

# What is Cybercultural Studies?

Cyberspace

"Is cyberspace a new universe, a parallel universe created and sustained by the world's computers and communication lines? Is it a common mental geography, built, in turn, by consensus and revolution, canon and experiment?" Or is cyberspace the "excommunication of the developing world"? Is it a "major new theatre for capital accumulation and the operations of global actors"? (quoted in David Bell, *An Introduction to Cybercultures* (NY: Routledge, 2001), pp. 7, 17-18)

Cyberculture

What of the cyberfeminists who "write programs, paint viral images, fabricate weapons systems, infiltrate the arts and industry. The hackers, perverting the codes, corrupting the transmissions, multiplying zeros, and teasing open holes in the works? (Sadie Plant, *On the Matrix: Cyberfeminist Simulations*, in David Bell & Barbara Kennedy, Eds., *The Cybercultures Reader* (NY: Routledge, 2000), p. 336)

Cyberfeminism

Cyberpunk

And of the various cyberpunks, "tribal groups, the panther Moderns in *Neuromancer* or the Low Teks in Johnny Mnemonic"? (Tomas quoted in Bell, 2001, p. 176).

Cyborgs & Cybernetics

And the cyborg, "the cybernetic organism, a hybrid of machine and organism, a creature of social reality as well as a creature of science fiction...By the late twentieth century, our time, mythis time, we are all chimeras, theorized and fabricated hybrids of machine and organism. In short, we are all cyborgs." (Haraway quoted in Bell, 2001, p. 148)

Cyberlaw

## Cyber Community, Form & Practice

AI  
BBSs  
Chat, Blogs & Wikis  
Cybersex  
Cyberspecial Effects  
E-commerce  
E-mail  
E-Media  
E-tailing  
Games  
Hacking  
MUDs  
Open Source  
Panic Computing  
Texting  
Virtual Reality  
World Wide Web

## Cyber Story

Art and Design Studies  
Communication Studies  
Critical Race Studies  
Cultural Studies  
Feminist Studies  
Gay and Lesbian Studies  
Literary Criticism  
Media Studies  
Men's Studies  
Political Ecology  
Post-Colonial Studies  
Science and Technology Studies

## Cyber Theory

Affective Computing  
Artificial Intelligence  
Cognitive Science  
Communication  
Information Processing  
Literary Criticism  
Musicology  
Narrative  
Media Studies  
Political Economy  
Psychoanalysis  
Semiotics