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Explorations in the Sociology of Consumption George Ritzer 2001-06-04 In this book, one of the leading social theorists and cultural commentators of modern times, turns his gaze on consumption. George Ritzer, author of the famous McDonaldization Thesis, demonstrates the irrational consequences of the rational desire to consume and commodify. He examines how McDonaldization might be resisted, and situates the reader in the new cultural spaces that are emerging in society: shopping malls, casino hotels, Disneyfied theme parks and Las Vegas -- the new 'cathedrals of consumption' as he calls them. The book shows how new processes of consumption relate to globalization theory. In illuminating discussions of the work of Thorstein Veblen and the French situationists, Ritzer unearths the roots of problems of consumption in older sociological traditions. He indicates how transgression is bound up with consumption, through an investigation of the obscene in popular and postmodern culture.

Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2011

Handbook of Social Theory George Ritzer 2003-07-26 This book is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the roots, current debates and future development of social theory. It draws together a team of international scholars, and presents an authoritative and panoramic critical survey of the field. The first section, examines the classical tradition. Included here are critical discussions of Comte, Spencer, Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Simmel, Mead, Freud, Mannheim and classical feminist thought, demonstrating not only the critical significance of classical writings, but also their continuing relevance. The second section moves on to examine the terrain of contemporary social theory. The contributors discuss the significance and strengths and weaknesses of structural functionalism, recent Marxian theory, critical theory, symbolic interactionism, phenomenology, exchange theory, contemporary feminism, ethnomethodology, rational choice theory, figurational sociology, the thought of Foucault, multiculturalism and postmodernism. The final section looks at the key debates in current social theory. Questions relating to the body, sexuality, globalism, nationalism, socialism, knowledge, norms, ethics, positivism, post-structuralism, consumption, metatheorizing and cultural studies are fully discussed. The dilemmas and promise of contemporary social theory are revealed with pinpoint accuracy.

Contemporary Sociological Theory and Its Classical Roots: The Basics George Ritzer 2012-09-06 Contemporary Social Theory and Its Classical Roots: The Basics is ideal for those looking for a brief, yet accessible text on sociological theory. An affordable alternative to a standard text, this volume is concise, comprehensive, informative, engaging, includes a range of pedagogical features, and it appeals to a wide range of students. The 4th edition has added new sections on W.E.B. Du Bois, Queer theory, and key concepts and applications boxes on a variety of contemporary social theories.

Classical Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2016-12-27 Now with SAGE Publishing, and co-authored by one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, George Ritzer and Jeffrey Stepnisky's Classical Sociological Theory, Seventh Edition, provides a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and schools of sociological thought from the Enlightenment roots of theory through the early 20th century. The integration of key theories with biographical sketches of theorists and the requisite historical and intellectual context helps students to better understand the original works of classical authors as well as to compare and contrast classical theories. New to this Edition · In Ch. 1, Colonialism is now discussed as a major social force in development of modern society. · In Ch. 2, there is an expanded discussion of the historical significance of Early Women Founders and the contributions of W.E.B. Du Bois. · The chapter on Du Bois (Ch. 9) includes new material about his intellectual influences. · New contemporary commentary about Durkheim has been added to Ch. 7. · Ch. 9 includes new material from recently translated later writings of George Simmel, providing new context for his overall theory. · Addition of Historical Context boxes throughout text. · Sections on contemporary applications of classical theory have been added to each chapter.

The McDonaldization of Society George Ritzer 2013 George Ritzer's McDonaldization of Society, now celebrating its' 20th anniversary, continues to stand as one of the pillars of modern day sociological thought. By linking theory to 21st century culture, this book resonates with students in a way that few other books do, opening their eyes to many current issues, especially in consumption and globalization. As in previous editions, the book has been updated and it offers new discussions of, among others, In-N-Out- Burger and Pret A Manger as possible antitheses of McDonaldization. The biggest change, however, is that the book has been radically streamlined to offer an even clearer articulation of the now-famous McDonaldization thesis.

Sociology Robert Van Krieken 2013-09-12 Building upon the success of previous editions, this fully revised edition of Sociology lays the foundations for understanding sociology in Australia. The depth and breadth of the book ensures its value not only for first-year students, but for sociology majors requiring on-going reference to a range of theoretical perspectives and current debates. This fifth Australian edition continues to build on the book's reputation for coverage, clarity and content, drawing upon the work of leading Australian sociologists as well as engaging with global social trends and sociological developments.

Sociological Beginnings George Ritzer 1994 This is a short, inexpensive, paperback introduction to sociology for students taking their first sociology courses. The types of "beginnings" discussed include the founding of sociology, biographies of the major founders of sociology, the development of major sociological theories, and the emergence of some major sociological research methods.

Readings in Globalization George Ritzer 2010-03-01 This unique and engaging anthology introduces students to the major concepts of globalization within the context of the key debates and disputes. Introduces globalization through its basic concepts, rather than thematically; a distinctive approach that provides students with a better grasp of what social science has to offer on the topic Utilizes concepts from interdisciplinary sources, bringing together work from key figures across a number of fields - from Weber and Marx, to contemporary figures in the field, including Beck, Bauman, Castells, and Homi Bhabha Includes excerpts to illustrate ideas, all at an appropriate level of difficulty for an undergraduate audience Offers all of this in the dynamic context of major debates surrounding the basic concepts and the fundamental realities of globalization Designed so it can be used independently, or alongside Ritzer's *Globalization: A Basic Text* for a complete student resource

Modern Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2000 Gives readers an overview of the contemporary schools of sociological thought. This book integrates key theories with biographical sketches of theorists, placing readings in context and helping students understand the diversity of contemporary theory. It reflects debates in sociology and includes sections on Actor-Network theory, and more.

The McDonaldization of Society George Ritzer 1993

A Debtor World Ralph Brubaker 2012-11-15 *A Debtor World* contains a collection of contributions about the societal implications of private debt. The essays comprising this volume are authored by dozens of leading U.S. and international academics who have written about debt or issues related to debt in a wide range of disciplines including law, sociology, psychology, history, economics, and more. The goal of this collection is to explore debt neither as a problem nor a solution but as a phenomenon and to promote the exchange of knowledge to better comprehend why consumers and businesses decide to borrow money. It asks what happens to businesses and consumers under a heavy debt load, and what legal norms and institutions societies need to encourage the efficient use of debt while promoting a greater understanding of the global phenomenon of increased indebtedness and societal dependence.

Contemporary Sociological Theory and Its Classical Roots George Ritzer 2017-12-22 *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.

Explorations in Classical Sociological Theory Kenneth Allan 2016-09-22 Praised for its conversational tone, personal examples, and helpful pedagogical tools, the Fourth Edition of *Explorations in Classical Sociological Theory: Seeing the Social World* is organized around the modern ideas of progress, knowledge, and democracy. With this historical thread woven throughout the chapters, the book examines the works and intellectual contributions of major classical theorists, including Marx, Spencer, Durkheim, Weber, Mead, Simmel, Martineau, Gilman, Douglass, Du Bois, Parsons, and the Frankfurt School. Kenneth Allan and new co-author Sarah Daynes focus on the specific views of each theorist, rather than schools of thought, and highlight modernity and postmodernity to help contemporary readers understand how classical sociological theory applies to their lives.

Globalization George Ritzer 2015-01-27 Updated to reflect recent global developments, the second edition of *Globalization: A Basic Text* presents an up-

to-date introduction to major trends and topics relating to globalization studies. Features updates and revisions in its accessible introduction to key theories and major topics in globalization Includes an enhanced emphasis on issues relating to global governance, emerging technology, global flows of people, human trafficking, global justice movements, and global environmental sustainability Utilizes a unique set of metaphors to introduce and explain the highly complex nature of globalization in an engaging and understandable manner Offers an interdisciplinary approach to globalization by drawing from fields that include sociology, global political economy, political science, international relations, geography, and anthropology Written by an internationally recognized and experienced author team

Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2007-07-23 The seventh edition of Sociological Theory by George Ritzer, one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and schools of sociological thought. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of theorists, and theories are placed in their historical and intellectual context. This helps students to better understand the original works of classical and modern theorists as well as to compare and contrast the latest substantive theories.

Modern Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2017-01-23 Now with SAGE Publishing, and co-authored by one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, the Eighth Edition of Modern Sociological Theory by George Ritzer and Jeffrey Stepnisky provides a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and theoretical schools, from the Structural Functionalism of early 20th century through the cutting-edge theories of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The integration of key theories with biographical sketches of theorists and the requisite historical and intellectual context helps students to better understand the original works of contemporary thinkers. New to this Edition 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. New material on colonialization, classical women theorists, and race, as well as new timelines in history chapters. The chapter on Symbolic Interactionism now discusses work on the sociology of emotions. The concluding chapter now discusses affect theory and theories of prosumption, one of the newest developments in consumer theory. The chapter on Contemporary Theories of Modernity includes new section on the work of Charles Taylor. New perspectives on the work of Immanuel Wallerstein have been added to the chapter on Neo-Marxian theories. The opening historical sketch chapters now include a discussion of colonialism as one of the forces that shaped modern society; new material on the historical significance of early women founders; and a section on theories of race.

Readings in Social Theory James Farganis 2004 This highly regarded anthology of primary readings in sociological theory covers the major theorists and schools from classic to contemporary, modernist, and postmodernist, in a chronological organization. Its comprehensive coverage and excellent introductions make this book appealing as a main text for professors who want to encourage students to read and interpret original sources, or as a supplement for those who use a traditional main text.

The Blackwell Companion to Major Contemporary Social Theorists George Ritzer 2008-04-15 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. 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.

Modern Sociological Theory George Ritzer 1996 The seventh edition of "Modern Sociological Theory" by George Ritzer, one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major contemporary schools of sociological thought. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of theorists, and theories are placed in their historical and intellectual context. This helps students to better understand the original works and helps them appreciate the diversity of contemporary theory.

Frontiers of Social Theory George Ritzer 1990 This book presents essays reflecting the current state and near-term prospects of sociological theory.

The Concise Encyclopedia of Sociology George Ritzer 2011-01-25 This concise encyclopedia is the most complete international survey of sociology ever created in one volume. Contains over 800 entries from the whole breadth of the discipline Distilled from the highly regarded Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, with entries completely revised and updated to provide succinct and up-to-date coverage of the fundamental topics Global in scope, both in terms of topics and contributors Each entry includes references and suggestions for further reading Cross-referencing allows easy movement around the volume

Modern Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2007-06-27 Gives you a comprehensive overview of the major contemporary schools of sociological thought. This work integrates key theories with biographical sketches of theorists, and theories are placed in their historical and intellectual context. It helps students to better understand the original works and appreciate the diversity of contemporary theory

Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2013-03-01 The ninth edition of *Sociological Theory* by George Ritzer gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and schools of sociological thought. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of theorists, and are placed in their historical and intellectual context. Written by one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, 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.

Postmodern Social Theory George Ritzer 1997 Ritzer's long-awaited text in *Postmodern Social Theory* is a readable & coherent introduction to the fundamental ideas & most important thinkers in postmodern social theory.

Classical Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2020-03-27 The authors are proud sponsors of the 2020 SAGE Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award—enabling graduate students and early career faculty to attend the annual ASA pre-

conference teaching and learning workshop. *Classical Sociological Theory, Eighth Edition*, provides a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and schools of sociological thought from the Enlightenment roots of theory through the early 20th century. The integration of key theories with biographical sketches of theorists and the requisite historical and intellectual context helps students to better understand the original works of classical authors as well as to compare and contrast classical theories.

The Blackwell Companion to Major Classical Social Theorists George Ritzer 2008-04-15 The Blackwell Companion to Major Classical Social Theorists provides a comprehensive review of classical social theory. Containing original essays especially commissioned for this volume, leading experts and practitioners examine the life and work of 12 major theorists. Includes 12 original essays by leading scholars on major classical social theorists Covers the key figures who shaped social theory, such as Marx, Weber and Durkheim, as well as additional classical theorists such as Harriet Martineau and W. E. B. Du Bois 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 Contemporary Social Theorists*, edited by George Ritzer, for a complete reference source in social theory

The Perspective of Historical Sociology Jiří Šubrt 2017-11-09 This book provides a comprehensive overview of the themes that make up the field of Historical Sociology. At its centre is the human individual as related to social and historical development. The key question it raises is who or what is responsible for the process of human history: society or the individual?

[The McDonaldization of Society 5](#) George Ritzer 2008 The fast-food business, most notably McDonalds, revolutionised not only the restaurant business but also American society and ultimately, the world. Using the model of McDonalds, the author draws on the theories of Weber to produce a social critique.

Introduction to Sociology: Canadian Version George Ritzer 2013-07-25 While providing a rock-solid foundation of sociology, *Introduction to Sociology: Canadian Version*, by renowned sociologists George Ritzer and Neil Guppy, illuminates traditional sociological concepts and theories, as well as some of today's most compelling social phenomena: Globalization, consumer culture, and the Internet. Ritzer and Guppy bring students into the conversation by bridging the divide between the outside world and the classroom. The international version of the book by Ritzer has been redesigned with an explicitly Canadian core. The result is this compelling Canadian version featuring George Ritzer's distinctive voice and style blended with Neil Guppy's definitive views on Canadian sociology—highlighting the place of Canada in a globalizing world.

The McDonaldization of Society George Ritzer 2020-12-10 The book that made "McDonaldization" part of the lexicon of contemporary sociological theory, read by hundreds of thousands of students, is now in its Tenth Edition! George Ritzer's seminal work of critical sociology, *The McDonaldization of Society*, continues to stand as one of the pillars of modern sociological thought. Building on the argument that the fast food restaurant has become the model for the rationalization process today, this book links theory to contemporary life in a globalized world. Ritzer opens our eyes to many current issues and shows how McDonaldization's principles—efficiency, calculability, predictability, and

control—have been applied to other sectors of American society and throughout the world. This new edition continues to shift its focus to how we experience McDonaldization online, the new locus of production and consumption in the digital age.

The McDonaldization of Society George Ritzer 1993 One of the most noteworthy and popular sociology books of all time, *The McDonaldization of Society* demonstrates the power of the sociological imagination to today's readers in a way that few books have been able to do. It is ideal for use in a wide range of undergraduate courses and will be of equal interest to anyone interested in social criticism. This book links a large number of social phenomena to McDonaldization, some which are directly affected by the principles of the fast-food restaurant and others where the effect is more indirect.

The Natural Law Foundations of Modern Social Theory Daniel Chernilo 2013-01-31 After several decades in which it became a prime target for critique, universalism remains one of the most important issues in social and political thought. Daniel Chernilo reassesses social theory's universalistic orientation and explains its origins in natural law theory, using an impressive array of classical and contemporary sources that include, among others, Habermas, Leo Strauss, Weber, Marx, Hegel, Rousseau and Hobbes. *The Natural Law Foundations of Modern Social Theory* challenges previous accounts of the rise of social theory, recovers a strong idea of humanity, and revisits conventional arguments on sociology's relationship to modernity, the enlightenment and natural law. It reconnects social theory to its scientific and philosophical roots, its descriptive and normative tasks and its historical and systematic planes. Chernilo's defense of universalism for contemporary social theory will surely engage students of sociology, political theory and moral philosophy alike.

Classical Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2004 This work provides an overview of the history of classical sociological theory and the work of the major classical theorists. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of the lives of theorists to place readings in their personal and historical context for students.

Classical Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2010-04-19 Written by one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, this text gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major classical theorists and schools of sociological thought. The integration of key theories with biographical sketches of theorists and the requisite historical and intellectual context helps students to better understand the original works of classical authors as well as to compare and contrast classical theories.

Sociology Joan Ferrante 2011 *SOCIOLOGY: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, Enhanced International Edition*, introduces you to the concepts and theories of sociology, demonstrates how they can be used to think about the most significant and pressing global issues of our day, and uses powerful visual images to illustrate their impact on individuals, local communities, and society. The enhanced seventh edition has been substantially updated to reflect the current global economic crisis.

Ebook: Sociological Theory George Ritzer 2014-10-16 The ninth edition of *Sociological Theory* by George Ritzer gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major theorists and schools of sociological thought. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of theorists, and are placed in their

historical and intellectual context. Written by one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, 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.

Modern Sociological Theory George Ritzer 1996 The seventh edition of "Modern Sociological Theory" by George Ritzer, one of the foremost authorities on sociological theory, gives readers a comprehensive overview of the major contemporary schools of sociological thought. Key theories are integrated with biographical sketches of theorists, and theories are placed in their historical and intellectual context. This helps students to better understand the original works and helps them appreciate the diversity of contemporary theory.

Explorations in Social Theory George Ritzer 2001-04-10 George Ritzer is one of the leading social and cultural commentators of the present day. In this essential new book he considers some of the main tendencies in contemporary social theory. Included here are Ritzer's latest reflections on the uses and misuses of metatheory. According to Ritzer, sociology is a multiparadigm science. The differences and intensities of rivalries between paradigms are often very confusing for students and even for professional sociologists. This book seeks to find a way out of the confusion by sketching out the lineaments of a new integrated sociological paradigm and demonstrates how this paradigm can be applied. It shows the various ways in which Ritzer has developed rationalization theory to shed light on professional integration, the shape of consumer culture, hyperrationality and the state of sociology today.

Introduction to Sociology 2e Heather Griffiths 2017-12-31 Introduction to Sociology 2e adheres to the scope and sequence of a typical, one-semester introductory sociology course. It offers comprehensive coverage of core concepts, foundational scholars, and emerging theories, which are supported by a wealth of engaging learning materials. The textbook presents detailed section reviews with rich questions, discussions that help students apply their knowledge, and features that draw learners into the discipline in meaningful ways. The second edition retains the book's conceptual organization, aligning to most courses, and has been significantly updated to reflect the latest research and provide examples most relevant to today's students. In order to help instructors transition to the revised version, the 2e changes are described within the preface. The images in this textbook are grayscale. Authors include: Heather Griffiths, Nathan Keirns, Eric Strayer, Susan Cody-Rydzewski, Gail Scaramuzzo, Tommy Sadler, Sally Vyain, Jeff Bry, Faye Jones