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*The Body in Society*  
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We live in a  
surveillance society.  
Anyone who uses a  
credit card, cell phone,

or even search engines  
to navigate the Web is  
being monitored and  
assessed—and often in  
ways that are  
imperceptible to us.  
The first general  
introduction to the  
growing field of  
surveillance studies,  
SuperVision uses  
examples drawn from

everyday technologies to show how surveillance is used, who is using it, and how it affects our world. Beginning with a look at the activities and technologies that connect most people to the surveillance matrix, from identification cards to GPS devices in our cars to Facebook, John Gilliom and Torin Monahan invite readers to critically explore surveillance as it relates to issues of law, power, freedom, and inequality. Even if you avoid using credit cards and stay off Facebook, they show, going to work or school inevitably embeds you in surveillance relationships. Finally, they discuss the more obvious forms of surveillance, including the security systems used at airports and on

city streets, which both epitomize contemporary surveillance and make impossibly grand promises of safety and security. Gilliom and Monahan are among the foremost experts on surveillance and society, and, with SuperVision, they offer an immensely accessible and engaging guide, giving readers the tools to understand and to question how deeply surveillance has been woven into the fabric of our everyday lives.

**A Brief Introduction**

Broadview Press

A concise introduction to the central issues concerning health and health care in contemporary society, Society and Health is written for all health professionals undergoing basic

training. It explains social science concepts and theories and shows their relevance to work in health settings. Each chapter is short and focused on key learning points.

'concept boxes' highlight the main themes and facilitate revision exercises and activities enable students to apply knowledge to practice assumes no previous knowledge ideal for common foundation programme guided further reading

*An Introduction to Key Issues in the Sociology of Education* Routledge

This unique work analyzes the crisis in modern society, building on the ideas of the Frankfurt School thinkers. Emphasizing social evolution and learning processes, it argues that crisis is

mediated by social class conflicts and collective learning, the results of which are embodied in constitutional and public law. First, the work outlines a new categorical framework of critical theory in which it is conceived as a theory of crisis. It shows that the Marxist focus on economy and on class struggle is too narrow to deal with the range of social conflicts within modern society, and posits that a crisis of legitimization is at the core of all crises. It then discusses the dialectic of revolutionary and evolutionary developmental processes of modern society and its legal system. This volume in the *Critical Theory and Contemporary Society* by a leading scholar in

the field provides a new approach to critical theory that will appeal to anyone studying political sociology, political theory, and law.

Law and Society A&C  
Black

A brief book that uses examples from a college or university setting to illustrate society in terms of social groups and forces. *College and Society* is based on the premise that colleges are not “ivory towers” that stand in contrast to the larger society. Rather, the author argues that colleges tend to reflect many of the same social structures, culturally based expectations of social conduct, and patterns of interaction seen at work in the larger society. For anyone interested in

learning basic concepts of Sociology.

An Introduction to Political Sociology  
Macmillan

This major new textbook will equip students with a complete understanding of contemporary politics, state and society in the United Kingdom today. Key underlying themes include: The differences between traditional and alternative [sites of power] and what we mean by [political] the relationships between politics, society and how individuals become and remain engaged with politics the rapid transformations in contemporary social structures and their impact on social and political life the role of human agency and its

significance to social and political action and movements

contemporary cultural and social dislocations and their impact on some of the major contested areas of political life today. Key features include: Key concepts and issues Key theorists and writers Discussion questions

Comprehensive and accessible, *An Introduction to Politics, State & Society* is an essential text for all undergraduate students of politics, the contemporary state, power and political sociology.

[An Introduction to Sociology](#) Routledge  
From the future of work to the nature of our closest relationships, how do we understand the links between our

personal troubles and wider public issues in society today? Now into its fourth edition, *Public Sociology* continues to highlight the relevance of a grounded sociological perspective to Australian social life, as well as encouraging students to apply a sociological gaze to their own lives and the communities in which they live. *Public Sociology* presents a wide range of topics in a user-friendly and accessible way, introducing key theories and research methods, and exploring core themes, including youth, families and intimate relationships, class and inequality and race and ethnic relations. All chapters have been extensively revised to bring them up to date

in a fast-changing social world, reflecting the latest sociological debates in response to changing lifestyles and evolving political landscapes. In addition to updated statistics and research findings, an expanded glossary and the latest citations to the scholarly literature, the text features a completely new chapter on gender and sexualities with expanded discussion of LGBTIQ+. This new edition also explores contemporary issues ranging from the #MeToo movement to marriage equality, fake news and 'alt facts'. This is the essential sociological reference to help students make sense of a complex and challenging world. NEW TO THE FOURTH EDITION: \* A new chapter on gender and

sexualities and expanded discussion of intersectionality \* Exploration of the latest social issues including #MeToo, rising inequality, and the 'post-truth' age \* All chapters thoroughly revised and updated with the latest research \* Updated book website with extra readings, YouTube clips, and case studies \* A new feature, Visual Sociology, helps the reader analyse the power of visual messaging 'With a firm base in the richest traditions of the discipline and with a remarkably approachable format, this book offers an excellent introduction to a wide array of sociology's concerns, making it suitable for all Australian social

science undergraduates.' Gary Wickham, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Murdoch University 'A sophisticated yet accessible introduction to social identities, differences and inequalities, and social transformations.' Jo Lindsay, Professor in Sociology, Monash University 'Sweeping and lucid...communicates with ease and simplicity.' Toni Makkai, Emeritus Professor, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Australian National University

**Animals and Society**  
SAGE

This exciting new book presents the field of social demography, animating the study of population with a vibrant sociological imagination. Gregg Lee

Carter provides multiple demonstrations of how taking a demographic perspective can give us a better understanding of social phenomena once thought to be largely the products of culture, politics, or the economy. Five key chapters concentrate on (1) the social and individual determinants of fertility, mortality, and migration; (2) the social and individual impacts of changing levels of fertility, mortality, and migration; and (3) the impacts of overpopulation on the environment, and how changes in the environment, in turn, impact the human condition, especially regarding migration. What gives these analyses coherence is how each emphasizes



the ways in which demographic forces both reflect and limit individual choices. Written in a straightforward and engaging style, and without getting bogged down in academic debates, this concise book is the ideal introduction and primer for courses in social demography and population and society.

**An Introduction to Sociolinguistics**

Routledge

This concise, elegantly written paperback volume on the essential elements of sociology is perfect as the sole textbook for a brief introductory course or as a core text to be supplemented with other readings.

Routledge

Society Explained introduces students to key concepts in

sociology through engaging narrative examples. After an overview of the history of sociology, the book walks readers through subjects that include individualism; culture; socialization and imagination; values, money, and politics; marriage and family; religious diversity; and education and social change. Nathan Rousseau engages readers with personal examples and those drawn from wider society. Each chapter covers leading thinkers and critical concepts, and chapters build on each other to help readers acquire a holistic view of society and their role in it. This concise book is an ideal introduction to the sociological imagination.

An Introduction to

Social Science for  
Health Professionals

Psychology Press

In everyday life we are not, for the most part, actively conscious of our bodies or the bodies of others – we simply take them for granted. This new edition of a lively introduction to the sociology of the body examines what certain aspects of our bodies, such as the size, shape, smell and demeanour, reveal about the social organization of everyday life and how the body is crucial to the way we engage with the world and the people around us. The human body is endowed with varied forms of social significance which sociology has addressed by asking questions such as: To

what degree do individuals have control over their own bodies? What interest does the state have in regulating the human body? How significant is the body to the development and performance of the self in everyday life? What images of the body influence people's expectations of themselves and others? Written in a clear and comprehensible way, *The Body in Society* introduces students to the key conceptual frameworks that help us to understand the social significance of the human body. This second edition has been thoroughly updated to take into account recent theories and debates and also includes enhanced pedagogical

features. Using familiar examples from everyday life, such as diet and exercise regimes, personal hygiene, dress, displays of emotion, and control over bodily functions, coupled with examples from popular culture, the text has strong contemporary relevance and will strike a chord with all who read it. This book will be essential reading for students taking courses on the body in sociology, anthropology, gender studies and cultural studies.

**Social Science** John Wiley & Sons  
Human-animal studies is an interdisciplinary field that explores the spaces that animals occupy in human social and cultural worlds. It examines the interactions humans

and animals have with each other and the ways animal lives intersect with human societies. Since existing social orders rely on the exploitation of animals to serve human needs, the questions posed by human-animal studies touch upon a wide range of fundamental issues. *Animals and Society* provides a broad overview of this rapidly growing field. Margo DeMello offers students and scholars a holistic and comprehensive picture of the state of inquiry into the relationships that exist between humans and other animals. She considers interactions between animals and humans in social organizations, such as the family, the legal system, and political and religious

institutions. A major focus is the social construction of animals in world cultures and the way in which these social meanings are used to reinforce and perpetuate hierarchical human relationships such as racism, sexism, and class privilege. The book also examines how different human groups construct a range of identities for themselves and for others through animals. This second edition of *Animals and Society* is fully updated and expanded throughout, enhancing the book's relevance for student and activist readers alike. It includes many new international examples, all-new case studies, and updated supplementary readings.

### **Law and Society**

Routledge

*The Book in Society*  
An Introduction to Print Culture  
Broadview Press

Language in Society  
SAGE

An Introduction to Japanese Society challenges the traditional notion that Japan comprises a uniform culture.

*Systematic Sociology*  
SAGE Publications  
*Language, Society and Power* is the essential introductory text for students studying language in a variety of social contexts. This book examines the ways in which language functions, how it influences thought and how it varies according to age, ethnicity, class and gender. It seeks to answer such questions as: How can a

language reflect the status of children and older people? Do men and women talk differently? How can our use of language mark our ethnic identity? It also looks at language use in politics and the media and investigates how language affects and constructs our identities, exploring notions of correctness and attitudes towards language use. This third edition of this bestselling book has been completely revised to include recent developments in theory and research and offers the following features: a range of new and engaging international examples drawn from everyday life: beauty advertisements, conversation transcripts, newspaper

headlines reporting on asylum seekers, language themed cartoons, and excerpts from the television programme South Park and satirical news website The Onion new activities designed to give students a real understanding of the topic a new chapter covering 'Student Projects' - giving readers suggestions on how to further explore the topics covered in the book updated and expanded further reading sections for each chapter and a glossary. While it can be used as a stand-alone text, this edition of Language, Society and Power has also been fully cross-referenced with the new companion title: The Language, Society and Power Reader. Together these books

provide the complete resource for students of English language and linguistics, media, communication, cultural studies, sociology and psychology.

An Introduction John Wiley & Sons

Law and Society is written to be highly accessible to the average undergraduate student. This multidisciplinary text draws on the work of anthropologists, historians, law professors, political scientists, psychologists, and sociologists to clearly outline how law is an essential social institution that shapes society, while also being shaped by it.

**An Introduction to the Surveillance Society** Rowman &

Littlefield Publishers  
This engaging text provides a sociological perspective on health, illness, and health care. Serving as an introduction to medical sociology for undergraduate and graduate students, it also presents a summary of the field for medical sociologists and for public health scholars and practitioners. A highlight of the text is its emphasis on the social roots of health and disease and on the impact of social inequality on health disparities and the quality of health care. The book also critically examines health care in the United States and around the world and evaluates the achievements and limitations of the Affordable Care Act

and other recent health care reform efforts.

Contemporary Introduction to Sociology Rowman & Littlefield

Drawing on current scholarship, *Education and Society* takes students on a journey through the many roles that education plays in contemporary societies. Addressing students' own experience of education before expanding to larger sociological conversations, *Education and Society* helps readers understand and engage with such topics as peer groups, gender and identity, social class, the racialization of achievement, the treatment of immigrant children, special education, school

choice, accountability, discipline, global perspectives, and schooling as a social institution. The book prompts students to evaluate how schools organize our society and how society organizes our schools. Moving from students to schooling to social forces, *Education and Society* provides a lively and engaging introduction to theory and research and will serve as a cornerstone for courses such as sociology of education, foundations of education, critical issues in education, and school and society. *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics* Routledge  
The first edition of *A Contemporary Introduction to Sociology* was the first truly new introductory

sociology textbook in decades. Written by two leading sociologists at the cutting edge of theory and research, the text reflected the idioms and interests of contemporary American life and global social issues. The second edition continues to invite students to reflect upon their lives within the context of the combustible leap from modern to postmodern life. The authors show how culture is central to understanding many world problems as they challenge readers to confront the risks and potentialities of a postmodern era in which the futures of both the physical and social environment seem uncertain. As culture rapidly changes in the 21st century, the

authors have broadened their analysis to cover developments in social media and new data on gender and transgender issues.

An Introduction to Japanese Society CRC Press

The Book in Society: An Introduction to Print Culture examines the origins and development of one of the most important inventions in human history. Books can inform, entertain, inspire, irritate, liberate, or challenge readers, and their forms can be tangible and traditional, like a printed, casebound volume, or virtual and transitory, like a screen-page of a cell-phone novel. Written in clear, non-specialist prose, The Book in Society first provides



an overview of the rise of the book and of the modern publishing and bookselling industries. It explores the evolution of written texts from early forms to contemporary formats, the interrelationship between literacy and technology, and the prospects for the book in the twenty-first century. The second half of the book is based on historian Robert Darnton's concept of a book publishing "communication circuit." It examines how books migrate from the minds of authors to the minds of readers, exploring such topics as the rise of the modern notion of the author, the role of states and others in promoting or restricting the

circulation of books, various modes of reproducing and circulating texts, and how readers' responses help shape the form and content of the books available to them. Feature boxes highlighting key texts, individuals, and developments in the history of the book, carefully selected illustrations, and a glossary all help bring the history of the book to life.

Science In Society

Routledge Library

Editions: So

Originally published in 1970, this book examines the origins of social organizations, the development of Robinson Crusoe economies and the conception of property or rightful ownership, as well as the origins of agriculture, race and

class. Discussing commerce and the nation state, capitalist expansion and war between industrial power, the book is a concise yet

comprehensive survey of the evolution of the structures of the world's economies and of the ideas which underlie them.

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