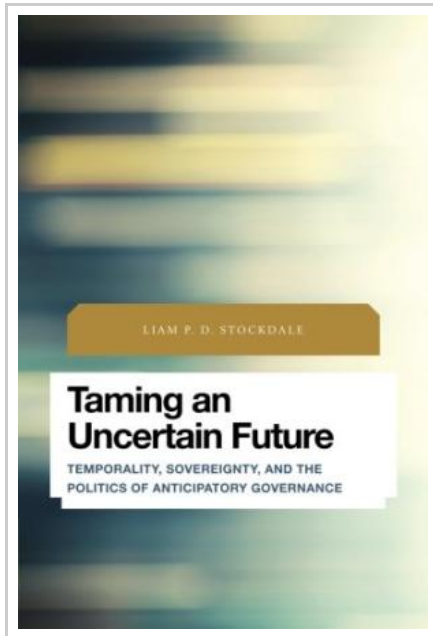




Taming an Uncertain Future: Temporality, Sovereignty, and the Politics of Anticipatory Governance

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