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- anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, and sociology of technology,
- technology within society and its relationship to other disciplines,
- technology policy at local, national, and international levels,
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