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Arranged chronologically, these resources inform the broader conception and ongoing engagement with the datafied state on a global scale.

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1. Abrams, Philip. 1988. "Notes on the Difficulty of Studying the State (1977)." *Journal of Historical Sociology* 1 (1): 58–89. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-6443.1988.tb00004.x>.

Juxtaposing state as a system and state as an idea, this paper is an effort to demystify the nature of the state as an object of inquiry and an invitation to generative possibilities of analysis when we consider that it does not exist.

 2. Sharma, Aradhana., and Akhil Gupta, eds. 2006. *The Anthropology of the State: A Reader*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

This reader provides an innovative combination of classic social theory texts and ethnographic case studies to offer an anthropological framework for studying institutions, practices, and experiences that underlie the cultural constitution of the state.

 3. Holston, James. 2007. *Insurgent Citizenship: Disjunctions of Democracy and Modernity in Brazil*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Mapping the struggles of Brazilians in São Paulo's peripheries to secure effective legal title over their homes, this book calls attention to asymmetrical forms of citizenship that emerge in the making and management of difference in accessing city infrastructure.

 4. Walter, Maggie, and Chris Andersen. 2013. *Indigenous Statistics: A Quantitative Research Methodology*. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.

Using examples of research projects from First World Indigenous peoples in the United States, Australia, and Canada, this book explores how quantitative methods and indigenous ways of knowing can mutually shape each other.
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5. Bierschenk, Thomas, and Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, eds. 2014. *States at Work: Dynamics of African Bureaucracies. Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies, volume 12*. Leiden ; Boston: Brill.
- This book draws much needed empirical attention to processes of state-building and public bureaucracies in African countries by focusing on everyday lives of street-level bureaucrats, routines of public service delivery, and ordinary interventions in organizing public administration reform.
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6. Mazzucato, Mariana. 2015. *The Entrepreneurial State: Debunking Public vs. Private Sector Myths*. New York: PublicAffairs.
- This book positions the state as a primary risk-taker in fostering entrepreneurial innovation and makes a compelling case for inequality in the distribution of rewards of such risk-taking between the state and the private sector.
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7. Rottenburg, Richard, Sally E. Merry, Sung-Joon Park, and Johanna Mugler, eds. 2015. *The World of Indicators: The Making of Governmental Knowledge through Quantification*. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press.
- Making an intervention in quantitative efforts to govern social life, the edited volume examines the politics of indicators and indices as proxies for measuring impact in processes of evidence-based policy-making.
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8. Ferguson, James. 2016. *Give a Man a Fish: Reflections on the New Politics of Distribution*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- Unpacking the emergence of social welfare programs that focus on direct cash payments in southern Africa, this book critically engages with the relationship between production and distribution, and untangles belonging from the neoliberal notion of making labor contributions to simply denote membership in a nation state.
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9. Gandy, Oscar. 2016. *Coming to Terms with Chance: Engaging Rational Discrimination and Cumulative Disadvantage*. New York, N.Y: Routledge.
- Building the analytic framework of rational discrimination, this book critiques the use of probability and statistics in predictive decision-making within domains of housing, healthcare, insurance, and the criminal legal system in the United States by examining its disparate race-based outcomes.
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10. Kukutai, Tahu, and John Taylor. 2016. *Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Toward an Agenda*. Canberra: Australian National University Press.
- Drawing on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, this book grapples with the core challenges of articulating the meaning of data sovereignty for indigenous people and its implications for their pursuit of self-determination.
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11. Eubanks, Virginia. 2017. *Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor*. New York: St. Martin's Press.
- This book weaves together critical in-depth investigation with compelling personal stories to show how the use of automated data-driven decision-making systems in delivery of public services exacerbate inequality and have deeply punitive consequences for the poor and working-class in the United States.
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12. Herd, Pamela, and Donald P. Moynihan. 2018. *Administrative Burden: Policymaking by Other Means*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Tracing implementation of federal programs and controversial legislations, this book spans examples ranging from social security to voter registration laws to show that administrative burden—the cost of pursuing a public service or interacting with the government for citizens—is often a deliberate policy choice.
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| 13. | Cheney-Lippold, John. 2019. <i>We Are Data: Algorithms and the Making of Our Digital Selves</i> . First published in paperback. New York: New York University Press. | Diving deep into the lived experience of data subjecthood, this book explores the role of algorithms in shaping our identities to ultimately argue that “who we are is what our data is made to say about us” (p. xii). |
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| 14. | Cottam, Hilary. 2019. <i>Radical Help: How We Can Remake the Relationships between Us and Revolutionise the Welfare State</i> . London: Virago Press. | Based on five practical design experiments to collaborate with communities to create spaces for sharing and listening across Britain, this book makes an argument to invest in human connection as the core resource for re-imagining and re-designing the welfare state. |
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| 15. | Gilman, Michele. 2020. “Poverty Lawgorithms: A Poverty Lawyer’s Guide to Fighting Automated Decision-Making Harms on Low-Income Communities.” New York: Data & Society Research Institute. https://datasociety.net/library/poverty-lawgorithms/ . | Written as a guide, this report explains the ins and outs of data-centric and automated-decision making systems to poverty and civil legal services lawyers so they can better identify the source of their clients’ problems and advocate on their behalf. |
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| 16. | Mattern, Shannon. 2021. <i>A City Is Not a Computer: Other Urban Intelligences</i> . Places Books. Princeton: Princeton University Press. | This book critically engages with technological visions of smart cities and computational ways of knowing the city that have increasingly come to shape urban policy and design to make a case for local, place-based ways of knowing the infrastructures and institutions that make up urban culture. |
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17. Berman, Elizabeth Popp. 2022. *Thinking like an Economist: How Efficiency Replaced Equality in U.S. Public Policy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- The book maps the intellectual trajectory of microeconomic style of reasoning that has shaped public policy in the United States since the 1960s and how it institutionalized metrics centered on efficiency, incentives, and choice in the design of government programs.
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18. Guyan, Kevin. 2022. *Queer Data: Using Gender, Sex and Sexuality Data for Action*. London and New York: Bloomsbury Publishing.
- Contending with the limitations of data practices in accounting for the everyday experiences of queer people, the book proposes tools and strategies for collecting, analyzing, and using queer data for political action.
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19. Smith, Monica L. 2022. "The Fundamentals of the State." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 51 (1): 493–508. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-anthro-041320-013018>.
- Focusing on politics, violence, literacy, and borders, this article examines the state "as a container for human interactions" and how it is constituted and expressed in ordinary configurations of power in everyday life.
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20. Pahlka, Jennifer. 2023. *Recoding America: Why Government Is Failing in the Digital Age and How We Can Do Better*. New York: Metropolitan Books ; Henry Holt and Company.
- Based on hands-on experience of digitizing government services in the United States, this book describes the complex interplay of technological, organizational, and institutional challenges in translating policy into practice for service delivery and identifies strategies that center the citizen in simplifying systems and policies.
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21. Brilmyer, Gracen, and Crystal Lee. 2023. "Terms of Use: Crip Legibility in Information Systems." *First Monday* 28 (1). <https://doi.org/10.5210/fm.v28i1.12935>.
- This special issue introduces the framework of crip legibility—"how disabled people flexibly respond to, contort, or collectively organize themselves to fit within (or be understood by) existing information systems while building new systems of resistance and care"—to contend with technoableism.
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This list has been curated from our Public Zotero Library on the Datafied State. This library began as an endeavor to share resources among the participants of the Keywords on the Datafied State workshop. It has grown ever since to incorporate our ongoing literature survey, suggestions we received, and all the resources we have cited in this anthology.