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Nihilistic Times - Wendy Brown 2023

"Wendy Brown diagnoses a crisis of nihilism in the United States, as market ideals displace values of truth and integrity and identity politics encourage a destructive epidemic of victimhood. Taking strength from Max Weber's WWI-era calls for moral courage, Brown aims to renew commitments to basic values of citizenship and public life"--

Max Weber - Kieran Allen 2004-06-20

Max Weber is one of the founding fathers of sociology. He is often referred to as a sophisticated 'value-free' sociologist. This new critical introduction argues that Weber's sociology cannot be divorced from his political standpoint. Weber saw himself as a 'class conscious bourgeois' and his sociology reflects this outlook. Providing clear summaries of Weber's ideas - concentrating on the themes most often encountered on sociology courses - Kieran Allen provides a lively introduction to this key thinker. Kieran Allen explores Weber's political background through his life and his writing. Weber was a neo-liberal who thought that the market guaranteed efficiency and rationality. He was an advocate of empire. He supported the carnage of WW1 and vehemently attacked German socialists such as Rosa Luxemburg. Weber's most famous book, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, ignores the bloody legacy associated with the early accumulation of capital. Instead, he locates the origins of the system in a new rigorous morality. Using a political framework, Kieran Allen's book is ideal for students who want to

develop a critical approach.

Max Weber - Peter Hamilton 1991

[Max Weber and the Dispute over Reason and Value](#) - Stephen P. Turner 2014-04-04

The problem of the nature of values and the relation between values and rationality is one of the defining issues of twentieth-century thought and Max Weber was one of the defining figures in the debate. In this book, Turner and Factor consider the development of the dispute over Max Weber's contribution to this discourse, by showing how Weber's views have been used, revised and adapted in new contexts. The story of the dispute is itself fascinating, for it cuts across the major political and intellectual currents of the twentieth century, from positivism, pragmatism and value-free social science, through the philosophy of Jaspers and Heidegger, to Critical Theory and the revival of Natural Right and Natural Law. As Weber's ideas were imported to Britain and America, they found new formulations and new adherents and critics and became absorbed into different traditions and new issues. This book was first published in 1984.

Max Weber's Economy and Society - Charles Camic 2005

This book provides an indispensable introduction to Weber's *Economy and Society*, and should be mandatory reading for social scientists who are interested in Weber. The various contributions to this volume, all written by important Weberian scholars, present the culmination of decades of debates about Weber's various

concepts and theories. They are sure guides in the maze of conflicting interpretations, and draw out the implications of Weber's sociology for understanding social change in the 21st century. Gil Eyal, Columbia University Many will value this as the best collection of essays on Max Weber in the English language. It surpasses prior studies in using Weber and the world of his endeavors as entry points into the central issues of social science today. Richard Biernacki, University of California, San Diego"

The Sociology of Religion - Max Weber
1993-04-15

In The Sociology of Religion, first published in the United States in 1963, Max Weber looks at the significant role religion has played in social change throughout history. The book was a formative text of the new discipline of sociology and has gone on to become a classic in the social sciences.

Max Weber's Methodology - Fritz K. RINGER
2009-06-30

At a time when historical and cultural analyses are being subjected to all manner of ideological and disciplinary prodding and poking, the work of Max Weber, the brilliant social theorist and one of the most creative intellectual forces in the twentieth century, is especially relevant. In this significant study, Fritz Ringer offers a new approach to the work of Weber, interpreting his methodological writings in the context of the lively German intellectual debates of his day. According to Ringer, Weber was able to bridge the intellectual divide between humanistic interpretation and causal explanation in historical and cultural studies in a way that speaks directly to our own time, when methodological differences continue to impede fruitful cooperation between humanists and social scientists. In the place of the humanists' subjectivism and the social scientists' naturalism, Weber developed the flexible and realistic concepts of objective probability and adequate causation. Grounding technical theories in specific examples, Ringer has written an essential text for all students of Weber and of social theory in the humanities and social sciences. Fully reconstructed, Max Weber's methodological position in fact anticipated the most fruitful directions in our own contemporary philosophies of the cultural and social sciences.

Ringer's conceptualization of Weber's approach and achievement elucidates Weber's reconciliation of interpretive understanding and causal explanation and shows its relevance to intellectual life and culture in Weber's own time and in ours as well.

Max Weber in Politics and Social Thought - Joshua Derman 2012-10-18

A comprehensive account of the wide-ranging impact of Max Weber's ideas on German and American intellectuals in the twentieth century.

The Iron Cage - Catherine Ross 2017-09-04

This major study of the father of modern sociology explores the intimate relationship between the events of Max Weber's personal history and the development of his thought. When it was first published in 1970, Paul Roazen described The Iron Cage as "'an example of the history of ideas at its very best"; while Robert A. Nisbet said that "'we learn more about Weber's life in this volume than from any other in the English language.'" Weber's life and work developed in reaction to the rigidities of familial and social structures in Imperial Germany. In his youth he was torn by irreconcilable tensions between the Bismarckian authoritarianism of his father and the ethical puritanism of his mother. These tensions led to a psychic crisis when, in his thirties, he expelled his father (who died soon thereafter) from his house. His reaction to the collapse of the European social order before and during World War I was no less personal and profound. It is the triumph of Professor Mitzman's approach that he convincingly demonstrates how the internalizing of these severe experiences led to Weber's pessimistic vision of the future as an "'iron cage'" and to such seminal ideas as the notion of charisma and the concept of the Protestant ethic and its connection with the spirit of capitalism. The author's thesis also serves as a vehicle for describing the social, political, and personal plight of the European bourgeois intellectual of Weber's generation. In synthesizing Weber's life and thought, Arthur Mitzman has expanded and refined our understanding of this central twentieth-century figure. As Lewis Coser writes in the preface, until now "'there has been little attempt to bring together the work and the man, to show the ways in which Weber's cognitive intentions, his choice of problems, were linked

with the details of his personal biography. Arthur Mitzman fills this gap brilliantly.

Weber: Political Writings - Max Weber
1994-06-24

Max Weber (1864-1920), generally known as a founder of modern social science, was concerned with political affairs throughout his life. The texts in this edition span his career and include his early inaugural lecture *The Nation State and Economic Policy, Suffrage and Democracy in Germany, Parliament and Government in Germany under a New Political Order, Socialism, The Profession and Vocation of Politics*, and an excerpt from his essay *The Situation of Constitutional Democracy in Russia*, as well as other shorter writings. Together they illustrate the development of his thinking on the fate of Germany and the nature of politics in the modern western state in an age of cultural 'disenchantment'. The introduction discusses the central themes of Weber's political thought, and a chronology, notes and an annotated bibliography place him in his political and intellectual context.

Economy and Society - Max Weber 1978

Max Weber's *Economy and Society* is the greatest sociological treatise written in this century. Published posthumously in Germany in the early 1920's, it has become a constitutive part of the modern sociological imagination. *Economy and Society* was the first strictly empirical comparison of social structures and normative orders in world-historical depth, containing the famous chapters on social action, religion, law, bureaucracy, charisma, the city, and the political community with its dimensions of class, status and power. *Economy and Status* is Weber's only major treatise for an educated general public. It was meant to be a broad introduction, but in its own way it is the most demanding textbook yet written by a sociologist. The precision of its definitions, the complexity of its typologies and the wealth of its historical content make the work a continuous challenge at several levels of comprehension: for the advanced undergraduate who gropes for his sense of society, for the graduate student who must develop his own analytical skills, and for the scholar who must match wits with Weber. When the long-awaited first complete English edition of *Economy and Society* was published in

1968, Arthur Stinchcombe wrote in the *American Journal of Sociology*: "My answer to the question of whether people should still start their sociological intellectual biographies with *Economy and Society* is yes." Reinhard Bendix noted in the *American Sociological Review* that the "publication of a complete English edition of Weber's most systematic work [represents] the culmination of a cultural transmission to the American setting...It will be a study-guide and compendium for years to come for all those interested in historical sociology and comparative study." In a lengthy introduction, Guenther Roth traces the intellectual prehistory of *Economy and Society*, the gradual emergence of its dominant themes and the nature of its internal logic. Mr. Roth is a Professor of Sociology at Columbia University. Mr. Wittich heads an economic research group at the United Nations.

Max Weber - Joachim Radkau 2011-04-18

Max Weber (1864-1920) is recognized throughout the world as the most important classic thinker in the social sciences - there is simply no one in the history of the social sciences who has been more influential. The affinity between capitalism and protestantism, the religious origins of the Western world, the force of charisma in religion as well as in politics, the all-embracing process of rationalization and the bureaucratic price of progress, the role of legitimacy and of violence as offsprings of leadership, the 'disenchantment' of the modern world together with the never-ending power of religion, the antagonistic relation between intellectualism and eroticism: all these are key concepts which attest to the enduring fascination of Weber's thinking. The tremendous influence exerted by Max Weber was due not only to the power of his ideas but also to the fact that behind his theories one perceived a man with a marked character and a tragic destiny. However, for nearly 80 years, our understanding of the life of Max Weber was dominated by the biography published in 1926 by his widow, Marianne Weber. The lack of a great Weber biography was one of the strangest and most glaring gaps in the literature of the social sciences. For various reasons the task was difficult; time and again, attempts to write a new biography of Max Weber ended in failure. When

Joachim Radkau's biography appeared in Germany in 2005 it caused a sensation. Based on an abundance of previously unknown sources and richly embedded in the German history of the time, this is the first fully comprehensive biography of Max Weber ever to appear. Radkau brings out, in a way that no one has ever done before, the intimate interrelations between Weber's thought and his life experience. He presents detailed revelations about the great enigmas of Weber's life: his suffering and erotic experiences, his fears and his desires, his creative power and his methods of work as well as his religious experience and his relation to nature and to death. By understanding the great drama of his life, we discover a new Max Weber, until now unknown in many respects, and, at the same time, we gain a new appreciation of his work. Joachim Radkau, born in 1943, is Professor of Modern History at the Bielefeld University, Germany. His interest in Max Weber dates back nearly forty years when he worked together with the German-American historian George W. F. Hallgarten (Washington), a refugee who left Germany in 1933 and who, as a student, listened to Weber's last lecture in summer 1920. Radkau's main works include *Die deutsche Emigration in den USA* (1971); *Deutsche Industrie und Politik* (together with G. W. F. Hallgarten, 1974), *Aufstieg und Krise der deutschen Atomwirtschaft* (1983), *Technik in Deutschland* (1989), *Das Zeitalter der Nervosität* (1998), *Natur und Macht: Eine Weltgeschichte der Umwelt* (2000).

Max Weber - Dennis Hume Wrong 1970

"For much of his life he was no more than a private scholar suffering from a paralyzing neurosis. His political aspirations were never realized. His massive work remains highly incomplete. He died before he was sixty. Yet so profound and penetrating was the work of Max Weber that, in the editor's words, he truly "deserves to be called the last universal genius of the social sciences". In this volume, such noted authorities as Peter M. Blau, Talcott Parsons, Wolfgang Mommsen, Karl Loewith and many others reveal the full impact of Weber's thought on modern social science. Editor Dennis H. Wrong, in a comprehensive introduction, examines Weber himself, his sociological method, and the extent of his influence, while

other leading scholars comment on more specific aspects of his work --including the sociology of religion and his philosophy of history. Varied and penetrating, the selections in this book offer a complete portrait of the genius whose seminal insights set the stage for current sociological research and theory"--back cover.

Max Weber on Power and Social Stratification - Catherine Brennan 2020-07-09

First published in 1997, this book revolves around a textual analysis of the Weberian thesis that 'classes', 'status groups' and 'parties' are phenomena of the distribution of power within a 'community'. An internal reconstruction of Weber's own ideas on what is called social stratification in contemporary sociological discourse is undertaken. The reason for this reconstruction inheres in the fact that Weber's thought (especially in the field of social stratification) has been modified and misappropriated to such an extent that Weber himself is usually lost in the commentaries. Moreover, this reconstruction is crucial because the secondary literature does not contain a single account teasing out the analytic structure underlying Weber's statements on the nature of social inequality in various societies. It is the principal intention of the book, then, to retrieve the essential form and significance of Weber's ideas on social stratification.

Max Weber - Randall Collins 1985-10-01

In *Max Weber: A Skeleton Key* Randall Collins gives a concise overview of the work of one of sociology's greatest classic thinkers. The many strands of Weber's theorizing and the breadth and scope of his historical comparisons are here brought clearly into focus. This is an ideal text for students in sociology.

Karl Mannheim and the Legacy of Max Weber - Colin Loader 2012-12-28

This book focuses on the important work of Karl Mannheim by demonstrating how his theoretical conception of a reflexive sociology took shape as a collaborative empirical research programme. The authors show how contemporary work along these lines can benefit from the insights of Mannheim and his students into both morphology and genealogy. It returns Mannheim's sociology of knowledge inquiries into the broader context of a wider project in historical and cultural sociology, whose

promising development was disrupted and then partially obscured by the expulsion of Mannheim's intellectual generation. This inspired volume will appeal to sociologists concerned with the contemporary relevance of his work, and who are prepared for a fresh look at Weimar sociology and the legacy of Max Weber.

[The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism](#)
- Max Weber 2003-04-04

The Protestant ethic — a moral code stressing hard work, rigorous self-discipline, and the organization of one's life in the service of God — was made famous by sociologist and political economist Max Weber. In this brilliant study (his best-known and most controversial), he opposes the Marxist concept of dialectical materialism and its view that change takes place through "the struggle of opposites." Instead, he relates the rise of a capitalist economy to the Puritan determination to work out anxiety over salvation or damnation by performing good deeds — an effort that ultimately discouraged belief in predestination and encouraged capitalism. Weber's classic study has long been required reading in college and advanced high school social studies classrooms.

[The Social Thought of Max Weber](#) - Stephen Kalberg 2016-04-25

Stephen Kalberg's *The Social Thought of Max Weber*, the newest volume of the SAGE Social Thinkers series, provides a concise introduction to the work, life, and influence of Max Weber, considered to be one of three most important founders (along with Marx and Durkheim) of sociology. The book serves as an excellent introduction to the full range of Weber's major themes, and explores in detail the extent to which they are relevant today. It is ideal for use as a self-contained volume or in conjunction with other sociological theory textbooks.

Max Weber - Stephen Kalberg 2008-04-15

This unique volume gathers Weber's writings on a broad array of themes, from the nature of work, to the political culture of democracy, to the uniqueness of the West, to the character of the family and race relations, to the role of science and the fate of ethical action in the modern world. Gathers Weber's writings in a comprehensive collection, organized by topic. Rejuvenates a central, pivotal theme of

Weberian thought: "How do we live?" and "How can we live in the industrial society?" Connects Weber's writings to contemporary issues through modern essays and editorial introductions.

[Max Weber](#) - Dirk Käsler 1988

Käsler offers a comprehensive account of Weber's views, giving attention both to the context in which Weber produced his most significant contributions to social science, and to the changes involved in his work over the course of his career. This volume also serves as an introduction to the controversies that Weber's writings have stimulated, from the time of their first appearance to the present day.

Max Weber - Reinhard Bendix 1977

The purpose of this book is to make Weber's sociological work more accessible and more thematically coherent than it is either in the original or in translation. This volume is used as an introduction to the study of original Weber texts and gives the reader a systematic presentation of Weber's sociological studies.

Max Weber and German Politics, 1890-1920

- Wolfgang J. Mommsen 1990-07-25

A major work of German historiography, this comprehensive account of Weber's political views and activities reveals that, paradoxically, Weber was at once an ardent liberal and a determined German nationalist and imperialist. Wolfgang J. Mommsen shows the important links between these seemingly conflicting positions and provides a critique of Weber's sociology of power and his concept of democratic rule. First published in German in 1959, *Max Weber and German Politics* appeared in a revised edition in 1974 and became available in an English translation only in 1984. In writing this work, Mommsen drew extensively on Weber's published and unpublished essays, newspaper articles, memoranda, and correspondence.

[Max Weber](#) - Laurent Fleury 2009

Max Weber and the Theory of Modern Politics - David Beetham 1985

Max Weber's writings on the politics of Wilhelmine in Germany and the Russian revolutions of 1905 and 1917 are much less well known than his contributions to historical and theoretical sociology, yet they are essential to any overall assessment of his thought. Drawing

on these writings, still mostly untranslated, David Beetham offers the most comprehensive account available in English of Weber's political theory. The book explores Weber's central concern with the prospects for liberal Parliamentarism in authoritarian societies and in an age of mass politics and bureaucratic organization, and shows how this concern led him to a revision of democratic theory which is still influential. It argues that Weber's analysis of the class basis of contemporary politics necessitate a modification in some of the accepted interpretations of his sociology of modern capitalism. A special feature of the book is its full treatment of the extensive German literature on Weber's political thought. This second edition contains a substantial new critical introduction and an expanded bibliography. Otherwise the text of the widely acclaimed first edition remains unaltered. This is a book which adds an essential dimension to the understanding of Max Weber for students of sociology and politics who have previously only approached his work through his sociological writings.

Max Weber, a Bio-bibliography - Peter Kivisto 1988

Max Weber is surpassed only by Karl Marx in the breadth of his influence as a social scientist. This bio-bibliography presents a complete listing of printed translations of Weber's works into English and a comprehensive, annotated bibliography of the secondary literature in English about Weber and his work. The first part contains chapter-length biographies of Weber, an overview of Weber's reception in Anglo-America, and a brief discussion of archival holdings for those interested in primary sources. Kivisto and Swatos offer an assessment of existing studies of Weber's life and thought in lieu of a conventional biography. The bulk of the volume is devoted to providing a bibliographic guide to the secondary literature on Weber in English. Annotated entries are arranged in five topical chapters that focus on biography and intellectual history, social science methodology, religion, politics and social class, and modernity, rationality, and bureaucracy. Additional access to information is provided by two indexes: the author index lists the authors of all entries and the number(s) of their respective citations; the

name and subject index identifies names that appear in titles or bibliographic entries and guides the researcher to subjects that may be treated in more than one chapter. This first annotated bibliography of works by and about one of modern sociology's founding fathers is a reference book for both scholars and students of social theory, historical sociology, the sociology of religion, and organizational sociology.

Max Weber and the Idea of Economic Sociology - Richard Swedberg 1998

While most people are familiar with *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, few know that during the last decade of his life Max Weber (1864-1920) also tried to develop a new way of analyzing economic phenomena, which he termed "economic sociology." Indeed, this effort occupies the central place in Weber's thought during the years just before his death. Richard Swedberg here offers a critical presentation and the first major study of this fascinating part of Weber's work. Swedberg furthermore discusses similarities and differences between Weber's economic sociology and present-day thinking on the same topic. In addition, the author shows how economic sociology has recently gained greater credibility as economists and sociologists have begun to collaborate in studying problems of organizations, political structures, social problems, and economic culture more generally. Swedberg's book will be sure to further this new cooperation.

From Max Weber - Max Weber 1991

Max Weber (1864-1920) was one of the most prolific and influential sociologists of the twentieth century. This classic collection draws together his key papers. This edition contains a new preface by Professor Bryan S. Turner.

Max Weber in America - Lawrence A. Scaff 2011-01-30

Lawrence Scaff provides new details about Weber's visit to the United States---what he did, what he saw, whom he met and why and how these experiences profoundly influenced Weber's thought an immigration, capitalism, science and culture, Romanticism, race diversity, Protestantism, and modernity. Scaff traces Weber's impact on the development of the social sciences in the United States following his death in 1920, examining how We ber's ideas were

interpreted, translated, and disseminated by American scholars such as Talcott Parsons and Frank Knight, and how the Weberian canon, codified in America, was reintroduced into Europe after World War II. --

Max Weber - Max Weber 2012

This book brings together - for the first time in any language - all of Weber's articles, letters and conference interventions on methodology. It provides a completely new, accurate and reliable translation of Weber's extensive output, including previously untranslated letters.

Max Weber - Fritz Ringer 2010-07-15

Max Weber was one of the most influential and creative intellectual forces of the twentieth century. In his methodology of the social sciences, he both exposed the flaws and solidified the foundations of the German historical tradition. Throughout his life, he saw bureaucracy as a serious obstacle to cultural vitality but as an inescapable part of organizational rationality. And in his most famous essay, on the Protestant ethic, he uncovered the psychological underpinnings of capitalism and modern occupational life. This searching work offers the first comprehensive introduction to Weber's thought for students and newcomers. Fritz Ringer locates Weber in his historical context, relating his ideas to the controversies and politics of his day. Ringer also considers the importance of Weber to contemporary life, discussing his insights into the limits of scholarly research and the future of Western capitalist societies. Weber, Ringer reminds us, believed in democracy, liberalism, and fundamental human rights; his ethic of responsibility remains as vital to our historical moment as it was to his own. A concise and incisive look at the man and personality behind the thought, Max Weber is a masterful outing in intellectual biography and social theory.

The Max Weber Dictionary - Richard Swedberg 2005

Max Weber is one of the world's most important social scientists, and one of the most notoriously difficult to understand. This dictionary will aid the reader in understanding Weber's work.

Every entry contains a basic definition, examples of and references to the word in Weber's writing, and references to important secondary literature. More than an elementary dictionary,

however, this work makes a contribution to the general culture and legacy of Weber's work. The dictionary also contains extended entries for broader concepts and topics throughout Weber's work, including law, politics, and religion. Every entry in the dictionary delves into Weber scholarship and acts as a point of departure in discussion and research. As such, this book will be an invaluable resource to general readers, students, and scholars alike.

Max Weber and The Protestant Ethic - Peter Ghosh 2014

Ghosh presents a new portrait of Max Weber, one of the most prestigious social theorists in recent history, using his most famous work, 'The Protestant Ethic and the 'Spirit' of Capitalism', as its central point of reference. It offers an intellectual biography of Weber framed along historical lines. It re-evaluates 'The Protestant Ethic' - a text surprisingly neglected by scholars - supplying a missing intellectual and chronological centre to Weber's life and work.

On Max Weber - Paul Honigsheim 1968

Foreword-Memories of Max Weber-Max Weber-Max Weber as Sociologist-Max Weber in American Intellectual Life.

Max Weber: Selections in Translation - Max Weber 1978-03-30

Selected extracts from Max Weber's writings which reflect the full range of his concerns.

The Political and Social Theory of Max Weber - Wolfgang J. Mommsen 1992-11

Preface Acknowledgements Bibliographical Note and Abbreviations Part I - Politics and Social Theory 1. Politics and Scholarship: The Two Icons in Max Weber's Life 2. The Antinomial Structure of Max Weber's Political Thought 3. Max Weber's Theory of Legitimacy Today Part II - Max Weber on Socialism and Political Radicalism 4. Capitalism and Socialism: Weber's Dialogue with Marx 5. Joining the Underdogs? Weber's Critique of the Social Democrats in Wilhelmine Germany 6. Roberto Michels and Max Weber: Moral Conviction versus the Politics of Responsibility Part III - The Development of Max Weber's Theoretical Ideas 7. Max Weber on Bureaucracy and Bureaucratization: Threat to Liberty and Instrument of Creative Action 8. Ideal Type and Pure Type: Two Variants of Max Weber's Ideal-typical Method 9. Rationalization and Myth in Weber's Thought 10. The Two

Dimensions of Social Change in Max Weber's Sociological Theory Part IV - The Rediscovery of Max Weber 11. Max Weber in Modern Social Thought Notes Index.

Max Weber - John Patrick Diggins 1996-07-11
Offers an examination of the life and work of the social scientist

Max Weber - Marianne Weber 1975

**** The original, Wiley, 1975, is cited in BCL3.

This reprint contains a long new introduction by Guenther Roth (46 p.), Marianne Weber and her circle. Marianne Weber's biographical memoir of her husband is thus presented in a rounded out edition. It is regrettable that it is printed on acidic paper. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

The Oxford Handbook of Max Weber - Edith Hanke 2020-01-03

Active at the time when the social sciences were founded, Max Weber's social theory contributed significantly to a wide range of fields and disciplines. Considering his prominence, it makes sense to take stock of the Weberian heritage and to explore the ways in which Weber's work and ideas have contributed to our understanding of the modern world. Using his work as a point of departure, *The Oxford Handbook of Max Weber* investigates the Weberian legacy today, identifying the enduring problems and themes associated with his thought that have contemporary significance: the nature of modern capitalism, neo-liberal global economic policy, nationalism, religion and secularization, threats to legality, the culture of modernity, bureaucratic rule and leadership, politics and ethics, the value of science, power and inequality. These problems are global in scope, and the Weberian approach has been used to address them in very different societies. Thus, the Handbook also features chapters on Europe, Turkey, Islam, Judaism, China, India, and international politics. The Handbook emphasizes the use and application of Weber's ideas. It offers a journey through the intellectual terrain that scholars continue to explore using the tools and perspectives of Weberian analysis. The essays explore how Weber's concepts, hypotheses, and perspectives have been applied

in practice, and how they can be applied in the future in social inquiry, not only in Europe and North America, but globally. The volume is divided into six parts exploring, in turn: Capitalism in a Globalized World, Society and Social Structure, Politics and the State, Religion, Culture, and Science and Knowledge.

Max Weber's Theory of Modernity - Dr Michael Symonds 2015-08-28

This book illuminates an important dimension of the work of Max Weber. Weber's theory of meaning and modernity is articulated through an understanding of his account of the way in which the pursuit of meaning in the modern world has been shaped by the loss of Western religion and how such pursuit gives sense to the phenomena of human suffering and death. Through a close, scholarly reading of Weber's extensive writings and Vocation Lectures, the author explores the concepts of 'paradox' and 'brotherliness' as found in Weber's work, in order to offer an original exposition of Weber's actual theory of how meaning and meaninglessness work in the modern world. In addition to making a substantial and highly original contribution to the sociology of modernity, the book applies the theory of meaning extracted from Weber's thought, addressing the claim that Weber's work has been rendered out-dated by the supposed re-enchantment of the modern world, as well as discussing the ways this theory can contribute to our understanding of the development of specific forms of modernity. A rigorous examination of the thought of one of the most important figures in classical sociology, this volume will appeal to scholars of sociology, social theory and philosophy with interests in modernity, Weber and the concept of meaning.

Max Weber - Frank Parkin 2013-05-22

This study of Weber's sociology, written by an eminent authority, is a clear and illuminating discussion of the most important elements of Weber's thinking. The book concentrates on four main elements of Weber's work: his approach to sociological method, ethical neutrality and historical explanation; his influential work on religion and capitalism; his theory of authority and political power; and his contribution to the analysis of class, status and party.