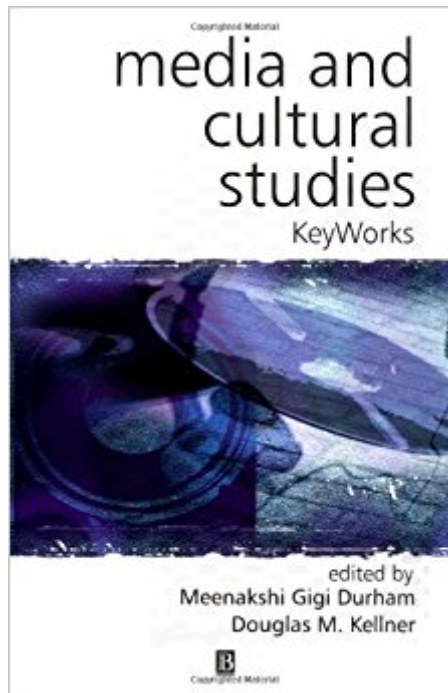




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Douglas Kellner is Professor at Columbia University and the author of important political books about the media and the Iraq war and the media and 9/11. He is an expert of the philosophy of the Frankfurt School and wrote about Herbert Marcuse. Several texts on the Web prove he tries to combine Media Studies with the approach of the Frankfurt School. Durham and Kellner present an 800 pages anthology which contains the basic stuff as well as less known but interesting new studies. The anthology starts with some key texts by Marx and Engels, Gramsci, Walter Benjamin, Adorno and Horkheimer, Jürgen Habermas and Althusser. Part II introduces structuralism, the semiotic turn, Marshall McLuhan, Guy Debord and Stuart Hall's "Encoding/Decoding" paper. Part IV contains text about gender and the politics of identity. Part V deals with postmodernism and part VI with globalization and hybridization. The anthology includes texts by Paul Gilroy, Angela McRobbie, Frederic Jameson and other important exponents of cultural studies. Durham and Kellner are aware of the need of a political economy and sociology perspective on media and culture. Bourdieu represents sociology, Nicolas Garnham political economy. The introductory text "Adventures in Media and Cultural Studies" insists on the need for different perspectives. This anthology has a central theme and a basic argumentation. Different methodologies and approaches of media and cultural studies can be used in order to extend our understanding of the workings of ideology and hegemony. Other introductions present cultural studies as a continuation of literary studies. This anthology shows cultural studies as a further development of Critical Theory. Durham and Kellner do not include any works by De Certeau, John Fiske and Friedrich Kittler. I use the 2005 revised edition of the anthology. A 2012 edition is out and contains additional material about new technologies.

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