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## **PREFACE**

Over the past 30 years Information and Communications Technology (ICT) has become a pervasive part of all aspects of modern life. Even the most superficial observation shows the impact of this technology being felt throughout industry, commerce, education, entertainment and society. Much literature and effort has been devoted to documenting and understanding the technical aspects of these developments whilst in contrast relatively less attention has been given to their human consequences.

This book attempts to redress some of this imbalance by bringing together leading authorities from around the world to present the current state of research and understanding into the social, psychological and cultural impact of the new technologies. Contributions cover the whole range of perspectives from changes in social norms through to an examination of the complex issues involved with gender representation within the new communication mediums. This book will be of value both to newcomers to this area and also to established authorities interested in the current state of this important domain.

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