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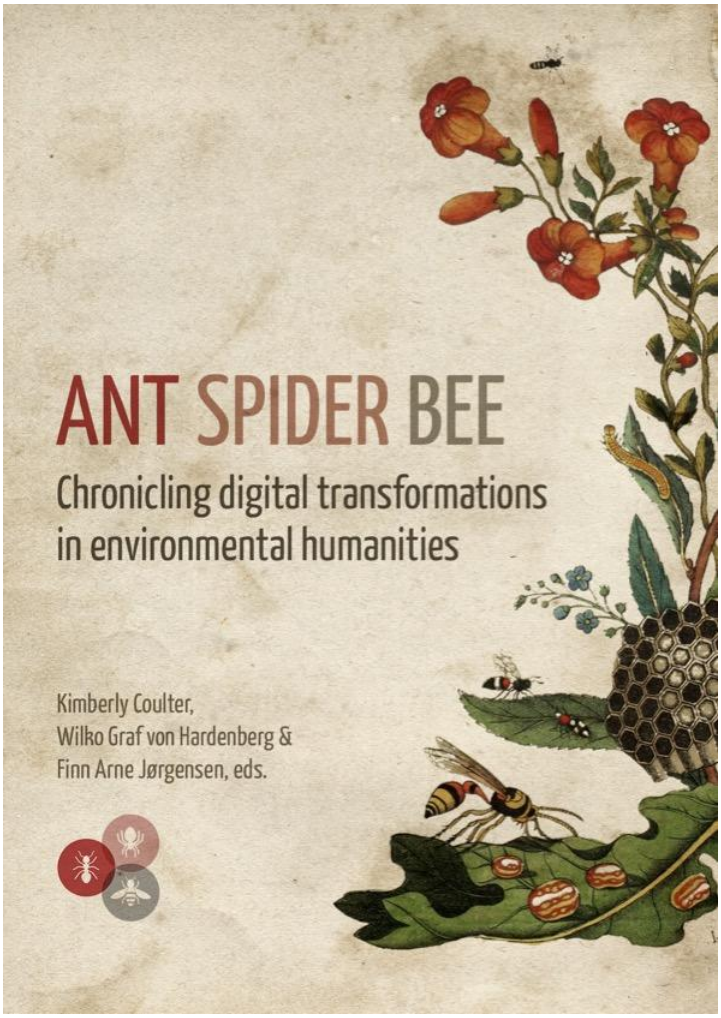

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Inspired by Francis Bacon's ant, spider, and bee as models of collecting, processing, and transforming knowledge, Kimberly Coulter, Wilko Graf von Hardenberg, and Finn Arne Jørgensen founded the blog *Ant Spider Bee* to reflect on ways technology was transforming the epistemologies, methods, and dissemination of environmental humanities research.

As a kind of time capsule with essays and embedded media by thirty authors, as well as reflections on the project's own digital practices, this open-access e-book presents snapshots of transformations in knowledge practices during a period of rapid change.

> The men of experiment are like the ant, they only collect and use; the reasoners resemble spiders, who make cobwebs out of their own substance. But the bee takes a middle course: it gathers its material from the flowers of the garden and of the field, but transforms and digests it by a power of its own.
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> —Francis Bacon, *Novum Organum* (1620)

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