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Synopsis

Wireless networks are the fastest growing communications technology in history. Are mobile phones expressions of identity, fashionable gadgets, tools for life --- or all of the above? Manuel Castells looks at how the possibility of multimodal communication from anywhere to anywhere at any time affect everyday life at home, at work, and at school, and raises broader concerns about politics and culture both global and local.

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Biography

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