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this new printing is not a newly revised edition only an enlarged one the revised edition of 1957 remains intact except that its short introduction has been greatly expanded to appear here as chapters i and ii the only other changes are technical and minor ones the correction of typographical errors and amended indexes of subjects and names

this volume offers scholars of sociology and allied areas the fruits of an international conference on the contributions of the eminent robert k merton the assessment as good in content as well as in participants took place in amalfi italy with the participation of merton himself and under the auspices of the italian sociology association carlo mongardini aptly summarizes the unique impact of merton on the social theory of our

century his strength as a classic writer lies in his balance unveiling complexity and in his humanism which looks beyond the apparent simplicity and coherence of social reality a special treat is the final chapter by merton reviewing unanticipated consequences and kindred sociological ideas in it he ranges from the historical antecedents of the concept to his own evolution in the use and expansion of the idea merton approaches the development of his thought as installments rather than simple evolution and in so doing gives us unique insight into how he built upon his originating notions in the context of social science as it existed in the united states tensions between integrating scholarship and reaching the general public provide a special insight into merton that might prove new even to those who know his work well contributors to this original volume include volker meja nico stehr paolo ammassari gianni statera birgitta nedelmann harriet zuckerman piotr sztompka peter gerlich charles crothers elena besozzi and arnold zongerle among others the chapters address the full range of merton's work with special emphasis on such areas as anomie structural analysis the relationship of theory to research patterns of latent and manifest influence and even the application of mertonian concepts to the analysis of merton as a scholar this unusual compendium translated from the italian will interest social researchers across the academic spectrum

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this book offers a comprehensive overview of the major theoretical perspectives in contemporary sociology covering schools of thought or intellectual movements within the discipline as well as the work of individual scholars the author provides not only a rigorous exposition of each theory but also an examination of the scholarly reception of the approach in question considering both critical responses and defences in order to reach a balanced evaluation chapters cover the following theorists and perspectives alexander bourdieu ethnomethodology exchange theory foucault giddens goffman habermas luhmann merton network and social capital theory parsons rational choice theory schutz and phenomenism structuralism symbolic interactionism an accessible and informative treatment of the central approaches in sociology over the course of the last century this volume marks a significant contribution to sociological theory and constitutes an essential addition to library collections in the areas of the history of sociology and contemporary social theory

this anthology is a superb collection of 36 articles covering all of the major theories past and present that inform criminology today what truly sets this volume apart is the inclusion of many articles discussing novel and often overlooked perspectives in criminological theory in fact many of these articles have never before been included in a reader each article is framed by an introductory overview discussing the article's importance the context for its development and the author and concludes with discussion questions these articles include a thorough examination of topics such as white collar

crime and developmental criminology as well as discussions of integrated theories that consider genetics, psychology, and environmental approaches. As most journal articles are typically written for a professional audience, the original articles have been substantially edited and abridged to make them more accessible to students. The resulting reader will prove to be an invaluable resource for any undergraduate or graduate course where criminological theory plays a central role.

The Blackwell companion to major contemporary social theorists is a survey of contemporary social theory that focuses on the thinkers themselves in original essays especially commissioned for this volume. Leading experts and practitioners examine the life and work of 13 major theorists such as Elias, Baudrillard, Giddens, and Butler. It includes 13 original essays by leading scholars on major contemporary social theorists, covers key figures such as Elias, Goffman, Foucault, Habermas, Giddens, Bourdieu, and Butler. Essays include biographical sketches, the social and intellectual context, and the impact of the thinker's work on social theory. Generally includes bibliographies of the theorist's most important works as well as key secondary works. Can be used in conjunction with the Blackwell companion to major classical social theorists edited by George Ritzer for a complete reference source in social theory.

includes bibliographical references, p, and index.

During the last thirty years, under communist rule, the East European states have attempted to eradicate activities that are deemed deviant from the point of view of the government. But despite all efforts, such activities as prostitution, murder, robbery, private profiteering, and even political dissidence continue to flourish. In this book, five

This remarkable group of essays describes the culture wars that consolidated a new secular ethos in mid-twentieth-century American academia and generated the fresh energies needed for a wide range of scientific and cultural enterprises. Focusing on the decades from the 1930s through the 1960s, David Hollinger discusses the scientists, social scientists, philosophers, and historians who fought the Christian biases that had kept Jews from fully participating in American intellectual life. Today, social critics take for granted the comparatively open outlook developed by these men, and men they were mostly, and charge that their cosmopolitanism was not sufficiently multicultural. Yet Hollinger shows that the liberal cosmopolitans of the mid-century generation defined themselves against the realities of their own time: McCarthyism, Nazi and communist doctrines, a legacy of anti-Semitic quotas, and both Protestant and Catholic versions of the notion of a Christian America. The victory of liberal cosmopolitans was so sweeping by the 1960s that it has become easy to forget the strength of the enemies they fought. Most books addressing the emergence of Jewish intellectuals celebrate an illustrious cohort of literary figures based in New York City, but the pieces collected here explore the long-postponed acceptance of Jewish immigrants in a variety of settings, especially the social science and humanities faculties of major universities scattered across the country. Hollinger

acknowledges the limited rather parochial sense of mankind that informed some mid century thinking but he also inspires in the reader an appreciation for the integrationist aspirations of a society truly striving toward equality his cast of characters includes vannevar bush james b conant richard hofstadter robert k merton lionel trilling and j robert oppenheimer

in philip k dick s the minority report precogs who are imaginary individuals capable of seeing the future are relied upon to stop crime with a consensus report synthesized from two of three precogs when the protagonist is indicted for a future murder he suspects a conspiracy and seeks out the minority report detailing the suppressed testimony of the third precog science works a lot like this science fiction story contrary to the view that scientists in a field all share the same paradigm as thomas kuhn famously argued scientists support different and competing research programs statements of scientific consensus need to be actively synthesized from the work of different scientists not all scientific work will be equally credited by science as a whole while this system works well enough for most purposes it is possible for minority views to fail to get the hearing that they deserve this book analyzes the support that should be given to minority views reconsidering classic debates in science and technology studies and examining numerous case studies

the guiding question of this work is the following in which way if at all can we define a framework that allows a comparative view on social professional activity in an international perspective going beyond positivist research usually means to look for qualitative standards however remaining caught by taking individual professions in a national setting from one country for granted and looking from what we know for counterparts and or partners in other countries to avoid the subsequent shortcoming of an underlying professional rigidity we face the need of developing a functional perspective focusing on the societies in which social professional activities spa emerge in their respective particular national patterns this means however to start by defining the social as determining societies in general looking from there at different national patterns pragmatically but as well structurally the nation state will be taken as point of reference in such a perspective several current concepts have to be fundamentally questioned as far as the mainstream consensus is concerned terms in question are in particular the social professions and social problems this is especially necessary when it comes to developing an international perspective despite the need of looking for a general definition of the social there is in particular a more specific need for debating the understanding of different strands of activities that are in the widest sense captured as social professions for example social work community youth work nursing and care professions but as well social management and social action especially the latter pointing on the problematique of professionalisation in strictu sensu international comparative research of social professional activities does not fail primarily because of the huge variety of national regimes and regulations the actual reason is the fundamentally different point of departure expressing various national traditions of the reasoning on the state a reasoning

being at the end a practical reasoning in other words we have to recur on the different national understanding of social contracts this approach allows taking a dialectical perspective in order to revisit the actual character of social professional activities it is the practical confrontation of the individual with his her environment that constitutes processes of socialisation

this book provides the best of both worlds authored text sections with carefully selected accompanying readings covering criminological theory from past to present and beyond the articles from leading journals in criminology and criminal justice reflect both classic studies and state of the art research key features begins with an introductory chapter that presents a succinct overview of criminological theory and briefly describes the organization and content of the book features how to read a research article a perfect introduction to understanding how real world research is organized and delivered in the journal literature includes a mini chapter for each section with figures and tables that present basic concepts and provide a background for the readings that follow provides key terms web resources and thought provoking discussion questions for each section along with questions for each reading to help students develop their critical thinking skills instructor resources on cd include a test bank powerpoint slides for each section classroom activities and more a student study site provides additional articles self study quizzes e flashcards and more

anomie strain and subcultural theories are among the leading theories of crime anomie theories state that crime results from the failure of society to regulate adequately the behavior of individuals particularly the efforts of individuals to achieve monetary success strain theories focus on the impact of strains or stressors on crime including the inability to achieve monetary success through legal channels and subcultural theories argue that some individuals turn to crime because they belong to groups that excuse justify or approve of crime this volume presents the leading selections on each theory including the original statements of the theories key efforts to revise the theories and the latest statements of each theory the coeditors robert agnew and joanne kaufman are prominent strain theorists and their introductory essay provides an overview of the theories discusses the relationship between them and introduces each of the selections

a clear and manageable overview of major sociological developments for the lay reader despite the fact that most of us think often about society and social life few of us have had extensive schooling in how to organize or structure such thought guided by the belief that the sociological imagination is impoverished if accessible only to a handful of specialists key sociological thinkers provides the lay reader with a clear and manageable overview of the major sociological developments from marx to the present day twenty one concise thorough chapters introduce the key thinkers in the field their driving impulses issues central to their work substantive examples of the theory in action their legacy as well as reading lists meant to stimulate further research the book s range includes not only canonical figures such as marx weber and durkheim but feminist post

structuralist and post colonialist thinkers of recent decades including nancy chodorow michel foucault and stuart hall other sociologists and social theorists overed include sigmund freud georg simmel herbert blumer talcott parsons robert merton simone de beauvoir norbert elias erving goffman david lockwood harold garfinkel louis althusser jurgen habermas pierre bourdieu arlie hochschild and anthony giddens key sociological thinkers is ideal for students new to the field veterans looking to brush up and anyone eager to expand their understanding of the world in which we live

organization theory and public management is written for current and future public managers understanding organization theory helps managers at all levels define program objectives overcome constraints and accomplish mandated purposes armed with theoretical and conceptual knowledge managers can better identify the factors that affect organizational performance determine how these factors interrelate and decide how best to resolve problems and attain goals familiarity with organization theory can facilitate fresh ways to view organizational challenges and discover new paths for pursuing change organization theory supported by intuition and common sense can be a powerful guide to action the book approaches each organization theory school of thought on its own terms drawing out its implications for public management as objectively as possible chapter 1 introduces organization theory as a field of study chapter 2 establishes the unique context of public management and chapter 3 presents three analytical frameworks for assessing the theories of organization covered in the twelve chapters that follow

the strengths of this text are the breadth of theories covered the integration of gender related topics3 4 family work religion the use of substantial quotes from primary texts the consistent inclusion of methodological issues i have no doubt that it will find a solid position in the field of theory texts kathleen slobin north dakota state university

this book connects theorists and their work to larger themes and ideas all too often in the opinion of the authors theory texts focus too much on individual theorists and insufficiently on the relationship between their theories and how these have contributed in turn to the evolution of ideas concerning social life treatment of individual theories and theorists is balanced with the development of key themes ideas about social life introduced in chapter 1 which then reappear in the discussion of individual theorists and their work a key organizing principle of this text is to trace major schools of thought over the past 150 years as they appear and reappear in different chapters section 1 introductions help remind students of the big picture within which any given theory or theorist is only one part a consistent organization and presentation within chapters helps provide students with a context for learning and a means of much more easily comparing and contrasting theorists and their ideas important new voices in a text for social theory in chapter 2 harriet martineau is introduced as one of sociology s founders from then on the views of women theorists and others are represented in far more than token fashion examples include w e b dubois marianne weber charlotte gilman rosa luxemburg joseph

schumpeter v i lenin niklas luhmann theda skocpol erik wright elman service arlie hochschild dorothy smith patricia hill collins and immanuel wallerstein a timeline showing when social theorists lived and wrote and connecting their biographies to important social events over 300 years is at the back of the text the organization of every chapter along similar lines provides a consistency in presentation that encourages comparisons among the theorists the authors do a very good job presenting overlooked theorists and making their relevance to social theorizing doing sociology clear joan alway formerly university of miami the strengths of this text are the breadth of theories covered the integration of gender related topics family work religion the use of substantial quotes from primary texts the consistent inclusion of methodological issues and the goals of the project to provide an expansive and readable theory text i have no doubt that it will find a solid position in the field of popular theory texts for undergraduate course use kathleen slobin north dakota state university

the fourth edition of this highly acclaimed book expands on previous editions with coverage of newly emerged theories and empirical updates supported by a significant amount of new references criminological theory provides coverage of the latest theories in the field without diminishing the presentation of classic analysis major theoretical perspectives that have developed from both recent critical work and traditional schools together with practical applications compel the reader to apply theories to the contemporary social milieu

this book challenges the prevailing notion of stability cohesiveness and uniformity within christian communities inviting readers to view contestation and disagreement as integral to theological reflection and church identity while the volume focuses predominantly on the roman catholic church as a case study various chapters broaden the exploration across other christian and non christian traditions beginning with the philosophical and theological foundations of conflict contestation and community the book subsequently focuses on four main conflict fields liturgy canon law gender and sexuality as well as race and postcolonial critical theory the book finishes with a constructive proposal on how to think theologically about identity and antagonisms as well as how to construct an ecclesiology of dissent contributors employ diverse methodological perspectives to offer constructive theological reflections enhancing both understanding and practice of theology in the context of polarised public debates this is an open access book

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