

The Network Metaphor An Assessment of Castells' Network Society Paradigm

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ABSTRACT This paper is an assessment of the recent contribution of Manuel Castells to development sociology. His trilogy on the network society comprises an analysis of present-day fundamental social transformations leading towards an informational society. The appraisal focuses on democracy, poverty, and the developing countries.