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“Leurs’ book, situated at the intersection of transnational cultural studies and new media studies, offers a compelling and theoretically rigorous examination of diasporas online. By locating communities and their emergent counterpublics within transnational studies – especially their affective politics, belongingness, citizenship and cultural affiliations – and then reenvisioning these same politics in the digital realm, Leurs demonstrates how identities, identifications, cultural crossings and memory projects are now indebted to digital spaces. Leurs also proves, conclusively, the materiality of digital cultures/spaces, by showing how the digital is constituted as space through social processes and cultural practices that are raced, gendered and sexualized. Our identities and affiliations, the book shows, are shaped by the media that now pervades our lives even as the media ‘grows’ through these same identities and affiliations.”

– Pramod Nayar, Professor in the Department of English, University of Hyderabad

“Leurs's book reports on his intersectional study of the digital performativity of identity across gender, diaspora and Moroccan-Dutch youth culture. It provides exciting new insights into our understanding of the ways in which the web is providing spaces for the negotiation of new forms of digital belonging and greater cultural understanding in an increasingly multicultural world.”

– Cynthia Carter, Senior Lecturer in the Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University

“This is a most timely intervention in the field of digital diaspora studies. Koen Leurs' book develops a substantial, well-supported argument about the reconfigurations of diaspora in the context of Moroccan Dutch communities, which engages with the intersections of different strands of identification on and offline. Leurs powerfully makes the case for the affective interrelationship between material, embodied spaces in an interdisciplinary text which makes significant contribution to this fast growing field of research, which has significant political and policy implications.”

– Kath Woodward, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Open University