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For many years now we have witnessed the developing use of the Internet and associated technologies by political actors and organizations. Claims and counter claims have been made as to its suitability as a tool to help in the struggle to re-invigorate political participation in democracies across the globe.

This book charts the shifting sands of political activity in the digital age. It interrogates the hybrid nature of modern politics as online and offline actions blur the boundaries of traditional politics between "real-life" co-presence and the booming virtual domain of politics. By so doing, it critically reflects on the latest scholarship on the subject while concurrently advancing stimulating new insights into it. Encapsulating both the range and the diverse velocities of change in different political arenas and geographical locations, this volume seeks to map out a path if not towards the politics of tomorrow then towards a better comprehension of the politics of today.

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