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By GILLES LIPOVETSKY. Translated by Catherine Porter, Foreword by Richard Sennett. Princeton U.P., New French Thought Series. 1994. pp. 276. No price given. GILLES LIPOVETSKY launches his book with the following statement: 'The question of fashion is not a fashionable one among intellectuals' (p. 3). In spite of fashion's inescapability in late twentieth-century life it is rarely viewed dispassionately by the intellectuals, and Lipovetsky attempts to redress the balance in *The Empire of Fashion* by elevating its historical place among social phenomena and seeks 'to show that ... modern cultural meanings and values ... that elevate newness and expression of human individuality to positions of dignity ...' (p. 5) have played a vital role in the formation of Western democratic process, implying that we disregard these factors in the shaping of modern democratic society to our detriment. Going so far as to claim that 'Fashion is no longer an aesthetic embellishment ... an accessory to collective life; it is the key to the entire edifice ... (p. 6), Lipovetsky sets out his purpose in two ways. In Part One 'The Enchantment of Appearances' he provides the reader with a detailed

historical survey of the phenomenon, citing its origins in the Middle Ages, right through to the development of what he terms 'open fashion', the ready availability of new goods and forms that came to dominate and shape popular culture in the mid-nineteenth-century onwards. In Part Two, a detailed and specific account of fashion's effect on life in this century is given, appropriating for discussion the dynamics of advertising, media style and the au courant anxiety, control of information. Part One is densely yet engagingly written, Lipovetsky setting out to prove that the origin of fashion is not universal, rather it springs from a distinctly western social dynamic:...

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