

In this paper the book “The Internet of Things” by Mercedes Bunz & Graham Meikle (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2018, vi + 146 pp. ISBN 13-978-1-5095-1746-68(pb)) is reviewed.

This is a little book (in size) with a big content. It focuses on the social dimensions of the internet of things and provides a discussion of the shifting roles of things from a communication and media perspective. In the internet of things, things equipped with sensors and connected to networks, have gained new capabilities, or skills, as the authors call it. Furthermore, each connected thing becomes identifiable by an address and can capture or generate data that it can then communicate with people or other things or both.

The review summarizes the contents, presents the theoretical perspectives that inform the book, and critically discusses the arguments made.