From A Sociological Perspective Critically Evaluate The

This book provides an original analysis of change management in organizations in the light of wider sociological perspectives, and critically examines the theoretical frameworks underpinning many contemporary accounts of organizational change.

All sociology is implicitly critical because the sociological perspective questions and debunks what common sense takes for granted. Some sociology is explicitly critical of how the domination of states, corporations, the media, and other powerful institutions attenuate our potential for living autonomous lives in today's world. In Critical Sociology, Buechler explores sociology's double critique. The book opens with chapters on how to think sociologically; an overview of the scientific, humanistic, and critical schools of sociology; and a more detailed exposition of the critical tradition. He applies this critical tradition to economics, politics, and culture; to class, race, and gender; to individualism, self, and identity; and to globalization, social movements, and democracy.

This book addresses the issues raised by the emergence of 'smart' dimensions and initiatives in society, critically engaging with questions surrounding the feasibility of what smart initiatives propose and the extent to which they can really offer solutions to the challenges we face.

Institutions shape every dimension of politics. This volume collects original essays on how such institutions are formed, operated, and changed, both in theory and in practice. Ranging across formal institutions of government such as legislatures, courts, and bureaucracies and intermediary institutions such as labor unions and party systems, the contributors show how these instruments of control give shape to the state, articulate its relationships, and express its legitimacy. Rethinking Political Institutions captures the state of the art in the study of the art of the state. Drawing on some of the leading scholars in the field, this volume includes essays on issues of social power, public policy and programs, judicial review, and cross-national institutions. Rethinking Political Institutions is an essential addition to the debate on the significance of political institutions, in light of democracy, social change and power. Contributors: Elisabeth S. Clemens, Jon Elster, John Ferejohn, Terry M. Moe, Claus Offe, Paul Pierson, Ulrich K. Preuss, Rogers M. Smith, Kathleen Thelen, Mark Tushnet, R. Kent Weaver, Margaret Weir, Keith E. Whittington

Condensed Version

An Introduction to Sociology

Investigations Towards a New Sociology of Language

Sociological Perspectives

Sociological Perspectives on Mass Media

A Journey Into Critical Thinking

This fully updated Sixth Edition of Religion in Sociological Perspective introduces students to the basic theories and methods in the field, and shows them how to apply these analytic tools to new groups they encounter. The authors explore three interdependent subsystems of religion—meaning, structure, and belonging—and their connections to the larger social structure. While they cover the major theoretical paradigms of the field and employ various middle-range theories to explore specific processes, they use the open systems model as a single unifying framework to integrate the theories and enhance student understanding. Contributor to the SAGE Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award Find out more at www.sagepub.com/sociologyaward

Critical SociologyRoutledge

Our Social World: Introduction to Sociology, Brief Edition introduces the discipline of sociology to the contemporary student and provides an integrated, comprehensible framework from which to view the world in a concise format. In each chapter, authors Jeanne H. Ballantine and Keith A. Roberts provide an organizing theme that is not exclusively tied to one theoretical paradigm to help students see relationships between topics. Our Social World presents the perspective of students living in the larger global world. Features of this brief edition: - Offers a strong global focus: A global perspective is integrated into each chapter to encourage students to think of global society as a logical extension of their own micro world. - Deep Learning Approach: Encourages Students to think critically about the social World - Presents The Social World Model in each chapter: This organizing framework helps students understand the interrelatedness of core concepts.

Teachers' emotions have been issues drawing the attentions of educational scientists. Since teachers' emotions has been regarded as a psychological phenomonon, the educational scientists explain how teachers feel and how their feelings affect educational process with psychological theories. However, more and more educational scientists note that teachers' emotions are socially constructed and the social construction of teachers' emotions is not explained by the psychological theories. As a result, they swith their theoretical perspectives from psychology to sociology. In the literature, the sociological theories they have employed include the labor process theory, theory of bureaucracy, emotional labor theory, post-structuralism, theory of emotinoal geographies, and identity theory. Nevertheless, each of the theories has some limitations. Therefore, the goals of this book is to (1) introduce and review the sociological theories which are applied to explain teachers' emotions critically and (2) propose a sociological framework and research agenda for further studies based on the critically review.

Essentials of Sociology

Digital Health and Technological Promise

Learning About the Sociological Imagination (First Edition)

Introduction to Sociology 2e

Our Social World

Learning about Sociology and the Sociological Imagination

"A Journey into Critical Thinking: Exploring Social Issues" is a culmination of ideas and information from various writers, including the editor of this book, regarding the process of critical thinking. This book is intended as a stepping-stone in the procession of expanding one's critical thinking while ensuring the reader is familiar with basic skills involved in the identification and evaluation of an argument. "A Journey into Critical Thinking" is an essential text that provides readers with the basics to utilize when considering information one reads, hears, and sees while forming opinions and positions on social issues. "A Journey into Critical Thinking" is organized into four parts: - Characteristics of Critical Thinking - Identification - Assessment and Evaluation - Articles for Consideration Debra L. Welkley has taught sociology courses for over 19 years in four-year colleges and universities as well as community colleges. She also has more than 20 years of experience working in various social services venues. Her goal in the classroom is to engage the student in the process of learning. During the past decade she has taught critical thinking by incorporating the sociological perspective and using social issues as discussion points for students to practice their critical thinking skills.

Introduction to Sociology 2e adheres to the scope and sequence of a typical, one-semester introductory sociology course. It offers comprehensive coverage of core concepts, foundational scholars, and emerging theories, which are supported by a wealth of engaging learning materials. The textbook presents detailed section reviews with rich questions, discussions that help students apply their knowledge, and features that draw learners into the discipline in meaningful ways. The second edition retains the book's conceptual organization, aligning to most courses, and has been significantly updated to reflect the latest research and provide examples most relevant to today's students. In order to help instructors transition to the revised version, the 2e changes are described within the preface. The images in this textbook are grayscale. Authors include: Heather Griffiths, Nathan Keirns, Eric Strayer, Susan Cody-Rydzewski, Gail Scaramuzzo, Tommy Sadler, Sally Vyain, Jeff Bry, Faye Jones

Sociological social work is a lifelong social work practice which is animated by a sociological perspective. Social workers 'shorthand' orientations such as 'strengths perspective', 'task centred' or 'humanistic' (to name but a few), as a way to identify their philosophical and theoretical approaches in professional life. Whilst some texts have examined sociology for social work, this text instead proposes that sociological social work is a legitimate and theoretically rich orientation, and this book demonstrates what sociological social work looks like in our rapidly changing world. This text will equip students and practitioners with a way to think sociologically, not just while they are studying, but as an ever present reference for making sense of social work purpose and how this is realised in a transforming world. This follows an established tradition in social work literature, but this book elevates and names the importance of this approach, which we argue is critically needed if social work is to achieve its agenda in transformative social, political economic and environmental contexts. The current landscape in which we live is one that is characterised by rapid changes which have implications for the life experiences of those with whom social workers work, social justice advocacy agendas, and for fulfilling the purpose of social work more generally. This book is essential reading for those looking to keep up with these changes.

Hailed upon publication as a cogent and hard-hitting critique, The Sociological Imagination took issue with the ascendant schools of sociology in the United States, calling for a humanist sociology connecting the social, personal, and historical dimensions of our lives. Leading sociologist Todd Gitlin brings this fortieth anniversary edition up to date with a lucid afterword in which he considers the ways social analysis has progressed since Mills first published his study in 1959. A classic in the field, this book still provides rich food for our imagination.

The Study of Social Problems

Sociology

Political Legitimacy beyond Weber

The Contemporary Critique of Positivism: The Issues of Replicability and Universality

The Power Elite

Digital Sociology

This book studies past economics from anthropological, archaeological, historical and sociological perspectives. By analyzing archeological and other evidence, it examines economic behavior and institutions in ancient societies. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, it critically discusses dominant economic models that have influenced the study of past economic relations in various disciplines, while at the same time highlighting alternative theoretical trajectories. In this regard, the book's goal is not only to test theoretical models under scrutiny, but also to present evidence against the rationalization of past economic behavior according to the rules of modern markets. The contributing authors cover various topics, such as trade in the classical Greek world, concepts of commodity and value, and management of economic affluence.

What is 'digital health'? And, what are its implications for medicine and healthcare, and for individual citizens and society? 'Digital health' is of growing interest to policymakers, clinicians, and businesses. It is underpinned by promise and optimism, with predictions that digital technologies and related innovations will soon 'transform' medicine and healthcare, and enable individuals to better manage their own health and risk and to receive a more 'personalised' treatment and care. Offering a sociological perspective, this book critically examines the dimensions and implications of 'digital health', a term that is often ill defined, but signifies the promise of technology to 'empower' individuals and improve their lives as well as generating efficiencies and wealth. The chapters explore relevant sociological concepts and theories; changing conceptions of the self-evident in citizens' growing use of wearables, online behaviours and patient activism; changes in medical practices, especially precision (or 'personalised') medicine and growing reliance on 'big data' and algorithm-driven decisions; the character of the digital healthcare economy; and the perils of 'digital health'. It is argued that, for various reasons, including the way digital technologies are designed and operate and the influence of big technology companies and other interests seeking to monetise citizens' data, 'digital health' is unlikely to deliver much of what is promised. Citizens' use of digital technologies is likened to a Faustian bargain: citizens are likely to surrender something of far greater value (their personal data) than what they obtain from their use. However, growing data activism and calls for 'algorithmic accountability' highlight the potential for citizens to create alternative futures—ones oriented to fulfilling human needs rather than techno-utopian visions. This ground-breaking book will provide an invaluable resource for those seeking to understand the socio-cultural and politico-economic implications of digital health.

Legitimacy is an essential concept in politics. But what is it? This book seeks to answer this question through adopting Weber's sociological approach to legitimacy. Weber argues that we should not only understand legitimacy from the perspective of the political order, but that we should also look at its subjective meaning. If this approach seems to have fallen into discredit since Weber formulated it almost a century ago, Netelenbos argues that we need to bring back the subjective into political sociology and theory. Political Legitimacy beyond Weber argues that contemporary politics in late-modern society cannot merely be understood in terms of legitimate domination or formal bureaucratic organisation. Politics is also about strategic conflict, coordination and argumentation. Based upon these different conceptualisations of politics and by critically evaluating some of the most leading sociologies, Netelenbos presents four analytical perspectives of political legitimacy. Providing crucial insights into the multiple dimensions of political legitimacy, this will be an essential tool for both empirical and normative research.

"All Media Are Social" offers an introduction to the wide-ranging field of media sociology. Covering political economy, media representation, and media effects, Lindner and Barnard synthesize empirical findings, while explaining with examples and clear prose"--

An Analytical Framework

Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life, Brief Edition

Sociological Social Work

Analyzing Social Policy

Multiple Perspectives for Critically Understanding and Evaluating Policy

Natural Women, Cultured Men

Critical Sociology is a thoroughly revised, updated, and sophisticated introduction to the sociological perspective as a critical lens on society. Much has happened since the first edition: the Great Recession, the Obama presidency, the burgeoning role of social media, and recent global social movements such the Tea Party, Occupy Wall Street, and the Arab Spring. In this second edition, Buechler discusses the changing relationship between social movements and democracy. The book contains chapters on how to think sociologically; an overview of scientific, humanistic, and critical schools of sociology; and a detailed exposition of the critical tradition.

*In recent years, there has been an explosion of books on the nature of organisational change and the management skills needed to effectively carry it out. Many are written by change gurus and management consultants offering quick fixes and metaphor laden business toolkits, however, much of their advice is banal and under-theorized. This book redresses this balance by providing an original analysis of change management in organizations in the light of wider sociological perspectives. It critically examines the, often implicit, theoretical frameworks underpinning many contemporary accounts of organizational change, and covers subjects including: * the importance of explicit analysis of theory and context * a critique of populist management gurus and quick-fix 'how-to' solutions * 'under-socialized' models of change which emphasise structure over human action * trenchant analysis of 'soft' HRM solutions * the management of culture. Radical and innovative, this book, the first to adopt a sociological approach, is a much-needed challenge to the orthodoxies of change management.*

This book critically examines Australia's counter terrorism measures by looking at the country's legislative framework within the context of an international law framework and norms relating to human rights. It discusses the Australian governments justifications for the war on terrorism and sociological theories relating to 'risk society' as a way to explain Australia's counter terrorism policies and the impact of the war on terror on social cohesion in Australia. It looks at the adverse impacts of the war on terror on Muslims in Australia and their sense of belonging in a multicultural society and analyses these developments from a sociological perspective. The book also explores the recent shift in the Australian governments' approach to countering terrorism, a shift from a coercive approach to tackling terrorism to a community engagement approach focused on building relationships and trust with Australia's diverse communities, particularly the Muslim community.

Learning About Sociology and the Sociological Imagination invites students to develop a sociological perspective by identifying and considering the links between individual experiences, the current social context, and the past. Through a collection of carefully curated readings, the text helps readers better understand cultural variations in social interaction, the development of self, the formation of families and communities, the processes that produce conformity or deviance, and the conditions that lead to conflict and social change. The anthology familiarizes students with theories and methods of sociology and then challenges them to apply what they've learned to explore the influence of race, class, gender, ethnicity, and age on the human experience. The book features a distinct focus on the social problems of our time, including racial inequality, the problematic nature of the gender binary, social violence, drug and substance abuse, issues related to punishment in society, and more. The text also explores the ways in which these challenges are perceived and dealt with in society. Learning About Sociology and the Sociological Imagination

inspires students to critically examine contemporary issues and to better understand their individual place within society. The anthology is an excellent resource for foundational courses in sociology.

Selected Essays

All Media Are Social

Critical Theory

Organizational Change

Deviance and Social Control: A Sociological Perspective

Ten Questions

This book critically assesses the learning that is required and provided within a learning society and gives a detailed sociological analysis of the emerging role of lifelong learning with examples from around the globe. Divided into three clear parts the book: looks at the development of the knowledge economy provides a critique of lifelong learning and the learning society focuses on the changing nature of research in the learning society. The author, well-known and highly respected in this field, examines how lifelong learning and the learning society have become social phenomena across the globe. He argues that the driving forces of globalisation are radically changing lifelong learning and shows that adult education/learning only gained mainstream status because of these global changes and as learning became more work orientated.

This book reexamines Chinese sociology's point of departure and boundaries of western sociology from a new academic perspective, and offers a new definition of the essence and mission of sociology, drawing and critically reflecting on the ideological and theoretical theories of the classic sociologists. On this basis, it makes a careful study of the origin of Confucian classics and western sources of Chinese sociology and analyses the origin and evolution of Chinese sociology at the intersection of Chinese and western academic history. Further, it provides a deep and thorough discussion of the social theories of Chinese sociology pioneers and founders (such as Fu Yan, Youwei Kang, and Qichao Liang) and comments on Shuming Liang's sociological theory, which emphasizes the Chinese culture and tradition as well as the particularity of the Chinese social structure. In addition, it also offers an in-depth analysis of Xiaotong Fei's advocacy of the idea of expanding the traditional boundaries of sociology in his later years. With regard to promoting the development of a new Chinese sociology, the book is particularly important in terms of expanding academic research and promoting discipline construction.

From formulation to implementation, an approach to the analysis of social policy through the lens of research Analyzing Social Policy prepares professionals and students to make better informed decisions related to identifying and understanding the intricacies and potential impact of social policymaking and enactment on their organization as well as their individual responsibilities, goals, and objectives. Authors Mary Katherine O'Connor and F. Ellen Netting thoroughly examine various approaches to the analysis of social policies and how these approaches provide the knowledge, multiple perspectives, and other resources to understand and grasp the nuances of social policy in all its complexity. Comprehensive and based on research, Analyzing Social Policy explores: An overview of the practice of social policy analysis The role of research in guiding policy analysis The idea of policy analyses as research Themes, assumptions, and major theories that undergird rational models of policy analysis Nonrational themes, assumptions, and major theories informing nontraditional interpretive and critical approaches to policy analysis Strategies for applying selected models and approaches when engaging in policy analysis as research Providing practitioners and students with a set of tools that can be used to enhance an understanding of what constitutes policy as well as acceptable standards for critical analysis of policy, this resource enables policy advocates—regardless of their level—to be political, strategic, and critical in their work.

Adapted from David M. Newman's best-selling Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life, this briefer, streamlined version continues to show students how to see the "unfamiliar in the familiar," inspiring them to think critically about their own lives and social contexts. As in the full text, the author's approachable writing style and lively personal anecdotes make the Brief Edition a text that "reads like a real book." It uses the metaphors of "architecture" and "construction" to help students understand that society is not something that exists "out there," independently of themselves; it is a human creation that is planned, formed, maintained, or altered by individuals. Rather than surveying every subfield in sociology, the Brief Edition focuses on the individual and society, the construction of self and society, and social inequality in the context of social structures.

Organisational Change

In Sickness and in Health

Critical New Perspectives on ADHD
Sociology of Science
Counter Terrorism and Social Cohesion

Sociology and our sociological imaginations are having to confront new digital landscapes spanning mediated social relationships, practices and social structures. This volume assesses the substantive challenges faced by the discipline as it critically reassesses its position in the digital age.

This text introduces students to a range of topics and perspectives in medical sociology. These include lay v. expert care, health and the environment, and bioethics. The selections highlight the diversity of intellectual discourse in the field and elicit critical thinking, applications of theory, and lively discussion.

Deviance and Social Control: A Sociological Perspective serves as a guide to students delving into the fascinating world of deviance for the first time, offering clear overviews of issues and perspectives in the field as well as introductions to classic and current academic literature. The unique text/reader format provides the best of both worlds, offering both substantial original chapters that give an overview of the field and the theories, as well as carefully selected articles on deviance and social control taken directly from leading academic journals and books.

The aim of this book is to critically discuss the validity of replicability and universality principles of positivism from a sociological perspective. The main critiques of contemporary positivism are given by the schools of thought represented by multifarious thinkers. The critique of positivist sociology, which confirms itself based on continuous replication and aims to reach universal laws, is given and the validity of replicability principle from the sociological point of view, is discussed. The discussion begins with brief premises of classical positivism, proceeds to contemporary critique of logical positivism and is complemented by the post-2010 Replication Crisis. The particular emphasis is given to the Replication Crisis, and the reasons why replication studies are rare in sociology, are discussed. As a result of the study, it is concluded that positivist claims: replication and universality principles lose their validity in sociology due to ontological, epistemological, individual and structural aspects. Keywords: Positivism, Replicability, Universality, Replication Crisis

A Feminist Perspective on Sociological Theory

Smart Society

The Capability Approach

A Sociological Perspective on Smart Living

A Critical Canadian Introduction

Religion in Sociological Perspective

Experts from all over the world take a critical, highly international and often controversial perspective on the ADHD phenomenon – a condition that has reached global proportions, significantly affecting the lives of children, parents and teachers worldwide. This book raises a number of concerns often not covered by the material currently available to parents and practitioners. Critical New Perspectives on ADHD unpicks the myths surrounding the development of this phenomenon and leaves no stone unturned in its search for answers. An in-depth exploration into the reasons for the emergence and maintenance of ADHD lead to suggested explanations of the dominance of US psychiatric models and the need for new markets for major pharmaceutical companies, as well as the functions that ADHD diagnoses fulfil in families, classrooms and communities. In a world where moves to educational inclusion are paradoxically paralleled by the ever-increasing use of medication to control children's behaviour, this book scrutinises current accepted practice and offers alternative perspectives and strategies for teachers and other education professionals. This in an invaluable resource for anyone with a serious interest in ADHD and other behavioural difficulties.

A Down-to-Earth Approach James Henslin shares the excitement of sociology. With his acclaimed "down-to-earth" approach and personal writing style, the author highlights the sociology of everyday life and its relevance to students' lives. With wit, personal reflection, and illuminating examples, Henslin shares with readers his passion for sociology. In addition to this trademark down-to-earth approach, other distinctive features include: comparative perspectives, the globalization of capitalism, and visual presentations of sociology. Teaching & Learning Experience Personalize Learning – The new MySocLab delivers proven results in helping students succeed, provides engaging experiences that personalize learning, and comes from a trusted partner with educational expertise and a deep commitment to helping students and instructors achieve their goals. Improve Critical Thinking – New Learning Objectives & Questions on each page reinforce key concepts and build critical thinking skills. Engage Students – New design and personal narrative from the perspective of an international field researcher invites students on a sociological journey. Explore Theory – Offers a balanced approach; relevant theories are discussed in each chapter. Understand Diversity – Global, national, and personal material combine to present a complete view of the world. Support Instructors – New Integrated Test Bank & written activities and assessment in MySocLab engage students and help them succeed. Note: MySocLab does not come automatically packaged with this text. To purchase MySocLab, please visit: www.mysoclab.com or you can purchase a valuepack of the text + MySocLab (at no additional cost).

Now in its seventh edition, The Study of Social Problems uses seven sociological perspectives--social pathology, social disorganization, value conflict, deviant behavior, labeling, the critical perspective, and social constructionism--to examine social problems. Focusing on theory, this critically acclaimed anthology distinguishes itself from other texts, which are organized topically. Each section opens with an overview of the perspective's major contributors, its history, and its main characteristics and closes with a critique of the perspective and questions for discussion. Thirty-six readings drawn from a wide range of primary sources illustrate and expand upon the key elements of each approach. The seventh edition features updated textual material, readings, and annotated references. Ten new contemporary selections cover the pathology of everyday life; sexual education and value conflict; self-injury and differential association; the stigma of charity; attacks on labeling theory; capitalism and the problems of class, race, and gender; state-corporate crime; changing constructions of rape; immigration; and terrorism as a social problem. Long a standard in its field, The Study of Social Problems, Seventh Edition, is an affordable, comprehensive, and indispensable volume for social problems courses.

Sociology of Science: A Critical Canadian Introduction provides an overview of the scientific enterprise using the techniques and tools of modern sociology with a particular emphasis on Canadian research.

Language and the Social

Critical Perspectives

A Sociological Perspective

Origin and Expansion of Chinese Sociology

On a Discursive Conversation Between Queer Theory and Sociology

Sociological Understandings of Teachers' Emotions: A Short Introdution, Critical Review, and the Way Forward

SÉVERINE DENEULIN, MATHIAS NEBEL AND NICHOLAS SAGOVSKY TRANSFORMING UNJUST STRUCTURES The Capability Approach THE CAPABILITY APPROACH Structural injustice has traditionally been the concern of two major academic disciplines: economics and philosophy. The dominant model of economics has long been that of neo-classical economics. For neo-classical economists, human we- being is to be assessed by the availability of disposable income or according to goods consumed: it is measured by the levels of utility achieved in the consumption of commodities. Social order is fashioned by the ways consumers maximise their 1 well-being and enterprises maximise their profits. A core assumption is that all 2 commodities are commensurable: they can all be measured according to a single 3 numerical covering value, which is their price. Within this neo-classical paradigm, justice is achieved when the utility level of someone cannot be increased without 4 another person seeing his or her utility level decrease. The dominant paradigm of neo-classical economics was strongly challenged when development and welfare economist Amartya Sen received the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1998. His work offered an alternative to the neo-classical evaluation of human well-being in the utility/commodity space. The underlining philosophical intuition behind Sen's work is that the standard of living lies in the living and not in the consumption of commodities. In searching for an alternative measure of human well-being, Sen devised his capability approach.

These essays, written in the 1930s and 1940s, represent a first selection in English from the major work of the founder of the famous Institute for Social Research in Frankfurt. Horkheimer's writings are essential to an understanding of the intellectual background of the New Left and the to much current social-philosophical thought, inclu the work of Herbert Marcuse. Apart from their historical significance and even from their scholarly eminence, these essays contain an immediate relevance only now becoming fully recognized.

The Critique of Archaeological Economy

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