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adaptation'. More significantly, Symons also employs this method to explain the so far neglected way that Brooks's adaptations have

contributed towards changing production trends, changes in critical attitudes, and towards the ongoing integration of the cultural industries today.