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<b>Title</b>	The Matter with Matter: New Materialist theory and the Internet of Things
<b>Abstract</b>	
<p>As the name suggests, the internet of things is bringing attention back to things: from the objects of the everyday to the objects of war, people are thinking about how to make things talk more to each other—and us—to make meaning.</p> <p>While there’s much discussion about the conceptual implications of this meaning-making in political terms, at the moment there is little discussion about the <i>materiality</i> of the IoT: what problem the IoT poses in terms of matter; what questions we usually ask about matter; and what new questions we could be asking instead</p> <p>I discuss how theories that turn to matter—like New Materialism—can offer us new ways of thinking about the IoT that are more focused on the capacities and effects of the IoT, so that we can ask different and <i>better</i> questions about “what it means to be human in the internet of things”.</p>	
<b>Biography</b>	
<p>Miranda Bruce is a graduate student at the Australian National University in Canberra, and is currently working towards her PhD in sociology. She plans to explore the role of the internet of things in practices of belonging and the possibility of resistance in late capitalism. She is especially interested in new critical theory, the rollout of the National Broadband Network in Australia, the genesis of coding languages, and the recent resurgence of tabletop roleplaying games in popular culture.</p>	