

Chapter 1 Sociology The Sociological Imagination

This title examines how contemporary currents in sociology and social theory have influenced the field of organisation studies. It aims to combat the tendency towards myopia in the organisation studies field, which encourages reliance on resources and references drawn from within the field and discourages scholars from going beyond these boundaries to find inspiration and ideas. The contributing authors show how sociologists and sociological concepts from the US and Europe have provided new insights into the functioning of organisations. This book provides vivid examples of how sociologists are using sociological tools to make a positive impact on our society. In each chapter, four or five public sociologists will describe, in vivid detail, how they have used sociology to understand and influence the world around them. The chapters will cover the key topics in sociology courses and the pieces will bring the subject matter of sociology to life for students, giving them clear examples of the power and usefulness of sociology as they learn the course content. The discussion questions and suggested additional readings and resources at the end of every chapter will provide students the opportunity to delve further into the topics covered and help create full and nuanced discussions, grounded in the "real world" work of public sociologists.

This series provides readers with a real grounding for Foundation studies across healthcare disciplines. The text demonstrates how theory has a practical application, as well as testing student's knowledge.

Sociological perspectives and their application to social work are an inherent part of the QAA benchmark statements in the social work degree. In addition, graduates must understand how sociological perspectives can be used to dissect societal and structural influences on human behaviour at individual, group and community levels. This fully-revised second edition includes a new chapter on social class and welfare and is mapped to the new Professional Capabilities Framework for Social Work.

Many introductory texts claim to make sociology relevant to student interests. Perhaps no other text has done this so completely - and engagingly - as *Connecting Sociology to Our Lives*. Tim Delaney not only uses popular and contemporary culture examples, he explains sociology thoroughly within the frame of the contemporary culture of students - a culture shaped by political, economic, and environmental trends just as much as by today's pop stars. This book will help academics to engage their students in sociology through the prism of their own culture. It involves students in critical thinking and classroom discussion through the book's many 'What Do You Think?' inserts, and will inspire them to careers with the book's unique chapter, 'Sociology's Place in Society: Completing the Connection'.

How can sociology inform our understanding of young people's experiences? Introducing core theories by drawing on a range of cultural resources - from

by students for the dexterity in combining scope and accessibility. This latest volume, with its focus on community mental health, user movements criminal justice and the need for inter-agency working, alongside the more classical sociological critiques around social theories and social inequalities, demonstrates more than ever that sociological perspectives are crucial in the understanding and explanation of mental and emotional healthcare and practice, hence its audience extends across the related disciplines to everyone who is involved in this highly controversial and socially relevant arena." Gillian Bendelow, School of Law Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex, UK "From the classic bedrock studies to contemporary sociological perspectives on the current controversy over which scientific organizations will define diagnosis, Rogers and Pilgrim provide a comprehensive, readable and elegant overview of how social factors shape the onset and response to mental health and mental illness. Their sociological vision embraces historical, professional and socio-cultural context and processes as they shape the lives of those in the community and those who provide care; the organizations mandated to deliver services and those that have ended up becoming unsuitable substitutes; and the successful and unsuccessful efforts to improve the lives through science, challenge and law." Bernice Pescosolido, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Indiana University, USA

The second edition of this major textbook clearly shows how sociology can inform professional social work practice in the twenty-first century. It provides an easy-to-follow, jargon-free introduction to sociology for social work students, with crucial links to practice across a comprehensive range of topics. The need for an appreciation of the insights sociology has to offer about our world and our actions within it has been underlined by recent reforms to social work education, and the new edition furthers its commitments to this goal. The book shows how sociology is an exciting and relevant topic to social work with a variety of service user groups, and supports and extends students' learning through carefully designed pedagogical features. Richly illustrated with evidence and examples, the book uses engaging case studies to demonstrate the relevance of sociology to everyday practice. The new edition has been fully updated to explore contemporary issues for social workers, locating these in the context of global changes and strengthening its application of sociological theories to social work practice. Sociology for Social Workers will continue to be an invaluable teaching and learning resource that takes seriously sociology's capacity to contribute to positive social work practice.

?Packed full of case studies, activities and tools for real-life practice, this book covers all the main topics in the first year of both the undergraduate and postgraduate degree in social work. To provide a holistic view of the field, it used an integrated approach combining theory, policy and practice.

This best-selling comprehensive book conveys the relevance of sociology by including a timely collection of theories, research, and examples--including its signature first-person accounts that open chapters. Experiences represented in these opening vignettes accurately mirror the richness and complexity of society, while also establishing the themes that are carried throughout the chapters. Author Diana Kendall's vivid, inviting writing style, emphasis on applications, eye for the most compelling current examples, and use of assignable photo essays and companion videos engage readers and further highlight sociology's relevance to all students. Now

study of human and societal interaction, and because society is constantly changing, sociology will always remain a crucial and relevant subject. *Sociology For Dummies* helps you understand this complex field, serving as the ideal study guide both when you're deciding to take a class as well as when you are already participating in a course. Provides a general overview of what sociology is as well as an in-depth look at some of the major concepts and theories. Offers examples of how sociology can be applied and its importance to everyday life. Avoiding jargon, *Sociology For Dummies* will get you up to speed on this widely studied topic in no time.

Appropriate as a supplemental text to courses in Sociology. Providing an overview grounded in research. *Developments in Sociology* focuses on the major areas of theoretical, methodological and substantive developments in sociology. Each author takes a field of study in which they are an acknowledged expert and highlights the way in which the subject has developed over the last fifty years.

The sociology of Europe is a growing and diverse field. This book addresses it in a direct, wide ranging and up-to-date way. *Exploring the Sociology of Europe*: • clearly maps this new and emerging field • challenges and renews the sociological analysis of European modernity • provides an understanding of Europe as an historical, social and civil complex • develops and applies new interpretations of the key sociological themes of globalization, citizenship and cosmopolitanism to contemporary European society. This is a discerning and relevant book providing an informed analysis of European society which identifies and defines contemporary issues and engages with key social theoretical perspectives. Covering the substantive historical sociological aspects of Europe (Part 1), the historical and comparative sociology of the nation-state (Part 2), and the comparative sociology of welfare capitalism (Part 3) Maurice Roche sets out a clear and effective framework for understanding the sociology of Europe. The book will be of interest to all students, researchers and academics involved in studying, teaching and researching the expanding field of modern European society.

From religion to recession and social media to corporate power, this third edition continues to be the authority on global issues in contemporary society. Combining updated discussion of global challenges with clear writing and an emphasis on critical thinking, *Global Sociology* will inspire today's students of global society across disciplines.

How does a social work student make the connection between sociological knowledge and day-to-day social work? *Sociology for Social Workers and Probation Officers* provides an introduction to sociological ideas and research and places them firmly into the context of actual social work practice. It encourages readers to develop critical awareness and reach their own judgements about the usefulness and implications of holding certain conceptual positions and shows how social work can be better informed and improved by doing so. Fully revised and updated throughout, this second edition examines sociology in relation to key areas of social work and probation practice, and includes one new chapter. Areas covered are: Family Childhood Youth Community Care and Caring Health and Illness Crime. Essential reading for all social work and probation studies students, this text looks beyond individual and psychological explanations and solutions to develop a sociological knowledge base for social work practice.

Religion in Sociological Perspective is an introduction to the sociology of religion core text, designed to present and illustrate the basic theories sociologists use to understand the social dimensions of religion. First and foremost, the authors seek to help students understand the perspective from which sociologists view religion. By the time students have finished this book, they should understand the central theories and methods of research in the sociology of religion, and they should have an idea of how to apply these analytical tools to new groups they encounter. The goal of this text is to be illustrative rather than all-encompassing. The Fifth Edition continues to draw on a wide range of perspectives. The text aims to help students

recognize the contributions of various theoretical perspectives and the blind spots of each theory. Conflict, functional, social constructionist, and rational choice paradigms are used throughout the text. Various middle-range theories are also utilized to explore specific processes. Despite the effort to introduce many perspectives, however, we have made an effort to enhance integration of the text by using one framework throughout the book: the open systems model.

Written by award-winning scholar Jonathan Turner, *Theoretical Sociology: 1830 to the Present* covers new and emerging aspects of sociological theory and examines the significant contributions of both modern and founding theorists. Nine sections present detailed analyses of key theories and paradigms, including functionalism, evolutionary theory, conflict theory, critical theory, exchange theory, interactionist theory, and structuralism. Despite the in-depth discussions of theorists and their contributions to the field, the text is concise and focused, a perfect resource for readers seeking to develop a deeper understanding of contemporary and classical sociological theory.

Current and relevant to today's students, *SOCIOLOGY IN OUR TIMES: THE ESSENTIALS*, 10th Edition presents the latest available data and new insights on behaviors, issues, and trends in our nation and world from a sociological perspective. The new edition of this bestselling text emphasizes the theme of social change and the ways in which media—particularly social media—and other forms of technology inevitably bring about new ways of living, interacting with others, or doing certain activities or task. New sections on social change have been added throughout the book, and the theme also appears in the “Sociology Works!” and “Media” features. “Sociology and Social Policy” boxes return to this edition, examining issues such as gun control, prevention of military suicides, and whether employers should be allowed to “spy” on their employees. First-person accounts of individuals' lived experiences draw students into the chapter content by illuminating topics that reflect the text's primary themes of diversity, the application of sociology to everyday life, global comparisons, media, and social change. New timely topics include environmental activism, immigration, bullying and social media, and same-sex marriage. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This book is a hybrid of text and readings, providing both original, major writings of sociology's key classical theorists and a theoretical and historical framework, written by Edles/Applerouth, with which to better understand the readings. This is a major difference from the traditional reader which can leave students unmotivated when readings are thrown at them one after another with no interpretive guidance or analytical framework. Features/Benefits: - Text plus readings in a "hybrid form". The text will provide the interpretive and analytical guidance necessary to interpret the readings. It includes a 30 page introduction (Ch.1) , 8 - 14 page introductions in each chapter, 1 - 2 page article introductions, and a 10 -15 page conclusion at the end of the book. - 'Theoretical Orientation Diagrams' and 'Core Concepts Diagrams' provide students a means to fit the theorist under study into the broader universe of social theory. - 'Significant Others' boxes provide information and biographies on theorists who may have followed and derived much of their own perspective from the major theorists featured in each chapter. - Discussion questions at the ends of chapters. New to this Edition: - At least 7 new 'Significant Others' boxes. - Each chapter updated with new examples. - New readings added to Weber, Marx, and Durkheim chapters. - New chronological order for readings where possible (where not possible - i.e. it does not fit the logical thematic to do so there will be an explanation in the introduction as to why the readings are ordered the way they are).

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Theory and Practise in Sociology provide's students with a comprehensive, clear and accessible introduction to the main methods of research and the main

theoretical approaches in sociology, and help's them examine the relationship between methods and theory.

Stories are everywhere around us, from the ads on TV or music video clips to the more sophisticated stories told by books or movies. Everything comes wrapped in a story, and the means employed to weave the narrative thread are just as important as the story itself. In this context, there is a need to understand the role storytelling plays in contemporary society, which has changed drastically in recent decades. Modern global society is no longer exclusively dominated by the time-tested narrative media such as literature or films because new media such as videogames or social platforms have changed the way we understand, create, and replicate stories. The Handbook of Research on Contemporary Storytelling Methods Across New Media and Disciplines is a comprehensive reference book that provides the relevant theoretical framework that concerns storytelling in modern society, as well as the newest and most varied analyses and case studies in the field. The chapters of this extensive volume follow the construction and interpretation of stories across a plethora of contemporary media and disciplines. By bringing together radical forms of storytelling in traditional disciplines and methods of telling stories across newer media, this book intersects themes that include interactive storytelling and narrative theory across advertisements, social media, and knowledge-sharing platforms, among others. It is targeted towards professionals, researchers, and students working or studying in the fields of narratology, literature, media studies, marketing and communication, anthropology, religion, or film studies. Moreover, for interested executives and entrepreneurs or prospective influencers, the chapters dedicated to marketing and social media may also provide insights into both the theoretical and the practical aspects of harnessing the power of storytelling in order to create a cohesive and impactful online image.

Pierre Bourdieu's theory of practice is widely regarded as among the most innovative and illuminating fruits of recent social thought. As evidence mounts that the "spatial turn" in the social sciences and humanities is no mere theoretical fad, but rather an enduring paradigm of social and cultural research, Bourdieu's status as a profoundly spatial thinker takes on a renewed importance. The Spatial Logic of Social Struggle: A Bourdieuan Topology focuses on Bourdieu's philosophy of space, arguing that space is at once a condition for social knowledge, a methodological instrument, and a physical context for practice. By considering Bourdieu's theory of social space and fields alongside his several accounts of socially potent physical spaces, Nikolaus Fogle develops an understanding of the systematic co-determinations between social and physical space. He traces Bourdieu's ideas about the spatiality of social life through his investigations of Algerian peasant villages and Gothic cathedrals, as well as spaces of class, lifestyle and cultural creation, revealing that social and environmental struggles are only logical insofar as they are topological. He also demonstrates how a Bourdieuan dialectical understanding of social and physical

