David Bordwell and Kristin Thompson (see below), our special issue contains both a bibliography with one collective work by the two, and another one that refers to two individual texts of each. THORSEN/SKADEGÅRD, on the one hand, link to Mary Ann Doane, Patricia Mellencamp and Linda Williams’ 1984 collection Re-Vision: Essays in Feminist Film Criticism as an example of a collaborative Williams/Doane work. STANG, on the other hand, points to two individual 1991 writings by the two: Linda Williams’ ‘Film Bodies: Gender, Genre, and Excess’ (Film Quarterly), as well as Mary Ann Doane’s Femmes Fatales: Feminism, Film Theory, Psychoanalysis.
Selected Works by David Bordwell (b. 1947) and Kristin Thompson (b. 1950)

As a ‘film theorist couple’, David Bordwell and Kristin Thompson have published a lot of their works in co-authorship. In this issue, Robinson includes Bordwell and Thompson’s eighth edition of the 1979 collaborative work *Film Art: An Introduction* (2008 [1979]), while Pötzsch’s bibliography contains one source from each author separately: Kristin Thompson’s 1988 *Breaking the Glass Armor: Neoformalist Film Analysis* and David Bordwell’s 2006 *The Way Hollywood Tells It: Story and Style in Modern Movies*.

Selected Works by W. Lance Bennett (b. 1948)

Ottoen’s article and Pötzsch’s book review refer to works by W. Lance Bennett. In the book review’s bibliography, we find the entry ‘Toward a Theory of Press-State Relations in the United States’ (*Journal of Communication*, 1990). Ottoen, on the other hand, refers to W. Lange Bennett, Regina G. Lawrence and Steven Livingston’s *When the Press Fails: Political Power and the News Media from Iraq to Katrina* (2007).

Selected Works by Slavoj Žižek (b. 1949)

No contemporary media issue without Žižek, apparently: In our case, Pötzsch has a look at *Living in the End Times* (2010), while Andreassen gives credit to *Against the Double Blackmail: Europe, Terror and Those Seeking Refuge* (2016).

Selected Works by David J. Skal (b. 1952)

Here, a bibliographical bridge between Borg Andreasen and Lehner can be drawn. While Borg Andreasen refers to the 2001 revised edition of Skal’s 1993 *The Monster Show: A Cultural History of Horror*, David J. Skal also appears as the co-editor of the 1997 critical edition *Dracula: Authoritative Text, Contexts, Reviews and Reactions, Dramatic and Film Variations, Criticism* of Bram Stoker’s 1897 *Dracula*; as mentioned by Lehner (see above).

Selected Works by Gloria Jean Watkins (b. 1952)


Selected Works by James Der Derian (b. 1955)

Two of our authors include texts by James Der Derian. While Bockwoldt mentions the 2009 monograph *Virtuous War: Mapping the Military–Industrial–Media–Entertainment–Network* (as inspired by Eisenhower’s military–industrial complex; see also our collective *INTRODUCTION*), Pötzsch refers to Der Derian’s ‘In Terrorem: Before and After 9/11’, as part of Ken Booth and Tim Dunne’s 2002 collection *Worlds in Collision: Terror and the Future of Global Order*. 

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Selected Works by Espen Aarseth (b. 1965)

Among illustrious other names mentioned here, Espen Aarseth is first and foremost known within the discipline of video game studies. ŠVELCH brings to our attention Aarseth’s 1999 ‘Aporia and Epiphany in Doom and The Speaking Clock: The Temporality of Ergodic Art’, as published in Marie-Laure Ryan’s Cyberspace Textuality, while HAMMAR refers to Espen Aarseth and Gordon Calleja’s 2015 contribution ‘The Word Game: The Ontology of an Undefinable Object’ in Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on the Foundations of Digital Games.

Selected Works by Bernard Perron (b. 1965)

As an editor and book author, Bernard Perron is represented in our issue through three references—all via ŠVELCH and STANG. While STANG’s literature canon includes Mark J. P. Wolf and Bernard Perron’s collection The Video Game Theory Reader (2003), ŠVELCH relates to Perron’s collection Horror Video Games: Essays on the Fusion of Fear and Play (2009) and to the recent monograph The World of Scary Video Games: A Study in Videoludic Horror (2018).

Selected Works by Colin Campbell (b. 1967)

The writer Colin Campbell is mentioned in two of our issue’s contributions on video games: STANG looks at the article ‘Where Are All the Video Game Moms?’ from July 2016 and HAMMAR includes the writing ‘Why Are Game Companies so Afraid of the Politics in Their Games?’ from June 2018, both of which were published on the US-American gaming website Polygon.

Selected Works by Roger Luckhurst (b. 1967)


Selected Works by Sara Ahmed (b. 1969)

Due to its appearance in our INTRODUCTION, and due to alphabetical order, Ahmed’s Queer Phenomenology: Orientations, Objects, Others (2006) makes the very first bibliographical entry of our special issue. Some three hundred pages later, ANDREASEN comes back to Ahmed, when referring to On Being Included (2012).

Selected Works by Jeffrey Andrew Weinstock (b. 1970)

Also ULSTEIN and LEHNER are connected through a bibliographical bridge: While Carl H. Sederholm and Jeffrey Andrew Weinstock’s collection The Age of Lovecraft (2016) is a key text for ULSTEIN’s analysis (including Weinstock’s introduction and afterword therein), LEHNER makes use of Weinstock’s 2012 print The Vampire Film: Undead Cinema.
**Selected Works by Jesper Juul (b. 1970)**


**Selected Works by Astrid Erll (b. 1972)**

Yet again, two of our co-editors have one theorist in common: BOCKWOLDT and HAMMAR include works by Astrid Erll into their analyses. While BOCKWOLDT refers to Astrid Erll and Ansgar Nünning’s 2008 collection *Cultural Memory Studies: An International and Interdisciplinary Handbook* (in collaboration with Sara B. Young; the later 2010 paperback edition was entitled *A Companion to Cultural Memory Studies*) and Astrid Erll and Stephanie Wodianka’s 2008 collection *Film und Kulturelle Erinnerung: Plurimediale Konstellationen*, HAMMAR links to Erll’s 2011 monograph *Memory in Culture*, also in collaboration with (and translated by) Sara B. Young.

**Selected Works by Patricia MacCormack (b. 1973)**


**Selected Works by Matthew Thomas Payne (b. 1977)**

A ŠVELCH–HAMMAR bibliographical bridge can be drawn, this time with reference to Matthew Thomas Payne. ŠVELCH added five articles of the edited volume *Beyond the Sea: Navigating BioShock* by Felan Parker and Jessica Aldred (2018) to his bibliography—two of which are mentioned in other paragraphs of our bibliographical bridges (see the entries to Bakhtin and Stang [STANG]). A third one is of interest here: John Vanderhoef and Matthew Thomas Payne’s ‘Big Daddies and Monstrous Mommies: BioShock’s Maternal Abjection, Absence, and Annihilation’ (50–73). By coincidence, Vanderhoef worked as one of our reviewers. Matthew Thomas Payne, on the other hand, is the co-editor of *Joystick Soldiers: The Politics of Play in Military Video Games* (2009)—a source crucial to HAMMAR’s research.

**Selected Works by Vít Šisler (b. 1978)**

The CyberOrient editor Vít Šisler builds liminal grounds between Arabic and game studies. Within our issue, ŠVELCH and HAMMAR also build a Šisler bridge towards another: ‘Digital Arabs: Representation in Video Games’ (*European Journal of Cultural Studies*, 2008) complements HAMMAR’s bibliography, while the 2014 *Playing with Religion in Digital Games* contribution ‘From Kuma\War to Qurais\h: Representation of Islam in Arab and American Video Games’ has a place in ŠVELCH’s literature list.
Selected Works by Sarah Stang (b. 1988)

In our special issue, Sarah Stang [STANG] and Holger Pötzsch [PÖTZSCH] have one thing in common: They appear as both article authors and references alike. As shown above, Pötzsch references can be found in PÖTZSCH, BOCKWOLDT and HAMMAR, ŠVELCH and STANG. Stang references, on the other hand, can be found in STANG and ŠVELCH: While STANG refers to her First Person Scholar and Press Start articles ‘Controlling Fathers and Devoted Daughters: Paternal Authority in BioShock 2 and The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt’ (2016) and ‘Shrieking, Biting, and Licking: The Monstrous-Feminine and Abject Female Monsters in Video Games’ (2018), ŠVELCH highlights Stang’s recent ‘Big Daddies and Their Little Sisters: Postfeminist Fatherhood in the BioShock Series’ in Beyond the Sea: Navigating BioShock, as edited in 2018 by Felan Parker and Jessica Aldred (see also the Bakhtin section above).

Editors’ Note

The idea of rounding up our special issue in this way came to us while harmonizing all the bibliographical entries into one pattern. We have tried as best as we could to double-check each single source. Sometimes, names that we have never heard before appeared over and over again, in multiple contributions. Somewhere on this planet, different scholars had come across the same readings. We simply wanted to underline this complex, interwoven net of border-crossing–border-creating literature. As editors from different fields, we have learned of many intriguing discourses that were unknown to us before. Quite often, shared literature lists make visible certain symptoms of academic echo chambers, copy-paste works, or self-referencing networks. Shared foundational texts serve as sense-making tool kits to the members of so-called ‘fields’, and give a hint at somehow negotiated vocabulary within them. Yet, what we have in front of us is an example of an interdisciplinary collaboration of writers. Since our special issue had an ‘open call’, many of our collaborators do not even know each other personally. Yet, in the end, it was possible to build bibliographical bridges between all of them—every single contribution has at least one theoretical link to another article. This way, it is possible to theoretically unite our work, and consider it as (part of) a whole.

On the Arbitrariness of ‘Order’

As so often, such act of sorting and selecting, naming and framing, is a rather arbitrary endeavor. Most often, literature lists are sorted alphabetically. Here, we opted for a chronological order instead, just to create a ‘time map’ of some sort. Holistically tracking all shared works or shared theorists that appear at multiple places throughout our collection does of course not necessarily mean that we will find here the ‘most important’ theorists to each contribution. In fact, numerous key sources may be lacking, if only mentioned by one author alone; while some of the here-mentioned entries may simply relate to rather ‘subordinate’ references by many authors alike. Yet, what we have aimed at offering here is a selected bibliography that includes all ‘shared readings’ of our partly individual, partly collective Manufacturing Monsters journeys—a shared literature canon that brought us together, sometimes unknowingly, and that further invites for a continuous examination of monstrous topics beyond the disciplines.
Biographical Note

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Giitu and спасибо to the regional branch of the Russian Philosophical Society. Parallel to our journal, our academic neighbors from the Murmansk Arctic State University publish a collection that includes one further MaMo contribution as well—as an addendum to our issue, so to say.