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### Ein fundiertes Plädoyer für eine Gesellschaft, die der Verfügbarkeit der Welt Grenzen setzt.

Modernity's core endeavour is to increase our personal reach, our grasp on the world. However, according to Hartmut Rosa's controversial theory, this available world is a silent one. There is no longer a dialogue with it. Rosa counters this progressive estrangement between human and world with what he refers to as "resonance": a reverberating, unquantifiable relationship with an unavailable world. Resonance develops when we engage with something unknown, something irritating, something that lies beyond our controlling reach. The outcome of this process can't be planned or predicted, thus a moment of unavailability is always inherent to the occurrence of resonance.

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