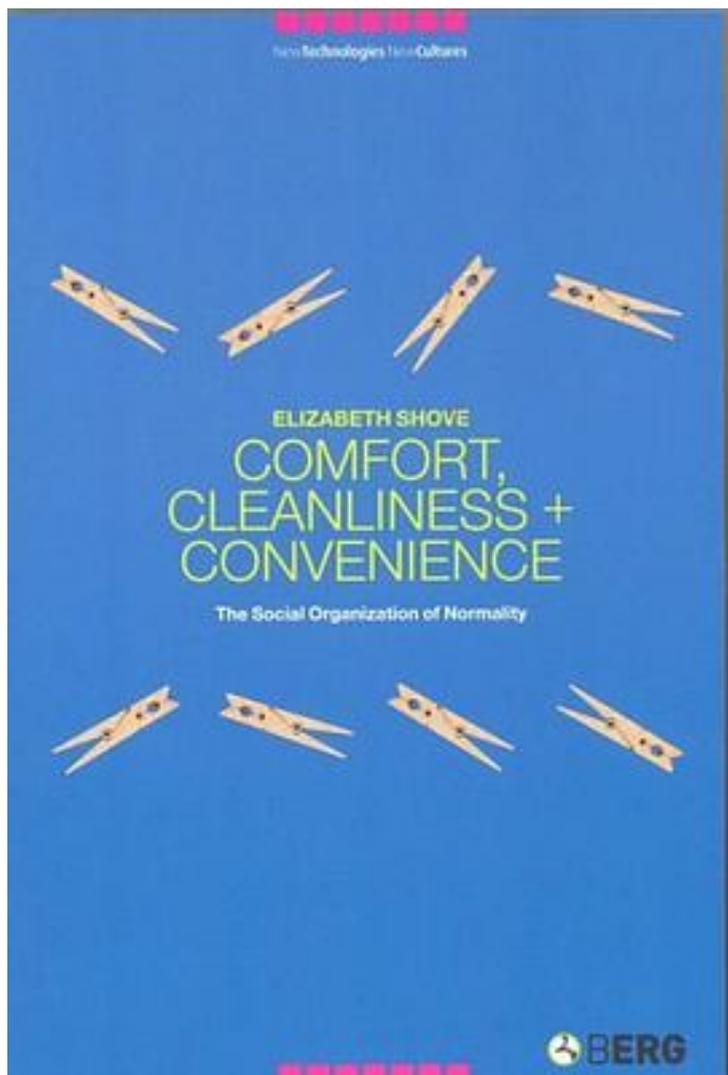


Comfort, Cleanliness and Convenience



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Over the past few generations, expectations of comfort, cleanliness and convenience have altered radically, but these dramatic changes have largely gone unnoticed. This intriguing book brings together the sociology of consumption and technology to investigate the evolution of these changes, as well the social meaning of the practices themselves. Homes, offices, domestic appliances and clothes play a crucial role in our lives, but not many of us question exactly how and why we perform so many daily rituals associated with them. Showers, heating, air-conditioning and clothes washing are simply accepted as part of our normal, everyday lives, but clearly this was not always the case. When did the daily shower become de rigueur? What effect has air conditioning had on the siesta at one time an integral part of Mediterranean life and culture? This book interrogates the meaning and supposed normality of these practices and draws disturbing conclusions. There is clear evidence supporting the view that routine consumption is controlled by conceptions of normality and profoundly shaped by cultural and economic forces. Shove maintains that habits are not just changing, but are changing in ways that imply escalating and standardizing patterns of consumption. This shrewd and engrossing analysis shows just how far the social meanings and practices of comfort, cleanliness and convenience have eluded us.

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特别好看，和邓姐的八卦是一个程度的好看！！！！可惜Shove阿姨还是当本社会学学术书来写了，不然真的能达到和邓姐八卦一样的阅读量呢。

对ASHRAE、定量化、标准化舒适的批判真是开脑洞。可能（英国）社会学文风就是argument多，史料详情讲得少吧。

概念很有意思，框架集STS分析思路大成，但这个写法我真是不敢恭维。有历史材料讲历史故事不行吗，拿着谁都看不懂的示意图，学 Latour 也不学好（手动抠鼻

这书在我学校借到脱销，好不容易走运抢到一本，怎么豆瓣没人评呢...

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