

Governing the Digital Society

“In an age where platforms and AI are compromising the missions of our public sectors, the influence of tech tycoons has pervaded the political sphere and the world is aflood with digitally generated and sustained misinformation, how can – and should – digital societies be governed? This is the question this accessible, multi-disciplinary and comprehensive volume seeks to answer. It will be valuable to anyone, in academia and beyond, concerned with safeguarding our public values in the current tide of digitalization as a non-democratic and profit-seeking force.”

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– Jo Pierson, Professor of Responsible Digitalisation & Head of School of Social Sciences, University Hasselt

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– Limor Shifman, Professor at the Department of Communication and Journalism, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel & the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

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– Robyn Caplan, Assistant Professor of Technology Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

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