

Introduction to Postphenomenology Discussion

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Postphenomenology: A Critical Companion to Ihde (SUNY Press: 2006) is an edited volume dedicated to furthering the following goals.

The book aims to distill the essence of Don Ihde's central contributions to philosophy and a range of other disciplines that analyze technology, science, and embodiment.

The book expands the extant dialogue on Ihde's contributions (2a) by inviting him to respond to a range of critical issues that he discusses in different areas of his extensive *oeuvre*, and (2b) by articulating areas of future research that postphenomenological insight can illuminate.

The essays collected here in *Techné* are revised versions of talks presented at the last meeting of the Society for the Philosophy of Technology. In both contexts, Val Dusek, Larry Hickman, Dennis Weiss, and I collectively further the goals just listed, with each philosopher placing emphasis upon different themes.

- Hickman enhances our understanding of Ihde's relation to pragmatism.
- Dusek furthers the dialogue between Ihde and Marxists through a discussion of Edgar Zilsel.
- Weiss structures his interrogation of Ihde through core themes found in philosophical anthropology and thereby advances intra-disciplinary inquiry.
- I follow-up on the normative issues raised in my chapter to *Postphenomenology: A Critical Companion to Ihde*.

Keeping with the structure of *Postphenomenology: A Critical Companion to Ihde* and the aforementioned conference, this contribution to *Techné* concludes with Ihde replying to his interlocutors.