

Anthony Giddens Sociology 7th Edition

Now in its eighth edition, this continues to be the indispensable guide to understanding the world we make and the lives we lead. Revised and updated throughout, it remains unrivalled in its vibrant, engaging and authoritative introduction to sociology. The authors provide a commanding overview of recent global developments and new ideas in sociology. Classic debates are also given careful coverage, with even the most complex ideas explained in an

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engaging way. Written in a fluent, easy-to-follow style, the book manages to be intellectually rigorous but still very accessible. With a strong focus on interactive pedagogy, it aims to engage and excite readers, helping them to see the enduring value of thinking sociologically. The eighth edition includes: a solid foundation in the basics of sociology: its purpose, methodology and theories; up-to-the-minute overviews of key topics in social life, from gender, personal life and poverty, to globalization, the media and politics; stimulating examples of what sociology has to say about key issues in our

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contemporary world, such as growing inequality, climate change and the rise of terrorism; a strong focus on global sociology and the ways that digital technologies are radically transforming our world; quality pedagogical features, such as Classic Studies and Global Society boxes, and Thinking Critically reflection points, as well as end-of-chapter activities inviting readers to engage with popular culture and original research articles to gather sociological insights. The eighth edition sets the standard for introductory sociology. Complete with extensive supporting resources at

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www.politybooks.com/giddens, it is the ideal teaching text for first-year university and college courses, and will help to inspire a new generation of sociologists. Sociology, Work and Organisation builds on the five popular and successful editions of Sociology, Work and Industry. The new text is outstanding in how effectively it explains the value of using the sociological imagination to understand the nature of institutions of work, organisations, occupations, management and employment and how they are changing in the 21st century. The book combines intellectual depth with accessible language and a user-

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friendly layout. It is unrivalled in the breadth of its coverage and its authoritative overview of both traditional and emergent themes in the sociological study of work and organisation. It explains the basic logic of the sociological analysis of work and the way work is organised, whilst also providing an appreciation of the different theoretical traditions which the subject draws upon. It fully considers: the direction and implication of trends in technological change, globalisation, labour markets, work organisation, managerial practices and employment relations the extent to which these trends are intimately

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related to changing patterns of inequality in modern societies and to the changing experiences of individuals and families the ways in which workers challenge, resist and make their own contributions to the patterning of work and shaping of work institutions. Key features include: a new signposting system which integrates material and brings out themes which run through the various chapters; 'key issue' guides and summaries with each chapter; and the identifying of key concepts throughout the book, which are then brought together in an unrivalled glossary and concept guide at the end.

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This social theory text combines the structure of a print reader with the ability to tailor the course via an extensive interactive website. Readings from important classical and contemporary theorists are placed in conversation with one another through core themes—the puzzle of social order, the dark side of modernity, identity, etc. The website includes videos, interactive commentaries, summaries of key concepts, exams and quizzes, annotated selections from key readings, classroom activities, and more. See the website at www.routledgesoc.com/theory

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Merton, Bruno Latour, David

Harvey, Zygmunt Bauman, and

Anthony Giddens.

A New York Times Notable Book

of 2016 Winner of the Zócalo

Public Square Book Prize On

March 29, 1516, the city council

of Venice issued a decree

forcing Jews to live in il getto—a

closed quarter named for the

copper foundry that once

occupied the area. The term

stuck. In this sweeping and

original account, Mitchell Duneier traces the idea of the ghetto from its beginnings in the sixteenth century and its revival by the Nazis to the present. As Duneier shows, we cannot comprehend the entanglements of race, poverty, and place in America today without recalling the ghettos of Europe, as well as earlier efforts to understand the problems of the American city. Ghetto is the story of the scholars and activists who tried to achieve that understanding. As Duneier shows, their efforts to wrestle with race and poverty cannot be divorced from their individual biographies, which often included direct encounters

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with prejudice and discrimination in the academy and elsewhere. Using new and forgotten sources, Duneier introduces us to Horace Cayton and St. Clair Drake, graduate students whose conception of the South Side of Chicago established a new paradigm for thinking about Northern racism and poverty in the 1940s. We learn how the psychologist Kenneth Clark subsequently linked Harlem's slum conditions with the persistence of black powerlessness, and we follow the controversy over Daniel Patrick Moynihan's report on the black family. We see how the sociologist William Julius Wilson

redefined the debate about urban America as middle-class African Americans increasingly escaped the ghetto and the country retreated from racially specific remedies. And we trace the education reformer Geoffrey Canada's efforts to transform the lives of inner-city children with ambitious interventions, even as other reformers sought to help families escape their neighborhoods altogether. Duneier offers a clear-eyed assessment of the thinkers and doers who have shaped American ideas about urban poverty—and the ghetto. The result is a valuable new estimation of an age-old

concept.

**Achieving Workers' Rights in the
Global Economy**

**The Perspective of Historical
Sociology**

The Sociology Book

Introductory Readings

**Sociology: A Very Short
Introduction**

Author's best-known and most controversial study relates the rise of a capitalist economy to the Puritan belief that hard work and good deeds were outward signs of faith and salvation.

The Third Edition of this widely adopted textbook has been thoroughly revised and offers an authoritative and up-to-date coverage of the key theories, concepts and issues in social policy.

The lively and readable text has been

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designed to provide students with the essential tools to gain a clear understanding of the theoretical debates surrounding the discipline. The book is organized into three parts:

- Part One offers a detailed but accessible critique of major theoretical approaches such as neo-liberalism, Marxism, feminism and racism;
- Part Two explores conceptual debates such as distributive justice and postmodernism;
- Part Three engages with contemporary social policy issues such as children, pensions and the role of New Labour. It also features newly commissioned chapters to reflect recent developments and current debates within social policy. New areas of consideration include:

- Citizenship
- Post-structuralism
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Student exercises and reading lists feature throughout the text and practical examples are skilfully used to illustrate conceptual and theoretical material, making it the ideal core textbook for undergraduate social policy students, as well as those studying related welfare modules across the social sciences.

A strong emphasis has been placed on creating a productive mixture of classic and contemporary readings which is highly readable and lively, yet remains challenging. Whilst particularly useful as a companion to the sixth edition of Giddens's Sociology, the reader is designed for use independently or alongside other textbooks. The reader maintains the distinctive approach

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which Sociology pioneered: strongly comparative and historically informed, it stresses the influence of globalizing trends in social life. The carefully selected readings range from studies of face-to-face interaction through to the analysis of large-scale global systems, and cover sociological theories of society as well as research methods. Amongst the new selections in this volume are readings on the Internet and virtual communities, the impact of ecological thinking and climate change on social science, offshoring and the future of work, global cities, patriarchy and shifting gender relations, intersecting social inequalities, the idea and practice of restorative justice, new forms of cybercrime, war, terrorism and the prospects for a global

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cosmopolitan democracy. The readings are arranged in ten thematic sections and each section is preceded by a summary in order to facilitate students' comprehension and critical reflection. The result is an exciting new text that encompasses the major themes and debates in both classical and contemporary sociology.

Sociology: Introductory Readings will be an essential resource for anyone who wishes to engage with the scope of sociological thought today. -- Back cover.

The seventh edition of **ARCHAEOLOGY** reflects the most recent research and changes in the field, while making core concepts easy to understand through an engaging writing style, personalized examples,

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and high-interest topics. This text pairs two of archaeology's most recognized names, Robert L. Kelly and David Hurst Thomas, who together have over 75 years of experience leading excavations. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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Introduction to Sociology

This book discusses and analyzes sociological theory as it is practiced today. It focuses on writers whose work has most influenced social theory and the way sociologists currently

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**approach and analyze their
subject matter.**

**In the Third Edition of Ken Allan's
highly-praised Contemporary
Social and Sociological Theory
book, sociological theories and
theorists are explored using a
straightforward approach and
conversational, jargon-free
language. Filled with examples
drawn from everyday life, this
edition highlights diversity in
contemporary society, exploring
theories of race, gender, and
sexuality that address some of
today's most important social
concerns. Through this textbook
students will learn to think
theoretically and apply to their
own lives.**

Sociology

This fully revised and updated

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version of Anthony Giddens's Sociology, now in its fifth edition, offers an unrivalled introduction for students new to the subject - lucid, lively, authoritative and original. Written by one of the world's leading sociologists, this comprehensive textbook manages to be clear, accessible and jargon-free, but without oversimplifying complex debates. Earlier editions of Sociology broke new ground by incorporating cutting-edge debates, such as the impact of globalisation, into an introductory text. This fifth edition remains a state of the art textbook, with fresh and engaging new material added throughout. While covering all of the core topics of sociology, the

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fifth edition also includes a great deal of substantive new material, ensuring that students are introduced to the most recent sociological debates.

Throughout, the book weaves together classical and contemporary theory and data, and provides a wide range of everyday examples to which students can easily relate. The fifth edition also benefits from: *

- New discussions of global inequality, disability, ageing and the life course, risk, the network society, and terrorism, as well as many other additional and up-to-date topics.**
- * Numerous learning aids in every chapter, such as summary points, questions for further thought, and additional reading**

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suggestions, which help to reinforce students' knowledge. * Lots of extra photographs, diagrams, case studies and cartoons, to bring ideas to life and fire students' imaginations. * High-quality supplementary resources on a dedicated website, including a full instructors' manual and additional student aids, all specially designed to stimulate students' learning and critical thinking. The fifth edition of this classic textbook is an ideal teaching text for first-year university and college courses, and will be essential reading for all students who are looking for an exciting, authoritative and easy-to-follow introduction to sociology. Please visit the

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accompanying website at:

<http://www.polity.co.uk/giddens5/>

**The Individual as Homo-
Sociologicus Through Society and
History**

Essential Concepts in Sociology

Essentials of Sociology

The Social Lens

Social Theory

*Corrections in the
Community, Sixth Edition,
examines the current state
of community corrections and
proposes an evidence-based
approach to making programs
more effective. As the U.S.
prison system approaches
meltdown, options like
probation, parole,
alternative sentencing, and
both residential and non-*

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residential programs in the community continue to grow in importance. This text provides a solid foundation and includes the most salient information available on the broad and dynamic subject of community corrections. Authors Latessa and Smith organize and evaluate the latest data on the assessment of offender risk/need/responsivity and successful methods that continue to improve community supervision and its effects on different types of clients, from the mentally ill to juveniles. This book provides students with a thorough understanding of the

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theoretical and practical aspects of community corrections and prepares them to evaluate and strengthen these crucial programs. This sixth edition includes a new chapter on specialty drug and other problem-solving courts. Now found in every state, these specialty courts represent a new way to deal with some of the problems that face our citizens, be it substance abuse or reentry to the community from prison. Chapters contain key terms, boxed material, review questions, and recommended readings, and a glossary is provided to clarify important concepts.

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With a combination of up-to-the minute examples, cutting-edge research, and the latest available data, Essentials of Sociology gets students thinking sociologically about what they're seeing in the news and on their screens. Highlighting the macro social forces at work in our everyday lives, the authors move students beyond their individual experiences and cultivate their sociological imaginations. Innovative pedagogy promotes active reading and helps students master core sociological concepts. This strong in-text pedagogical program is now supported by

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the course, but also develop the skills necessary for life beyond college.

The sexual revolution: an evocative term, but what meaning can be given to it today? How does 'sexuality' come into being and what connections does it have with the changes that have affected personal life on a more general plane? In answering these questions, Anthony Giddens disputes many of the dominant interpretations of the role of sexuality in modern culture. The emergence of what the author calls plastic sexuality - sexuality freed from its intrinsic relation to

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reproduction - is analysed in terms of the long-term development of the modern social order and social influences of the last few decades. Giddens argues that the transformation of intimacy, in which women have played the major part, holds out the possibility of a radical democratization of the personal sphere. This book will appeal to a large general audience as well as being essential reading for students and professionals.

An Invitation to Social and Sociological Theory
8th Edition
Contemporary Sociological Theory
The Transformation of

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Intimacy

Now available in a discounted bundle, buy the exciting new seventh edition of Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton's *Sociology* alongside the specially tailored and revised selection of key sociological works in *Sociology: Introductory Readings*. The main textbook provides an authoritative overview of recent global developments and new ideas in sociology.

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Classic debates are also given careful coverage, with even the most complex ideas explained in an engaging way. The reader offers a stimulating and wide-ranging set of readings to enable students to get to grips with original sociological thinking. A strong emphasis has been placed on creating a productive mixture of classic and contemporary readings which is highly readable and lively, yet remains challenging. Together

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the two books provide an engaging and thorough introduction to the full scope of sociology - a comprehensive resource for all students. For additional support and material, please visit the accompanying website at:

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Provides an introduction to core concepts in sociology. Presents both classic studies and current references to illustrate sociological concepts. Examines what sociology is, why

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sociology is important,
and why we study it.

Demonstrates how various
social forces impact our
lives and form our
social experiences.

First Published in 2005.

Routledge is an imprint
of Taylor & Francis, an
informa company.

The only textbook that
helps students make
micro-macro connections,

Introduction to

Sociology helps students
uncover the surprising
links between everyday
life and global change.

Key Ideas in Sociology

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**Modernity and Self-
Identity**

**Sociology, Work and
Organisation**

**The Protestant Ethic and
the Spirit of Capitalism**

The Third Way

**This book provides a
comprehensive overview of the
themes that make up the field of
Historical Sociology. At its centre
is the human individual as related
to social and historical
development. The key question it
raises is who or what is
responsible for the process of
human history: society or the
individual?**

The world was shocked in April

2013 when more than 1100 garment workers lost their lives in the collapse of the Rana Plaza factory complex in Dhaka. It was the worst industrial tragedy in the two-hundred-year history of mass apparel manufacture. This so-called accident was, in fact, just waiting to happen, and not merely because of the corruption and exploitation of workers so common in the garment industry. In *Achieving Workers' Rights in the Global Economy*, Richard P. Appelbaum and Nelson Lichtenstein argue that such tragic events, as well as the low wages, poor working conditions, and voicelessness endemic to the

vast majority of workers who labor in the export industries of the global South arise from the very nature of world trade and production. Given their enormous power to squeeze prices and wages, northern brands and retailers today occupy the commanding heights of global capitalism. Retail-dominated supply chains—such as those with Walmart, Apple, and Nike at their heads—generate at least half of all world trade and include hundreds of millions of workers at thousands of contract manufacturers from Shenzhen and Shanghai to Sao Paulo and San Pedro Sula. This book offers

**an incisive analysis of this
pernicious system along with
essays that outline a set of
practical guides to its radical
reform.**

**Popular opinion suggests that
information has become a
distinguishing feature of the
modern world. Where once
economies were built on industry
and conquest, we are now instead
said to be part of a global
information economy. In this new
and thoroughly revised edition of
his popular book, author Webster
brings his work up-to-date both
with new theoretical work and
with social and technological
changes - such as the rapid growth**

of the internet and accelerated globalization - and reassesses the work of key theorists in light of these changes. This book is essential reading for students of contemporary social theory and anybody interested in social and technological change in the post-war era.

The idea of finding a 'third way' in politics has been widely discussed over recent months - not only in the UK, but in the US, Continental Europe and Latin America. But what is the third way? Supporters of the notion haven't been able to agree, and critics deny the possibility altogether. Anthony Giddens

**shows that developing a third way
is not only a possibility but a
necessity in modern politics.**

**Critical Globalization Studies
Ghetto**

**Sociology, a Brief But Critical
Introduction**

Visualizing Social Worlds

**New Connections to Classical and
Contemporary Perspectives**

This fully updated Third
Edition of Kenneth Allan's
acclaimed *The Social Lens*
emphasizes the diversity
of classical and
contemporary theory,
critical thinking, and the
importance of historical
context. Chosen for the

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diversity of their perspectives and their suitability for introducing students to contemporary social thought, a wide variety of theorists appear in the text with their individual voices vividly intact. The author engages students in the historic and contemporary changes that have spawned diverse social theories and invites them to see theory as an element within a broader range of critical thinking skills that can be applied to current social problems.

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A comprehensive and cross-cultural look at the sociology of education. The text integrates important and diverse topics in the field by showing how they are related. The Sociology of Education: A Systematic Analysis provides a sociological analysis of education using several theoretical approaches. The authors include practical applications and current educational issues to discuss the structure and processes that make education systems work. Learning Goals Upon

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completing this book,
readers should be able to:
Learn diverse theoretical
approaches in the
sociology of education
Assess important current
or emerging topics,
including higher
education, informal
education ("climate" and
the "hidden curriculum"),
the school environment,
education around the
world, and educational
movements and alternatives
Understand how change
takes place and what role
sociologists play Become
involved with educational
systems where they can put

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to use the knowledge
available in textbooks
This first truly
multicultural anthology
collects important,
readable texts
representative of the full
range of social theory
from the nineteenth
century to the present.
Now that social theory is
practiced in many
disciplines, it is
necessary to reflect on
the variety of theories
being read today and the
earlier sources that are
customarily neglected. If
today we read Donna
Haraway, Henry Louis

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Gates, and Michel Foucault, we should also read and understand Charlotte Perkins Gilman and W.E.B. Du Bois, alongside Max Weber, Georg Simmel, William James, and others from the end of the nineteenth century. This book, therefore, sets a wider gauge for the understanding of the history of social thought than could have been possible before. It brings together theories in unexpected and exciting ways: those of Talcott Parsons and Dorothy Smith, Robert K. Merton and

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Jacques Lacan, Immanuel Wallerstein and Frantz Fanon, James Coleman and Molefi Asante. Extensive introductory essays by the editor situate the readings in their historical place and time, identifying the currents of social change that shaped fundamental questions of modern and postmodern life. This fourth edition has been thoroughly revised and updated to include cutting-edge documents on tele technologies, masculinities, rhizomes, bare life, and more.

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Key Ideas in Sociology provides a tour d'horizon of the great sociological thinkers of the last two centuries -- their lives, their main ideas, and their influence on further thinking and practice in sociology. Fifty key thinkers in sociology are represented, both to give a sense of history to the development of the discipline and to exemplify the range of issues that have been covered. Each essay concludes with an annotated Suggested Readings list, and a

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General Bibliography is also provided.

Expanding the Classical Tradition

Theories of the Information Society
Contemporary Social and Sociological Theory
Sociology

A Systematic Analysis

REA's Essentials provide quick and easy access to critical information in a variety of different fields, ranging from the most basic to the most advanced.

As its name implies, these concise, comprehensive study guides summarize the essentials of the field covered. Essentials are helpful when preparing for exams, doing homework and will remain a lasting reference source for students, teachers, and

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professionals. Sociology reviews sociological perspectives, methods of research, socialization and self-formation, cultures, society, theories of societies, social structure and the social process, social groups and organizations, deviance, law and crime, the family, social stratification, gender and sexuality, ethnicity and race, aging and the elderly, health care, collective behavior, social movements and social change.

Learn about how we organize our society in *The Sociology Book*. Part of the fascinating Big Ideas series, this book tackles tricky topics and themes in a simple and easy to follow format. Learn about Sociology in this overview guide to the subject, great for beginners looking to learn and experts wishing to refresh their knowledge alike! *The Sociology Book* brings a

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fresh and vibrant take on the topic through eye-catching graphics and diagrams to immerse yourself in. This captivating book will broaden your understanding of Sociology, with: - More than 80 ideas from the world's most renowned sociologists - Packed with facts, charts, timelines and graphs to help explain core concepts - A visual approach to big subjects with striking illustrations and graphics throughout - Easy to follow text makes topics accessible for people at any level of understanding The Sociology Book is the perfect introduction to a range of societal issues, ranging from government and gender identity to inequalities and globalization, aimed at adults with an interest in the subject and students wanting to gain more of an overview. Here you'll find biographies of key sociologists and

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social activists that give a historical context to each idea. Your Sociology Questions, Simply Explained This book explores the similar issues that affect us all; the tension between the needs of the individual and society, the changing workplace, and the role of everything from government to mass culture in our lives. If you thought it was difficult to learn about social theory, The Sociology Book presents key information in a clear layout. Learn about issues of equality, diversity, identity, and human rights; the role of institutions; and the rise of urban living in modern society, with fantastic mind maps and step-by-step summaries. The Big Ideas Series With millions of copies sold worldwide, The Sociology Book is part of the award-winning Big Ideas series from DK. The series uses striking graphics along with engaging

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writing, making big topics easy to understand.

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improved material on the global financial crisis, recent social unrest (from student protests and austerity riots to the Arab Spring), the environment, new media technologies, feminist social theory, intersectionality and shifting global power; further revisions and updating in all the chapters; a strong focus on global sociology, and the sociological imagination; new fully developed end of chapter materials, inviting readers to engage with popular culture as well as original research articles to gather sociological insights; specially chosen, eye-catching photographs, which capture the everyday drama of the social world; all the quality pedagogical features from the previous edition, such as "Classic Studies" and "Global Society" boxes, and "Thinking Critically" reflection

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points. A best-selling textbook for nearly 25 years, the seventh edition sets the standard for introductory sociology. Complete with regularly updated extensive supporting resources at www.politybooks.com/giddens, it is the ideal teaching text for first-year university and college courses, and will help to inspire a new generation of sociologists.

Building upon the success of previous editions, this fully revised edition of *Sociology* lays the foundations for understanding sociology in Australia. The depth and breadth of the book ensures its value not only for first-year students, but for sociology majors requiring on-going reference to a range of theoretical perspectives and current debates. This fifth Australian edition continues to build on the

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book's reputation for coverage, clarity and content, drawing upon the work of leading Australian sociologists as well as engaging with global social trends and sociological developments.

The Basics of Sociology

Essentials of Sociology, 7e with Media Access Reg Card + Readings for

Sociology, 9e

Sociology Essentials

Social Policy

The Invention of a Place, the History of an Idea

This major study develops a new account of modernity and its relation to the self. Building upon the ideas set out in The Consequences of Modernity, Giddens argues that 'high' or 'late' modernity is a post

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traditional order characterised by a developed institutional reflexivity. In the current period, the globalising tendencies of modern institutions are accompanied by a transformation of day-to-day social life having profound implications for personal activities. The self becomes a 'reflexive project', sustained through a revisable narrative of self identity. The reflexive project of the self, the author seeks to show, is a form of control or mastery which parallels the overall orientation of modern institutions towards 'colonising the future'. Yet it also helps

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promote tendencies which place that orientation radically in question - and which provide the substance of a new political agenda for late modernity. In this book Giddens concerns himself with themes he has often been accused of unduly neglecting, including especially the psychology of self and self-identity. The volumes are a decisive step in the development of his thinking, and will be essential reading for students and professionals in the areas of social and political theory, sociology, human geography and social psychology.

Drawing on studies of social

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class, crime and deviance, education, work in bureaucracies and changes in religious and political organizations, this Very Short Introduction explores the tension between the individual's place in society and society's role in shaping the individual, and demonstrates the value of sociology for understanding the modern world. In this new edition Steve Bruce discusses the continuing arguments for social egalitarianism, considering issues such as gay marriage, women in combat roles, and the 2010 Equality Act to debunk contemporary arguments against parity. As gender divisions are

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increasingly questioned he looks ahead to the likely consequences of this for society. Delving into the theory of sociology, Bruce also argues that the habit of dividing sociology into apparently competing 'sects' is misleading, and shows how a new understanding of the disciplinary background of many of the most famous theorists, which shows that much social theory is actually philosophy or literary theory, will prove useful to today's sociologists. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every

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Social life is in a constant process of change, and sociology can never stand still.

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Central to this endeavour is the use of core concepts and ideas which allow sociologists to make

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sense of societies, though our understanding of these concepts necessarily evolves and changes. This clear and jargon-free book introduces a careful selection of essential concepts that have helped to shape sociology and others that continue to do so. Going beyond brief, dictionary-style definitions, Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton provide an extended discussion of each concept which sets it in historical and theoretical context, explores its main meanings in use, introduces relevant criticisms, and points readers to its ongoing development in contemporary

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research and theorizing. Organized in ten thematic sections, the book offers a portrait of sociology through its essential concepts, ranging from capitalism, identity and deviance to globalization, the environment and intersectionality. It will be essential reading for all those new to sociology as well as anyone seeking a reliable route map for a rapidly changing world.

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