

Modern Sociological Theory Paperback

Können wir uns eine wirklich ›neue Wirtschaft‹ vorstellen, in der alle, die bereit, gewillt und fähig sind zu arbeiten, eine echte Chance bekommen, einen Beitrag zur Gesellschaft zu leisten? Mit der Erkenntnis, dass echte Vollbeschäftigung ohne Inflation möglich ist, legt L. Randall Wray in diesem Klassiker der Modern Monetary Theory den Grundstein für eine Revolution der Wirtschaftspolitik.

Als 1986 Risikogesellschaft erschien, machte das Ulrich Beck schlagartig berühmt. Der Soziologe wies nicht nur auf die Nebenfolgen der Industriemoderne hin, er betonte zugleich, dass die Welt sich auch dann permanent verändert, wenn wir meinen, einen vorübergehenden Zustand mit Institutionen und Konzepten einfrieren zu können. Mit beispielloser Neugier spürte Beck den Indizien des Wandels nach und öffnete uns mit der Lust an der terminologischen Innovation die Augen für Individualisierung, Globalisierung und die Transformation der Arbeitswelt. Am 1. Januar 2015 verstarb Ulrich Beck überraschend und viel zu früh. Bis zu seinem Tod arbeitete er an einem Buch, das beides ist: Summe und radikale Weiterführung seiner Theorie. Während es früher Fixpunkte gab, an denen wir erkennen konnten, was stabil blieb und was nicht, erleben wir heute eine allumfassende Verwandlung, die uns orientierungslos werden lässt. Die Metamorphose der Welt ist der Versuch, diese Globalisierung des Wandels zu verstehen und hochaktuelle Herausforderungen wie Erderwärmung und Migration auf den Begriff zu bringen. 'Rational Choice Theory is a flourishing branch of economic sociology.' Modern sociological theory has to a considerable degree been fashioned in reaction to assumptions about human rationality. This important volume argues in favour of re-establishing rather relaxed assumptions of rationality as a basis for building theory. Although such theories often fail, they prove to be more successful in building predictive and deductive models of human affairs than any competing theoretical framework. The volume includes important and seminal articles drawn from economics, game theory, utility theory and finds application in the Marxist theory of class, group theory, organization theory and the theory of power relations. This landmark book will be an essential reference companion for any serious student or researcher in modern sociological theory.

In this third edition of Capitalism and Classical Social Theory, John Bratton and David Denham build on the classical triumvirate--Karl Marx, Émile Durkheim, and Max Weber--by extending the conversation to include early female theorists such as Mary Wollstonecraft and Charlotte Perkins Gilman, as well as the writings of W.E.B. Du Bois and G.H. Mead. Connecting current headlines in the political mainstream to concepts like alienation, anomie, class, gender, race, and the environment, Capitalism and Classical Social Theory sheds light on how classical social theories may be applied and understood within a contemporary context. This revised and expanded third edition features topical discussions of socio-economic shifts in the post-Trump and post-Brexit world and uses original excerpts and additional readings to further contextualize the significance of classical social theory today.

Textbook on contemporary social thought

This book is intended for undergraduate courses in social theory for second and third year sociology students, as well as postgraduate and academic researchers. Secondary markets include social psychology, social geography, social anthropology, cultural studies.

Comprehensive and engaging, this textbook introduces students not only to foundational sociological work, but also to insights from contemporary sociological theory and research. This combined approach ensures that students become familiar with the core of sociology: key concepts, theories, perspectives, methods, and findings. Students will acquire the ability to think like a sociologist, investigate and understand complex social phenomena. This text presents a complete sociological toolkit, guiding students in the art of asking good sociological questions, devising a sophisticated theory and developing methodologies to observe social phenomena. The chapters of this book build cumulatively to equip students with the tools to quickly understand any new sociological topic or contemporary social problem. The textbook also applies the sociological toolkit to selected key sociological issues, showing how specific sociological topics can be easily investigated and understood using this approach. Taking a global and comparative perspective, the book covers a rich diversity of sociological topics and social problems, such as crime, immigration, race and ethnicity, media, education, family, organizations, gender, poverty, modernization and religion. The book presents a range of helpful pedagogical features throughout, such as: Chapter overview and learning goals summaries at the start of every chapter; Thinking like a sociologist boxes, encouraging students to reflect critically on learning points; Principle boxes, summarizing key sociological principles; Theory schema boxes, presenting sociological theories in a clear, understandable manner; Stylized facts highlighting key empirical findings and patterns; Key concepts and summary sections at the end of every chapter; and Companion website providing additional material for every chapter for both instructors and students, including PowerPoint lecture notes, discussion questions and answers, multiple-choice questions, further reading and a full glossary of terms. This clear and accessible text is essential reading for students taking introductory courses in sociology. It will also be useful for undergraduate and graduate courses in other social science disciplines, such as psychology, economics, human geography, demography, communication studies, education sciences, political science and criminology.

Trying to understand how the world looks through the eyes of individuals and groups and how it shapes the ways they think and act is something social workers do all the time. It is what social theorists do too. This book identifies and explains in a highly accessible manner the absolute value of social theory for social work. Drawing on the theoretical ideas and perspectives of a wide range of classical and modern social theorists, the book demonstrates the insights their work can bring to bear on a wide range of social work practice scenarios, issues and debates. Departing with the work of the classical theorists, the book covers a diverse range of theoretical traditions including phenomenology, symbolic interactionism, Norbert Elias, Michel Foucault, Pierre Bourdieu, feminism and globalization theory. Putting to work ideas from these different perspectives, a range of social work scenarios, issues and debates are opened up and explored. The final chapter brings together the various theoretical strands, and critically considers the contribution they can make towards realizing core social work values in a rapidly globalizing world. Demonstrating exactly how and in what ways social theory can make important and enduring contributions to social work, Social Theory for Social Work is essential reading for social work students, practitioners and professionals alike.

Sociological theory has veered between an insistence on understanding human rights as a genuine universal morality and far more cynical portrayals of human rights as a veil of bourgeois capitalist enterprise. This book criticizes, adapts and combines seemingly disparate elements of contemporary sociological theory within a new approach to human rights. The practicality of the approach is clearly demonstrated in its application to one of the most important, complex and vexing locations of human rights violation in the world: modern Turkey. While sociological analyses of Turkey have largely been limited to local perspectives on individual issues of human rights violation, this book expands sociological understanding of the broad swath of Turkey's human rights violations into a new global perspective of hope and resolution.

Dieses Buch gibt einen einzigartigen Überblick über die Entwicklung der Sozialtheorie von 1945 bis heute. Nach einer ausführlichen Behandlung des Versuchs von Talcott Parsons, das Erbe der Klassiker Weber und Durkheim zu einer Synthese zusammenzuführen, werden die produktiven Widerstände gegen diesen Versuch (etwa Rational Choice und Symbolischer Interaktionismus) dargestellt. Danach geht es um die großen neuen Syntheseentwürfe seit etwa 1970 (Habermas, Luhmann, Giddens), aber auch um die kritische Fortführung der Modernisierungstheorie (Eisenstadt), Strukturalismus, Poststrukturalismus, Antistrukturalismus (Touraine), Feminismus, neue Diagnosen einer Krise der Moderne, den Neopragmatismus und die wichtigsten Aufgaben gegenwärtiger Arbeit. Das Buch behält den Duktus von Vorlesungen bei und liegt nun in einer aktualisierten Neuauflage vor. Eine vorzügliche Einführung für Studierende und fachfremde Leser.

This unique hybrid of text and readings combines the major writings of sociology's core classical and contemporary theorists with an historical as well as theoretical framework for understanding them. This novel approach provides students the analytical guidance necessary to interpret the readings. No other theory text combines such "student-friendly" explanation and analysis with original theoretical works.

Im Jahr 2050 werden zwei Drittel aller Menschen in Städten leben – wie können Bewohner mit unterschiedlichen kulturellen und religiösen Hintergründen eine friedliche Koexistenz führen? Richard Sennett stellt die Frage nach der Beziehung zwischen urbanem Planen und konkretem Leben: Wie hat sie sich historisch gewandelt? Wie kann eine offene Stadt aussehen, die geprägt ist von Vielfalt und Veränderung – und in der Bewohner Fähigkeiten zum Umgang mit Unsicherheiten entwickeln? Richard Sennett zeigt, warum wir eine Urbanistik brauchen, die eine enge Zusammenarbeit von Planern und Bewohnern einschließt und voraussetzt – und dass eine Stadt voller Widersprüche urbanes Erleben nicht einengt, sondern bereichert.

This book is available as open access through the Bloomsbury Open Access programme and is available on www.bloomsburycollections.com. This book explores the interplay between the making of Elias as a sociologist and the development of his core ideas relating to figurations, interdependence, and civilising processes. Focusing on the relevance of Elias's work for current debates within sociology, the authors centrally consider his contributions to the sociology of knowledge and methodology. Dunning and Hughes locate the work of Elias within a discussion of the crisis of sociology as a subject, and compare his figurational approach with the approaches of three major figures in modern sociology: Anthony Giddens, Michel Foucault and Pierre Bourdieu. This highly readable and engaging book will be essential reading for students and scholars of sociological theory and methods.

This concise text, covers both classical and contemporary social thought. It traces the major schools of thought over the past 150 years as they appear and reappear in different chapters and looks at important new voices in social theory. The treatment of individual theories and theorists is balanced with the development of key themes and ideas about social life.

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.

Modern society emerged in the context of European colonialism and empire. So, too, did a distinctively modern social theory, laying the basis for most social theorising ever since. Yet colonialism and empire are absent from the conceptual understandings of modern society, which are organised instead around ideas of nation state and capitalist economy. Gurinder K. Bhambra and John Holmwood address this absence by examining the role of colonialism in the development of modern society and the legacies it has bequeathed. Beginning with a consideration of the role of colonialism and empire in the formation of social theory from Hobbes to Hegel, the authors go on to focus on the work of Tocqueville, Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Du Bois. As well as unpicking critical omissions and misrepresentations, the chapters discuss the places where colonialism is acknowledged and discussed – albeit inadequately – by these founding figures; and we come to see what this fresh rereading has to offer and why it matters. This inspiring and insightful book argues for a reconstruction of social theory that should lead to a better understanding of contemporary social thought, its limitations, and its wider possibilities.

This book is an introduction to Max Weber's ambitious comparative study of the sociological and institutional foundations of the modern economic and social order. In this work originally published in German in 1920, Weber discusses the analytical methods of sociology and, at the same time, presents a devastating critique of prevailing sociological theory and of its universalist, determinist underpinnings. None of Weber's other writings offers the reader such a grasp of his theories; none displays so clearly his erudition, the scope of his interests, and his analytical powers.

This book provides a comprehensive introduction to the leading topics, theories, and debates in modern social theory. Fourteen chapters have been written by specialists in the field, providing up-to-date guidance on the full sweep of the modern sociological imagination, from the legacies of the classical figures of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Simmel, and Parsons to the work of cutting-edge contemporary theorists.* Provides coverage of both classical and contemporary social theory in a single volume, offering a one-stop guide to all the major topics in the theoretical foundations of modern sociology * Covers the legacies of the classical figures of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Simmel, and Parsons but lays special emphasis on recent developments in social theory since the later twentieth century * Covers the centre ground of modern sociology but also reaches out to the many current interdisciplinary debates in cultural studies, anthropology, feminist theory, postcolonial studies, philosophy, and political science * All chapters are supplied with questions for discussion, study boxes, guidance on further reading, and useful web site address

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Giddens's analysis of the writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber has become the classic text for any student seeking to understand the three thinkers who established the basic framework of contemporary sociology. The first three sections of the book, based on close textual examination of the original sources, contain separate treatments of each writer. The author demonstrates the internal coherence of their respective contributions to social theory. The concluding section discusses the principal ways in which Marx can be compared with the other two authors, and discusses misconceptions of some conventional views on the subject.

This book is a comprehensive overview of several major schools of sociological theory. Looking at various approaches from different cultural contexts, Abraham first explains conflicting views about the meaning of sociological theory itself, then analyzes the basic sociological concepts of system, structure, function, and conflict, and the methodology of sociological theory. Designed to familiarize students with contemporary schools of theory--including the most recent trends--the book clearly defines structural functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism, and phenomenological sociology.

This is an excellent textbook on classical social theory, concentrating on the founding thinkers of sociology - Marx, Weber, Durkheim, and Simmel - and written in an accessible and engaging style. It has become a key text allowing students to assess the enduring significance of these writers in our epoch of major social change, and will be essential reading on classical social theory, sociological theory, and introduction to sociology courses.

Now with SAGE Publishing, Contemporary Sociological Theory and Its Classical Roots: The Basics, is a brief survey of sociology's major theorists and theoretical approaches, from the Classical founders to the present. With updated scholarship in the new Fifth Edition, authors George Ritzer and Jeffrey Stepnisky connect many theorists and schools of thought together under broad headings that offer students a synthesized view of sociological theory. This text is perfect for those who want an accessible overview of the entire tradition of sociological thinking, with an emphasis on the contemporary relevance of theory.

This book provides a critical analysis of classical and contemporary social theory from a class perspective. It is concise, lucid, and well written.

The Basic Insight Of Sociology Is That Human Behaviour Is Largely Shaped By The Groups To Which People Belong And By The Social Interaction That Takes Place Within Those Groups. The Main Focus Of Sociology Is The Group, Not The Individual. Sociologist Is Mainly Interested In The Interaction Between People The Ways In Which People Act Towards, Respond To, And Influence One Another. Sociology, Does Not, However, Study Everything That Happens In Society Or Under Social Conditions. For Example, Sociologist Study Religion Only Insofar As It Affects Social Relationship, I.E., The Relationship Of Man To Man, Of One Group To Another, Or Of One Group To The Whole Society.While Dealing With The Elements Of 'Human Relationship' In Diverse Fields Covered By Various Social Sciences-Sociology Seeks To Discover The Inter-Relationship Of Human Activities In The Fields-Familial, Education, Economic, Political Or Religious. The Basic Assumption On Which The Sociologists Proceed Is That What Happens In Any Of These Fields Affects Others. In Other Words, Sociology Is Concerned With The 'Whole' Of Human Society, And Not With Parts Which Make-Up The Whole. Hence, A Book On Modern Sociological Theory Is Most Wanted. In View Of The Above, The Present Attempt Is Made To Describe The Different Aspects Of Modern Theory Generally Being Explained By The Social Scientists And It Is Hoped That It Will Be Of Great Use For All Those Concerned With Sociology.

Early Modern Social Theory: Selected Interpretive Readings is a collection of essays that illuminates the course of development of modern social thought, from the Enlightenment to the 1920s. The essays focus on the most prominent social theorists, including Smith, Durkheim, Marx and Engels, and Weber. Each essay has been chosen to provide the main contributions of the theorist and the political and economic context in which he worked. The editor, a noted scholar in the field, has written clear, concise introductions to each section and provided a glossary of frequently used philosophical terms. The collection includes two famous feminist critiques of the literature, by Rosalind Sydie and Lise Vogel, as well as papers by Tom Bottomorw on Max Weber, Anthony Giddens on the division of labour, and essays by Mandel and Trotsky on Marx.

Trained at UCLA and at NYU respectively, Laura Desfor Edles and Scott Appelrouth were frustrated by their inability to find a sociological theory text that could inspire enthusiasm in undergraduate students while providing them with analytical tools for understanding theory and exposing them to original writings from pivotal theorists. They developed this widely used text/reader to fill that need. Sociological Theory in the Classical Era introduces students to original major writings from sociology's key classical theorists. It also provides a thorough framework for understanding these challenging readings. For each theorist, the authors give a biographical sketch, discuss intellectual influences and core ideas, and offer contemporary examples and applications of those ideas. Introductions to every reading provide additional background on their structure and

significance. This book also makes frequent use of photos, diagrams, tables, and charts to help illustrate important concepts.

Heddendorf finds in sociological theories some 'hidden threads' - Christian principles woven into the fabric of society. This book is an examination and Christian critique of sociological theory, demonstrating appreciation for the richness of social life and holding in tension those theories that attempt to explain it.

Introduces readers to the most important thinkers and schools of thought in contemporary sociological theory – from Parsons and Merton to the Frankfurt School to Foucault, Bourdieu, Giddens and Hochschild - locating each thinker within their own social, political and historical context and helping readers use these ideas to understand the contemporary world.

Now with SAGE Publishing, and co-authored by one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, the Tenth Edition of Sociological Theory by George Ritzer and Jeffrey Stepnisky gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and schools of sociological thought, from sociology's origins through the early 21st century. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of theorists, and are placed in their historical and intellectual context. This text helps students better understand the original works of classical and modern theorists, and enables them to compare and contrast the latest substantive concepts. New to this Edition Chapter 1 now includes a discussion of colonialism as one of the forces that shaped modern society. The "Historical Sketch" chapters contain new material on the historical significance of early women founders, and on the contributions of W.E.B. Du Bois. Chapters on Marx, Durkheim, Weber, and Simmel now conclude with sections on contemporary applications of ideas from these 19th century thinkers. A new chapter focuses theories of race, racism, and colonialism, as well as theories about indigenous peoples and theories from the "Global South" that challenge the work of scholars from Europe and North America. The concluding chapter has a new section on theories of prosumption, one of the newest developments in consumer theory. New material on colonization, women classical theorists, and race theory, as well as new timelines, added to history chapters.

In diesem Open-Access-Buch wird die Bedeutung von religiösen Ritualen für die soziale Ordnung systematisch untersucht. Dazu werden Konzepte des Zusammenhangs von Ritualen mit verschiedenen Ebenen des Sozialen erarbeitet: Interaktion, Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft. Der Inhalt Theoretische Grundlagen Interaktion Gemeinschaft Gesellschaft Die Zielgruppen Studierende und Lehrende sozial- und religionswissenschaftlicher Studiengänge Der Autor Dr. Rafael Walthert ist Assistenzprofessor am Religionswissenschaftlichen Seminar der Universität Zürich.

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"Great to have a new edition - this is essential reading and provides a clear, accessible yet original overview of social theory and the body." - Sarah Nettleton, University of York "Lucidly argued and accessibly written, this book avoids the pitfalls of either too much naturalism or too much social constructivism. It is a book with something for everyone, from the classics in social theory on the body to contemporary bodily phenomena like genetics, body modification, and cultural anxieties about death." - Kathy Davis, Utrecht University Unrivalled in its clarity and coverage, this sparkling new edition of Chris Shilling's classic text is a masterful account of the emergence and development of body matters in sociology and related disciplines. A timely, well reasoned response to current concerns and controversies across the globe, it provides chapter-by-chapter coverage of the major theories, approaches and studies conducted in the field. Each chapter has been revised and updated, with new discussions of 'actor-network theory', bodywork, pragmatism, the global resurgence of religious identities, 'new genetics', biological citizenship, neuroscience, and figurations of the living and dead. Packed full of critical analysis and relevant empirical studies the book engages with the major classical and contemporary theories within body studies including the: naturalistic, interactionist, constructionist, feminist, structuralist, phenomenological, and realist. Original, logical and indispensable this is a must-have title for students and researchers engaged with the study of the body.

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