Review of The Exploit: A Theory of Networks by Alexander Galloway

The Exploit is that rare thing: a book with a clear grasp of how networks operate that also understands the political implications of this emerging form of power. The Exploit follows in a critical tradition that takes networks to be a key organizational principle for understanding contemporary politics and life in general. Galloway and Thacker argue for a theory of networks that is at once broader and more precise than previous ones. Networks, of course, are not new. Anyone studying the trade routes of ancient Rome or those European colonizers will readily admit the importance and salience. But the routes of ancient Rome or those European colonizers will readily admit the importance and salience.