

Book Review

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Mira Moshe has previously published books, chapters and articles in the field of sociology of emotions, and showed a particular academic interest for the time dimension in various other fields: political communication, new media, etc. The book published by NOVA Publishing House in 2016, *Temporal Love. Temporality and Romantic Relationships*, is a bold and refined inquiry into the intricacies of “there-and-then” vs. “here-and-now” of romantic relationships. To our knowledge, no other academic book has so far presented the multifaceted relationship between love and time, aiming at accounting for all instances that romantic relationships could incarnate, when faced with temporal perspectives. From this point of view, we believe to be no exaggeration in naming Mira Moshe’s book a pioneering endeavor.

The book is structured into five chapters: a first general approach to the temporal orientation of romantic relationships, and then two binary oppositions based on two time dimensions: synchrony (there-and-then vs. here-and-now) and diachrony (“taking a break” vs. “ever and ever”).

In the first chapter, “Temporal orientation and romantic relationships”, the author makes an interesting radiography of time representation in romantic relationships, based on people’s orientation towards the future, the past, or the present. A poignant insight into understanding how people perceive relationships on the time continuum is suggested by the comparison with a “Doppler effect”: the emotional responses to future events are much higher than those associated with past events. At the same time, the author shows the other side of the coin: the past

