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In many eloquent and critically incisive ways, the present volume is a timely diagnosis of a global condition the contributors to the volume lament, even as they show their awareness that, like the writers whose works they analyse, the critics and historians themselves become participants, ineluctably, in a world system and industry that are inclusive, immersive and all-subsuming.

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