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#### Review

This is the media and society text that critical scholars have been waiting for: a clear-eyed, critical, and engagingly written overview of the contemporary culture industry that traces the connections between meaning-making and power that bridge media new and old, analogue and digital, systematically shaping our increasingly pervasive and invasive media environment.

(Mark Andrejevic)

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Nicholas Carah is a Lecturer in Communication at the School of Communication and Arts at the University of Queensland.

His research examines the interplay between media technologies, brands and everyday life. In particular, he has focussed on how media technologies are used to promote, perform and regulate alcohol consumption. Together with The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education he has published research on the use of Facebook by alcohol brands in Australia. He has also worked with the social change start up Hello Sunday Morning to design and evaluate their use of social and mobile media technologies to change drinking cultures.

Carah's research has been published in *New Media and Society, Television and New Media, Convergence, Consumption, Markets and Culture, Mobile Communication and Culture, Health* and *Journal of Public Affairs*. His 2014 article 'Brand value' was awarded best paper in *Consumption, Markets and Culture*.

He is the author of *Pop Brands: branding, popular music and young people* (Peter Lang, 2010) and *Media and Society: production, content and participation* (SAGE, 2015) and the forthcoming *Brand Machines, Sensory Media and Calculative Culture* (Palgrave).

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His books include: *Media and Society: production, content and participation* (SAGE, 2015), *The Media and Political Process* (SAGE, 2010), *The Media and Cultural Production* (SAGE, 2001), *The Roots of the Pax Americana* (MUP, 2010), *New Voices Over the Air: The Transformation of the South African Broadcasting Corporation* (Hampton Press, 2010), *South African Media Policy* (1995), and *The Rise, Fall and Legacy of Apartheid* (Praeger, 2005).

Louw has published widely in the fields of political communication, South African media and South African political discourse. His current research is focusing on the transformation of South Africa.

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