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and practices? To answer this question, Van Oyen offers a fresh analysis in which objects are no longer passive props, but rather they

actively shape historical trajectories.