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Dear Reader,

The terrible and terrifying events we’ve all experienced have made the work of sociology more pressing, more urgent, more needed. And I feel I’ve witnessed that shift firsthand as I’ve worked with people on these books. This publishing season boasts books that expose social injustices around the world and challenge outdated ideas about freedom, diversity, progress, family, nationality, protest, capitalism, racism, and even the very rules of sociology. I’m honored to have collaborated with so many scholars who take on the mission of emancipatory sociology, and I feel inspired by their work. I’d like to open this catalog with a message of gratitude, for the authors, the peer reviewers, those who provide endorsements, the series editors, and everyone else who made time to support the needs of these books. And, of course, to the readers who engage with them once they are published—thank you so much!

Marcela Maxfield, 
SENIOR EDITOR
In the United Arab Emirates, there is an employment sponsorship system known as the kafala. Migrant domestic workers within it must solely work for their employer, secure their approval to leave the country, and obtain their consent to terminate a job. In Unfree, Rhacel Salazar Parreñas examines the labor of women from the Philippines, who represent the largest domestic workforce in the country. She challenges presiding ideas about the kafala, arguing that its reduction to human trafficking is, at best, unproductive, and at worst damaging to genuine efforts to regulate this system that impacts tens of millions of domestic workers across the globe.

The kafala system technically renders migrant workers unfree as they are made subject to the arbitrary authority of their employer. Not surprisingly, it has been the focus of intense scrutiny and criticism from human rights advocates and scholars. Y et, contrary to their claims, Parreñas argues that most employers do not abuse domestic workers or maximize the extraction of their labor. Still, the outrage elicited by this possibility dominates much of public discourse and overshadows the more mundane reality of domestic work in the region. Drawing on unparalleled data collected over 4 years, this book diverges from previous studies as it establishes that the kafala system does not necessarily result in abuse, but instead leads to the absence of labor standards. This absence is reflected in the diversity of work conditions across households, ranging from dehumanizing treatment, infantilization, to respect and recognition of domestic workers. Unfree shows how various stakeholders, including sending and receiving states, NGOs, inter-governmental organizations, employers and domestic workers, project moral standards to guide the unregulated labor of domestic work. They can mitigate or aggravate the arbitrary authority of employers. Parreñas offers a deft and rich portrait of how morals mediate work on the ground, warning against the dangers of reducing unfreedom to structural violence.

“I have long been impressed by the distinctive ways in which Parreñas generates her analysis of diverse social conditions. These analytic modes emerge once again in her latest book Unfree, one phrase that contains a vastness of meanings. This is a must-read.”

—Saskia Sassen, Columbia University
A Decent Meal
Building Empathy in a Divided America
Michael Carolan

America’s deep political divisions have left many wondering how we can or should move forward from here. In A Decent Meal, Michael Carolan finds answers to this fundamental quandary in a series of unexpected places that relate to our common need for food. While facts fail to sway public opinion, Carolan argues that we must, instead, find practices where incivility is suspended and leverage those opportunities into tools for building social cohesion. Carolan follows participants in various experiments, ranging from strawberry-picking, subsisting on SNAP benefits, or attending wild game dinner, and documents their remarkable shifts in attitude. Though this book is framed around food, it is really about the spaces opened up by our need for food, in our communities, in our homes, and, ultimately, in our minds.

“Carolan’s work helps us confront the challenges facing American society and ways to overcome those divisions.”
—Darrell West, Brookings Institute

Counterrevolution
The Crusade to Roll Back the Gains of the Civil Rights Movement
Stephen Steinberg

Du Bois wrote, “The slave went free; stood for a brief moment in the sun; then moved back again toward slavery.” His words echo across the decades as the civil rights revolution of the 60s has seen its gains steadily whittled away. History testifies that revolution nearly always triggers its antithesis: counterrevolution. In this book Steinberg provides an analysis of this backlash, tracing the reverse flow of history that has led to current national reckoning on race. Steinberg puts counterrevolution into historical and theoretical perspective, exploring the “victim-blaming” and “color-blind” discourses that emerged in the post-segregation era and undermined progress toward racial equality, and led to the gutting of affirmative action. This book culminates with his assessment of our current moment and the possibilities for political transformation.

“An important intervention in the post-Floyd national debate about why the problem of race in the republic has been so long-lasting.”
—Charles W. Mills, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Identity Capitalists
The Powerful Insiders Who Exploit Diversity to Maintain Inequality
Nancy Leong

In this groundbreaking book, Nancy Leong coins the term “identity capitalist” to label the powerful insiders who profit socially and economically from people of color, women, LGBTQ people, the poor, and other outgroups. Leong deftly uncovers the rules that govern a system in which all Americans must survive: the identity marketplace. She contends that the national preoccupation with diversity has, counterintuitively, allowed identity capitalists to infiltrate the legal system, educational institutions, the workplace, and the media. Using examples from law to literature, from politics to pop culture, Leong takes readers on a journey through the hidden agendas and surprising incentives of various ingroup actors. Arming readers with the tools to recognize and mitigate the harms of exploitation, Identity Capitalists reveals what happens when we prioritize diversity over equality.

“Stunning in its originality and breadth. Leong writes magnificently... reminding us of the need for care and authenticity.”
—Erwin Chemerinsky, author of Constitutional Law
The Biomedical Empire
Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic
Barbara Katz Rothman

We are all citizens of the Biomedical Empire, though few of us know it. In this book, Barbara Katz Rothman clarifies that critiques of biopower have not gone far enough, and asserts that the medical industry is nothing short of an imperial power. Factors as fundamental as one’s citizenship and sex identity rely on approval and legitimation by biomedicine. Moreover, a vast and powerful global market has risen up around the empire, making it one of the largest economic forces in the world. Katz Rothman investigates the Western colonial underpinnings of the empire and its rapid intrusion into everyday life, focusing on the realms of birth and death. This provides her with a powerful vantage point from which to critically examine the current moment.

"Katz Rothman shows how medicine has taken over the gates of life…and what that has cost communities and cultures around the world."
—Barbara Ehrenreich, author of Natural Causes

Conviction
The Making and Unmaking of the Violent Brain
Oliver Rollins

Biological explanations for violence, and their critics, have existed and evolved for centuries. Today’s scientists are well beyond the nature versus nurture debate, contending instead that scientific progress has led to a nature and nurture stance that allows it to avoid the pitfalls of the past. In Conviction, Oliver Rollins cautions against this optimism, arguing that the way these categories are imagined belies a dangerous continuity between past and present.

Rollins focuses on the neuroscience of violence and their concept of the “violent brain,” arguing that it became a key player in conversations about the biological origins of criminal behavior. He finds that this construct of the brain is ill-equipped to deal with the complexities and contradictions of the social world.

"An essential contribution to our understanding of the promises and pitfalls of biosocial science."
—Dorothy Roberts, author of Fatal Invention

Equity in Science
Representation, Culture, and the Dynamics of Change in Graduate Education
Julie R. Posselt

STEM disciplines are believed to be founded on the idea of meritocracy; recognition earned by the value of the data, which is objective. Such disciplinary cultures resist concerns about implicit or structural biases, and yet, year after year, scientists observe persistent gender and racial inequalities in their labs, departments, and programs. In Equity in Science, Julie Posselt makes the case that understanding how field-specific cultures develop is a crucial step for bringing about real change. She examines existing equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts across astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, and psychology. These ethnographic case studies reveal the subtle ways that exclusion and power operate in scientific organizations and, sometimes, within change efforts themselves. Ultimately this book is a call for academia to place equal value on expertise and on those who do the work of cultural translation.

"An informative blend of theory and case study."
—Meg Urry, Yale University
Black Privilege
Modern Middle-Class Blacks with Credentials and Cash to Spend
Cassi Pittman Claytor

Compared to other cities across the country, New York has one of the largest populations of black Americans, and a significant portion earn incomes that place them solidly in the middle-class. In *Black Privilege*, Cassi Pittman Claytor examines how this group of economically advantaged Blacks experience privilege, having credentials that grant them access to elite spaces and luxuries, often while confronting persistent anti-black bias and racial stigma. Rich qualitative data and original analysis help account for this special kind of privilege Pittman Claytor coins, and the entitlements it affords people—materially in terms of the clothes, homes, and entertainment they consume, as well as symbolically, as they strive to be unapologetically black in a racial consumer hierarchy.

“[This] insightful analysis should be read widely by college students and wider audiences, for it skillfully and beautifully mobilizes the sociological imagination to make the familiar and taken-for-granted visible.”
—Michèle Lamont, co-author of *Getting Respect*

Dreams of the Overworked
Living, Working, and Parenting in the Digital Age
Christine M. Beckman and Melissa Mazmanian

This book offers vivid sketches of daily life for nine families, capturing what it means to live, work, and parent in a world of impossible expectations, now amplified unlike ever before by smart devices. We are invited into homes and offices, where we recognize the crushing pressure of unraveling plans, and the healing warmth of being together. As technologies empower us to do more, they also promise limitless availability and connection. The stories in this book challenge the seductive myth of the individual, by exposing a complex, hidden system of support—our dreams being scaffolded by retired in-laws, friendly neighbors, spouses, and paid help. This book makes a compelling case for celebrating these structures by supporting public policies and community organizations, challenging workplace norms, and reimagining family.

“This important work busts some potent myths and makes a compelling argument for large-scale changes.”
—Brigid Schulte, New York Times-bestselling author of *Overwhelmed*

Western Privilege
Work, Intimacy, and Postcolonial Hierarchies in Dubai
Amélie Le Renard

Nearly 90 percent of residents in Dubai are foreigners with no Emirati nationality. As in many global cities, those who hold Western passports share specific advantages: prestigious careers, high salaries, and comfortable homes and lifestyles. With this book, Amélie Le Renard explores how race, gender and class backgrounds shape experiences of privilege, and investigates the processes that lead to the formation of Westerners as a social group. As they work, hook up, parent, and hire domestic help, Westerners chase Dubai's promise of socioeconomic elevation for the few. Le Renard reveals the diverse experiences and trajectories of white and non-white, male and female Westerners to understand the shifting and contingent nature of Westernness—and also its deep connection to whiteness and heteronormativity. *Western Privilege* offers a singular look at the lived reality of structural racism in cities of the global South.
Can We Unlearn Racism?
What South Africa Teaches Us About Whiteness
Jacob R. Boersema
In contemporary South Africa, power no longer maps neatly onto race. While white South Africans continue to enjoy considerable power at the top levels of industry, they have become a demographic minority, politically subordinate to the black South African population. To be white today means having to adjust to a new racial paradigm. In this book, Jacob Boersema argues that this adaptation requires nothing less than unlearning racism: confronting the shame of a racist past, acknowledging privilege, and rethinking notions of nationalism. Drawing on more than 150 interviews with a cross-section of white South Africans—representationally diverse in age, class, and gender—Boersema details how they understand their whiteness and depicts the limits and possibilities of individual, and collective, transformation.

“This stunning work of scholarship reveals how white citizens reposition themselves as simply another minority while making claims on group rights in the language of the historically oppressed.”
—Jonathan Jansen, Stellenbosch University

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Manifesto for a Dream
Inequality, Constraint, and Radical Reform
Michelle Jackson
Although it is well known that the United States has an inequality problem, social scientists have failed to mobilize in response. Their strikingly insipid, ostensibly science-based approach to policy reforms offers only incremental “interventions,” assuming that the best we can do is contain the problem. In Manifesto for a Dream Michelle Jackson asserts that we will never make strides toward equality if we do not start to think radically. It is the structure of social institutions that generates and maintains social inequality, and must be attacked for progress to be made. Jackson makes a scientific case for large-scale institutional reform. She persuasively argues that social science has an obligation to develop and test the radical policies necessary to assure equality for all.

“Should we bind the fates of rich and poor children together? Should we outlaw practices that generate inequality? [This] is a book to wrestle with.”
—Matthew Desmond, author of Evicted

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Gender Threat
American Masculinity in the Face of Change
Dan Cassino and Yasemin Besen-Cassino
Against all evidence to the contrary, American men have come to believe that the world is tilted—economically, socially, politically—against them. The authors of Gender Threat look at what reasoning lies behind their belief and how they respond to it. Many feel that there is a limited set of socially accepted ways for men to express their gender identity, and when it is difficult for them to do so, they search for another outlet to compensate. Sometimes these behaviors are maladaptive, as in the case of increased sexual harassment at work. Importantly, though, younger men are more likely to turn to nontraditional compensatory behaviors, such as increased involvement in cooking, parenting, and community leadership, suggesting that the conception of masculinity is likely to change in the decades to come.

“Masculinity is dangerous and fragile; but highly adaptable. As the authors illustrate, this malleability also sows the seeds of social change.”
—Philip N. Cohen, University of Maryland

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The Lives and Deaths of Shelter Animals
Katja M. Guenther

Monster is an adult pit bull, muscular and grey, who is impounded in a large animal shelter in Los Angeles. Like many other dogs at the shelter, Monster is associated with marginalized humans and assumed to embody certain behaviors because of his breed. And like approximately 1 million shelter animals each year, Monster will be killed.

The Lives and Deaths of Shelter Animals, takes us inside one of the country’s highest intake animal shelters. Katja M. Guenther met countless animals, including Monster, and saw the dramatic variance in the narratives assigned them and, ultimately, their chances for survival. She argues that these inequalities are powerfully linked to human ideas about race, class, gender, ability, and species.

“This urgent book reveals the deadly consequences of a health crisis that implicates race, gender, economic, food, and reproductive justice.”

—Dorothy Roberts, author of Killing the Black Body

Unauthorized Love
Mixed Citizenship Couples Negotiating Intimacy, Immigration, and the State
Jane Lilly López

For mixed-citizenship couples, getting married is the easy part. The U.S. Supreme Court has confirmed the universal civil right to marry, but denied that this right includes married couples’ right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness on U.S. soil. While U.S. citizens can extend legal inclusion to their spouses through family reunification, they must prove the worthiness of their love before their relationship will be officially recognized by the state. In Unauthorized Love, Jane López offers a comprehensive, critical look at U.S. family reunification law and its consequences as experienced by 56 mixed-citizenship American couples. These couples’ stories make tangible the consequences of current U.S. immigration laws that tend to favor Whiteness, wealth, and heteronormativity, as well as the individual rather than the family unit, in awarding membership and official belonging.

“I have yet to read a book that so deftly—and with such grace—captures the intimate costs of the U.S. immigration system on marital relationships.”

—Joanna Dreby, author of Everyday Illegal
The Border Within
Vietnamese Migrants Transforming Ethnic Nationalism in Berlin
Phi Hong Su

When the Berlin Wall fell, Germany united in a wave of euphoria and solidarity. Also caught in the current were Vietnamese border crossers who had left their homeland after its reunification in 1975. Unwilling to live under socialism, one group resettled in West Berlin as refugees. In the name of socialist solidarity, a second group arrived in East Berlin as contract workers. The Border Within paints a vivid portrait of these disparate Vietnamese migrants’ encounters with each other in the post-socialist city of Berlin. Journalists, scholars, and Vietnamese border crossers themselves consider these groups that left their homes under vastly different conditions to be one people, linked by an unquestionable ethnic nationhood. Phi Hong Su's rigorous ethnography unpacks this intuition. In absorbing prose, Su reveals how these Cold War compatriots enact palpable social boundaries in everyday life.

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Contested Embrace
Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea
Jaeun Kim

Contested Embrace explores how a state relates to people it views as “external members,” such as emigrants and diasporas. Jaeun Kim analyzes disputes over the belonging of Koreans in Japan and China, focusing on their contested relationship with the colonial and postcolonial states in the Korean peninsula. Through a comparative analysis of transborder membership politics in the colonial, Cold War, and post–Cold War periods, the book shows how the configuration of geopolitics, bureaucratic techniques, and actors’ agency shapes the making, unmaking, and remaking of transborder ties. Kim demonstrates that being a “homeland” state or a member of the “transborder nation” is a precarious, arduous, and reversible political achievement.

“A brilliant and bracing analysis of transborder membership politics. It is a great book to think with.”
—John Lie, University of California, Berkeley

Immigrant California
Understanding the Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Policy
Edited by David Scott FitzGerald and John D. Skrentny

If California were its own country, it would have the world’s fifth largest immigrant population. The way these newcomers are integrated into the state will shape California’s schools, workforce, businesses, public health, politics, and culture. In Immigrant California, leading experts in U.S. migration provide cutting-edge research on the incorporation of immigrants and their descendants in this bellwether state. Contributors to this volume cover topics ranging from education systems to healthcare initiatives and unravel the sometimes-contradictory details of California’s immigration history. The volume shows how a state that was once the national leader in anti-immigrant policies quickly became a standard-bearer of greater accommodation.

“The experts featured in this volume provide evidence-based insights and recommendations that will help lead California and the nation to a more inclusive, healthy, and prosperous shared future.”
—Janelle Wong, University of Maryland, College Park

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Here, There, and Elsewhere
*The Making of Immigrant Identities in a Globalized World*

Tahseen Shams

Challenging the commonly held perception that immigrants’ lives are shaped exclusively by the sending and receiving countries, *Here, There, and Elsewhere* breaks new ground by showing how immigrants are vectors of globalization who both produce and experience the interconnectedness of societies—not only the societies of origin and destination but also societies in places beyond, which Tahseen Shams theorizes as the “elsewhere.” Drawing on rich ethnographic data, Shams uncovers how the immigrants’ ethnic and religious identities connect them to elsewhere in places as far-ranging as the Middle East, Europe, and Africa. Shams traces how the homeland, hostland, and elsewhere combine to affect the ways immigrants and their descendants understand themselves and are understood by others.

“A brilliantly argued, beautifully written book.”

—Roger Waldinger, University of California, Los Angeles

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Migranthood
*Youth in a New Era of Deportation*

Lauren Heidbrink

*Migranthood* chronicles deportation from the perspectives of Indigenous youth who migrate unaccompanied from Guatemala to Mexico and the U.S. In communities of origin, zones of transit in Mexico, detention centers in the U.S., government facilities receiving returned children in Guatemala, and communities of return, young people share how they negotiate everyday violence and discrimination, how they and their families prioritize limited resources and make difficult decisions, and how young people develop and sustain relationships over time and space. Lauren Heidbrink uncovers the transnational effects of the securitized responses to migration management and development on individuals and families, across space, citizenship status, and generation.

“A must-read for anyone who cares about migrant youth, and a wake-up call for policymakers recycling failed immigration and development policies.”

—Victoria Sanford, City University of New York

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Court of Injustice
*Law Without Recognition in U.S. Immigration*

J.C. Salyer

*Court of Injustice* reveals how immigration lawyers work to achieve just results for their clients in a system that has long denigrated the rights of those they serve. J.C. Salyer’s ethnography specifically investigates immigration enforcement in New York City, following individual migrants, their lawyers, and the NGOs that serve them into the immigration courtrooms that decide their cases. Combining anthropological and legal analysis, Salyer demonstrates the economic, historical, political, and social elements that go into constructing inequity under law for millions of non-citizens who live and work in the U.S. Salyer provides a new perspective to the study of migration by focusing specifically on the laws, courts, and people involved in U.S. immigration law.

“This book is a unique, essential, urgent read for anyone who cares about immigration and immigrants today.”

—Cecilia Menjívar, University of California, Los Angeles

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Beauty Diplomacy
Embodying an Emerging Nation
Oluwakemi M. Balogun

Even as beauty pageants have been critiqued as misogynistic and dated cultural vestiges of the past in the U.S. and elsewhere, the pageant industry is growing in popularity across the global south, and Nigeria is one the countries at the forefront of this trend. In a country with over 1,000 reported pageants, these events are more than superficial forms of entertainment. Beauty Diplomacy takes us inside the world of Nigerian beauty contests to see how they are transformed into contested vehicles for promoting complex ideas about gender and power, ethnicity and belonging, and a rapidly changing articulation of Nigerian nationhood. Oluwakemi M. Balogun critically examines Nigerian pageants in the context of major transitions within the nation-state, using these events as a lens through which to understand Nigerian national identity and international relations.

Dark Finance
Illiquidity and Authoritarianism at the Margins of Europe
Fabio Mattioli

Dark Finance is one of the first ethnographic accounts of financial expansion and its political impacts in Eastern Europe. Following workers, managers, and investors in the Macedonian construction sector, Mattioli shows how financialization can empower authoritarian regimes—not by making money accessible to everyone, but by allowing a small group of oligarchs to monopolize access to international credit and promote a cascade of exploitative domestic debt relations. One bad deal at a time, Dark Finance chronicles how Macedonia’s authoritarian regime rode a wave of financial expansion to deepen its reach into Macedonian society, only to discover that, like other speculative bubbles, its domination was always on the verge of collapsing.

“"As financialization and populism reshape the world, Fabio Mattioli’s rich and timely analysis traces the intersection of finance-fueled construction and authoritarian rule in Macedonia.””
—Sohini Kar, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dispossession and Dissent
Immigrants and the Struggle for Housing in Madrid
Sophie L. Gonick

Since the 2008 financial crisis, complex capital flows have ravaged everyday communities across the globe. Housing in particular has become increasingly precarious. In response, many movements now contest the long-held promises and established terms of the private ownership of housing. Immigrant activism has played an important role in such struggles over collective consumption. In Dispossession and Dissent, Sophie Gonick examines the intersection of homeownership and immigrant activism through an analysis of Spain’s anti-evictions movement, now a hallmark for housing struggles across the globe. Through extensive archival and ethnographic research, Gonick uncovers the pivotal role of Andean immigrants within this movement, as the first to contest the dispossession. They forged a potent politics of dissent, which drew upon migratory experiences and indigenous traditions of activism to contest foreclosures and evictions.

“A wonderful treatise on these turbulent yet hopeful times.”
—Michael Goldman, author of Imperial Nature
Dying to Serve
*Militarism, Affect, and the Politics of Sacrifice in the Pakistan Army*
Maria Rashid

The Pakistan Army is a uniquely powerful and influential institution, with deep roots in the colonial armed forces. It relies heavily on certain regions to supply its soldiers, especially parts of rural Punjab, where men have served in the army for generations. In *Dying to Serve*, Maria Rashid innovatively and sensitively addresses the question: how does the military thrive when so much of its work results in injury, debility, and death? Rashid argues that “spectacles of mourning” are careful manipulations of affect, gendered and structured by the military to reinforce its omnipotence. She contends that understanding these affective technologies is crucial to challenging the appeal of the military institution globally.

“This highly original study shows that we can learn about the appeal of military service by engaging with those who stand to lose the most from its allure: the women whose sons and husbands die in uniform.”
—Vron Ware, Kingston University

Refusing Death
*Immigrant Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice in LA*
Nadia Y. Kim

The industrial-port belt of Los Angeles is home to eleven of the top twenty oil refineries in California, the largest ports in the country, and those “racist monuments” we call freeways. In this uncelebrated corner of “La La Land” through which most of America’s goods transit, pollution is literally killing the residents. In response, a grassroots movement for environmental justice has grown, predominated by Asian and undocumented Latin@ immigrant women. In *Refusing Death*, Nadia Y. Kim tells their stories, finding that the women are able to remap politics, community, and citizenship in the face of the country’s nativist racism and system of class injustice. The women have developed creative, unconventional, and loving ways to support and protect one another. They challenge the state’s betrayal, demand respect, and, ultimately, refuse death.

“A major intervention.”
—David Naguib Pellow, author of *What is Critical Environmental Justice?*

Bread and Freedom
*Egypt’s Revolutionary Situation*
Mona El-Ghobashy

Once celebrated as an awe-inspiring irruption of people power, Egypt’s 2011 revolution is now often judged a tragic failure. Moving away from such sweeping judgments, *Bread and Freedom* argues that conceiving of a “Revolution” propelled by revolutionaries is untenable—it is the uprising that made revolutionaries and their opponents, not the other way around—and takes seriously the political conflicts set into motion by the uprising. El-Ghobashy sifts through a documentary record hidden in plain sight—party manifestoes, military communiqués, open letters, constitutional contentions, protest slogans, parliamentary debates, and court decisions. The sources reveal not a mythical unity undone by schisms, but hordes of new and old actors clamoring over the state’s material and symbolic power. On the tenth anniversary of the Arab uprisings’ first wave, *Bread and Freedom* rethinks how we study revolutions, looking past causes and consequences to train its sights on the collisions of revolutionary politics.
At Risk
Indian Sexual Politics and the Global AIDS Crisis
Gowri Vijayakumar

In the mid-1990s, experts predicted that India would face the world’s biggest AIDS epidemic by 2000. Though a crisis at this scale never fully materialized, global public health institutions, donors, and the Indian state initiated a massive effort to prevent it. HIV prevention programs channeled billions of dollars toward those groups designated as at-risk—sex workers and men who have sex with men. At Risk captures this unique moment in which these criminalized and marginalized groups reinvented their “at-risk” categorization and became central players in the crisis response. Working across India and Kenya, Gowri Vijayakumar illuminates how the politics of gender, sexuality, and nationalism shape global crisis response.

“Feminist transnational sociology at its best! Meticulously researched and beautifully written, this book tells a richly textured, and often surprising, story.”
—Jyoti Puri, Simmons University

Precarious Asia
Global Capitalism and Work in Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia
Arne L. Kalleberg, Kevin Hewison, and Kwang-Yeong Shin

Precarious Asia assesses the role of global and domestic factors in shaping precarious work and its outcomes in Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia as they represent a range of Asian political democracies and capitalist economies: Japan and South Korea are now developed and mature economies, while Indonesia remains a lower-middle income country. The authors of this volume yield compelling insights into the extent and consequences of precarious work, examining the dynamics underlying its rise. Revealing the interplay of forces that generate precarious work, they synthesize historical and institutional analyses with the political economy of capitalism and class relations. This book reveals how precarious work ultimately contributes to increasingly high levels of inequality and condemns segments of the population to chronic poverty and many more to livelihood and income vulnerability.

“Economic transnational sociology at its best! Meticulously researched and beautifully written, this book tells a richly textured, and often surprising, story.”

Normalized Financial Wrongdoing
How Re-regulating Markets Created Risks and Fostered Inequality
Harland Prechel

Widespread wrongdoing produced the 2008 financial crisis leading to theories about the breakdown of corporate ethics. In Normalized Financial Wrongdoing, Harland Prechel examines how social structural arrangements that extended corporate property rights and increased managerial control opened the door for misconduct and high levels of inequality. His account answers two questions: First, how did banks and financial firms transition from being providers of capital to financial market actors in their own right? Second, how did new organizational structures cause market participants to engage in high-risk activities? After demonstrating that the roots of inequality lay in social structural conditions, Prechel considers societal pre-conditions to change.

“A must-read for anyone wishing to understand the foundations of contemporary capitalism.”
—Donald Palmer, University of California, Davis
The Sympathetic Consumer
Moral Critique in Capitalist Culture
Tad Skotnicki

When people encounter consumer goods they find little to no information about their origins. The goods will thus remain anonymous. In this book, Tad Skotnicki argues that this encounter is an endemic feature of capitalist societies, and one with which consumers have struggled for centuries in the form of activist movements constructed around what he calls The Sympathetic Consumer. This book documents the uncanny similarities shared by the transatlantic abolitionist movement, U.S. and English consumer movements, and contemporary Fair Trade activism. Ultimately, Skotnicki provides a framework to identify a capitalist culture by examining how people interpret everyday phenomena essential to it.

“A path-breaking work. This book contributes significantly to broader debates about how to understand the economic culture of capitalism.”
—Lyn Spillman, University of Notre Dame

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Reimagining Money
Kenya in the Digital Finance Revolution
Sibel Kusimba

Technology is rapidly changing the way we think about money. Digital payment has been slow to take off in the United States but is displacing cash in countries as diverse as China, Kenya, and Sweden. In Reimagining Money, Sibel Kusimba describes the rise of M-Pesa, and offers a rich portrait of how this technology changes the economic and social landscape, allowing users to create webs of relationships as they exchange, pool, borrow, lend, and share digital money in user-built networks. These networks, Kusimba argues, will shape the future of financial technologies and their impact on poverty, inclusion, and empowerment. The book concludes by proposing a new theory of money that can be applied to designing better financial technologies in the future.

“This provocative, nuanced ethnography asks the question: can money be designed for the ‘wealth-in-people’ that sustains lives and livelihoods in an ever-more precarious world?”
—William Maurer, University of California, Irvine

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Cultural Values in Political Economy
Edited by J.P. Singh

The backlash against globalization and the rise of cultural anxiety has led to considerable re-thinking among social scientists. This book provides multiple theoretical, historical, and methodological orientations to examine these issues. While addressing the rise of populism worldwide, the volume provides explanations that cover periods of both cultural turbulence and stability. Issues addressed include populism and cultural anxiety, class, religion, arts and cultural diversity, global environment norms, international trade, and soft power.

The interdisciplinary scholarship from well-known scholars questions the oft-made assumption in political economy that holds culture “constant,” which in practice means marginalizing it in the explanation. The volume conceptualizes culture as a repertoire of values and alternatives. Locating human interests in underlying cultural values does not make political economy’s strategic or instrumental calculations of interests redundant: the instrumental logic follows a social context and a distribution of cultural values, while locating forms of decision-making that may not be rational.

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