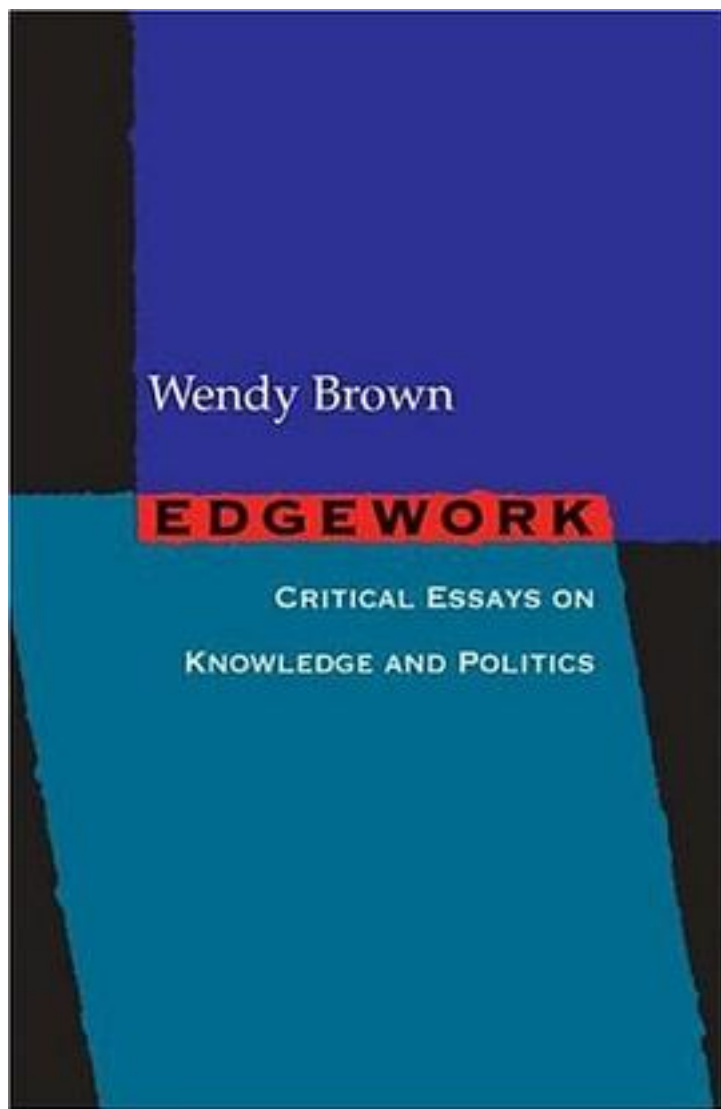


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## 评论

一个Critical Theorist的随笔集。里面第三章Neoliberalism and the End of Democracy是目前这门课看到的文献中对Neoliberalism本体和现象论述得最好的之一，继承了福柯的解构理论，探讨了保守右翼同新自由主义合流的原因是相互利用道德和经济上的论述，但更直白地指出Neoliberalism在实践中造成liberal democracy衰退的现象，并由此提出左翼不要再被liberal democracy给co-opt,要站在体制外来批判（好吧，我立场上无法赞同）。第二篇关于政治认同和政治爱欲（political love）及第五篇对political theory作用的反思（也是我感兴趣的）都有可读性。最后两篇关于女性研究的没看。

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