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no study in the philosophy of science created such controversy in the seventies as paul feyerabend's against method in this work feyerabend reviews that controversy and extends his critique beyond the problem of scientific rules and methods to the social function and direction of science today in the first part of the book he launches a sustained and irreverent attack on the prestige of science in the west the lofty authority of the expert claimed by scientists is he argues incompatible with any genuine democracy and often merely serves to conceal entrenched prejudices and divided opinions with the scientific community itself feyerabend insists that these can and should be subjected to the arbitration of the lay population whose closes interests they constantly affect as struggles over atomic energy programs so powerfully attest calling for far greater diversity in the content of education to facilitate democratic decisions over such issues feyerabend recounts the origin and development of his own ideas successively engaged by brecht ehrenhaft popper mill and lakatos in a spirited intellectual self portrait science in a free society is a striking intervention into one of the most topical debates in contemporary culture and politics this open access book presents contemporary perspectives on the role of a learning society from the lens of leading practitioners experts from universities governments and industry leaders the think pieces argue for a learning society as a major driver of change with far reaching influence on learning to serve the needs of economies and societies the book is a testimonial to the importance of learning communities it highlights the pivotal role that can be played by non traditional actors such as city and urban planners citizens transport professionals and technology companies this collection seeks to contribute to the discourse on strengthening the fabric of a learning

society crucial for future economic and social development particularly in the aftermath of the coronavirus disease throughout history mankind has struggled to reconcile itself with the inescapability of its own mortality this book explores the themes of immortality and survivalism in contemporary culture shedding light on the varied and ingenious ways in which humans and human societies aspire to confront and deal with death or even seek to outlive it as if it were bringing together theoretical and empirical work from internationally acclaimed scholars across a range of disciplines postmortal society offers studies of the strategies adopted and means available in modern society for trying to cheat death or prolong life the status of the dead in the modern western world the effects of beliefs that address the terror of death in other areas of life the immortalisation of celebrities the veneration of the dead in virtual worlds symbolic immortality through work the implications of understanding immortality in chemical neuronal terms and the apparent paradox of our greater reverence for the dead in increasingly secular capitalist societies a fascinating collection of studies that explore humanity's attempts to deal with its own mortality in the modern age this book will appeal to sociologists anthropologists philosophers and scholars of cultural studies with interests in death and dying aiming squarely at replacing capitalism with an ecologically sound and socially just society magdoff and williams provide accounts of how a new world can be created from the ashes of the old they show that it is possible to envision and create a society that is genuinely democratic equitable and ecologically sustainable and possible not one moment too soon for society to change fundamentally and be brought into harmony with nature from publisher description includes bibliography index never before published american society is the product of talcott parsons last major theoretical project completed just a few weeks before his death this is parsons promised general book on american society it offers a systematic presentation and revision of parson's landmark theoretical positions on modernity and the possibility of objective sociological knowledge even after the passage of many years american society imparts a remarkably provocative interpretation of us society and a creative approach to social theory joseph stiglitz is one of the world's greatest economists he has made fundamental contributions to economic theory in areas such as inequality the implications of imperfect and asymmetric information and competition and he has been a major figure in policy making a leading public intellectual and a remarkably influential teacher and mentor this collection of essays influenced by stiglitz's work celebrates his career as a scholar and teacher and his aspiration to put economic knowledge in the service of creating a fairer world toward a just society brings together a range of essays whose breadth reflects how

stiglitz has shaped modern economics the contributions to this volume all penned by high profile authors who have been guided by or collaborated with stiglitz over the last five decades span microeconomics macroeconomics inequality development law and economics and public policy touching on many of the central debates and discoveries of the field and providing insights on the directions that academic economics could take in the future toward a just society is an extraordinary celebration of the many paths stiglitz has opened for economics politics and public life an analysis of the condition of western societies that will take its place as a core text of contemporary sociology alongside earlier typifications of society as postindustrial and current debates about the social dimensions of the postmodern in ulrich beck mads p sorenson and allan christiansen provide an extensive and thorough introduction to the german sociologist's collected works focusing on the theory outlined in beck's chief work risk society and on his theory of second modernity sorenson and christiansen explain the sociologist's ideas and writing in a clear and accessible way this book explores the concept of degrowth beginning from a basic assumption not of resource depletion as is common in most literature in the field but rather from a state of abundance arguing that there is a vast amount of energy on the planet waiting to be utilized by all its inhabitants adopting a sociological approach onofrio romano argues that the growth momentum is not simply a broadly shared value but the physiological outcome of a specific institutional frame the problem is that in its mainstream formulation the degrowth alternative shares with the growth led regime some basic anthropological political and institutional pillars in order to build a real alternative romano suggests reviewing degrowth in the light of the dépense notion by georges bataille according to bataille our societies have no problem with acknowledging scarcity but with dealing with the surplus energy that calls us to act for a qualified life so in order to erase the growth obsession we have to ward off the servile dimension i.e. the utilitarian activities needed for the mere reproduction of life to regain sovereignty as reflected in the de thinking subject innovative and provocative towards a society of degrowth will be of great interest to students and scholars of degrowth sociology social anthropology political ecology and ecological economics this second volume of marcuse's collected papers includes unpublished manuscripts from the late 1960s and early 1970s such as beyond one dimensional man cultural revolution and the historical fate of bourgeois democracy as well as a rich collection of letters it shows marcuse at his most radical focusing on his critical theory of contemporary society his analyses of technology capitalism the fate of the individual and prospects for social change in contemporary society graham here examines

the beginnings and development of national growth policies and machinery in the united states from the new deal to the nixon administration the sociology of art is now an established sub discipline of sociology but little work has been done to explore the implications not of society on art but of art on the nature and principles of sociology itself vision and society explores the ways in which art here mainly understood as visual art structures in fundamental ways the constitution of society the relations between societies and the ways in which society and culture should be theorized building initially on an unfulfilled project by the french sociologist of art nathalie heinich to derive a sociology from art this book pushes this idea in unconventional directions rethinking the relationships between the study of art and the study of sociology and anthropology this book explores how this rethinking might impact sociological theory in general and certain aspects of it in particular especially the study of social movements social change the urban the constitution of space and the ways in which human social relationships are mediated and expressed the essays in this book trace the development of joel migdal s state in society approach the essays situate the approach within the classic literature in political science sociology and related disciplines but present a new model for understanding state society relations it allies parts of the state and groups in society against other such coalitions determines how societies and states create and maintain distinct ways of structuring day to day life the nature of the rules that govern people s behavior whom they benefit and whom they disadvantage which sorts of elements unite people and which divide them and what shared meaning people hold about their relations with others and their place in the world originally published in 1999 this exceptionally clear and lucid book quickly became the standard overview of what are now called governmentality studies with its emphasis on the relationship between governmentality and other key concepts drawn from michel foucault such as bio politics and sovereignty the first edition anticipated and defined the terms of contemporary debate and analysis in this timely second edition mitchell dean engages with the full textual basis of foucault s lectures and once again provides invaluable insights into the traditions methods and theories of political power identifying the authoritarian as well as liberal sides of governmentality every chapter has been fully revised and updated to incorporate and respond to new theoretical social and political developments in the field a new introduction surveying the state of governmentality today has also been added as well as a completely new chapter on international governmentality from one of the leading policy experts of our time an urgent rethinking of how we can better support each other to thrive whether we realize it or not all of us participate in the social contract every day through mutual obligations among our family community place of work and fellow citizens caring for others paying taxes and benefiting from public services define the social contract that supports and binds us together as a society today however our social contract has been broken by changing gender roles technology new models of work aging and

the perils of climate change minouche shafik takes us through stages of life we all experience raising children getting educated falling ill working growing old and shows how a reordering of our societies is possible drawing on evidence and examples from around the world she shows how every country can provide citizens with the basics to have a decent life and be able to contribute to society but we owe each other more than this a more generous and inclusive society would also share more risks collectively and ask everyone to contribute for as long as they can so that everyone can fulfill their potential what we owe each other identifies the key elements of a better social contract that recognizes our interdependencies supports and invests more in each other and expects more of individuals in return powerful hopeful and thought provoking what we owe each other provides practical solutions to current challenges and demonstrates how we can build a better society together a superb new understanding of the dynamic economy as a learning society one that goes well beyond the usual treatment of education training and r d robert kuttner author of the stakes 2020 and the survival of american democracy since its publication creating a learning society has served as an effective tool for those who advocate government policies to advance science and technology it shows persuasively how enormous increases in our standard of living have been the result of learning how to learn and it explains how advanced and developing countries alike can model a new learning economy on this example creating a learning society reader s edition uses accessible language to focus on the work s central message and policy prescriptions as the book makes clear creating a learning society requires good governmental policy in trade industry intellectual property and other important areas the text s central thesis that every policy affects learning is critical for governments unaware of the innovative ways they can propel their economies forward profound and dazzling in their new book joseph e stiglitz and bruce c greenwald study the human wish to learn and our ability to learn and so uncover the processes that relate the institutions we devise and the accompanying processes that drive the production dissemination and use of knowledge this is social science at its best partha dasgupta university of cambridge an impressive tour de force from the theory of the firm all the way to long term development guided by the focus on knowledge and learning this is an ambitious book with far reaching policy implications giovanni dosi director institute of economics scuola superiore sant anna a sweeping work of macroeconomic theory harvard business review as consumers our access to and appetite for information about what and how we buy continues to grow powered by social media increasingly we look at the companies behind the products and are disappointed when their actions do not meet our expectations with engaged citizens acting as 24 7 auditors of corporate behavior one formerly trusted company after another has had their business disrupted with astonishing velocity in the wake of what in the past might have been written off as a bad media cycle gone are the days when a company could hide behind socially responsible

branding or when marketing controlled the corporate narrative that control has shifted to engaged stakeholders in the new social landscape requiring a more radical change to company practices james rubin and barie carmichael provide a strategic roadmap for businesses to navigate the new era rebuild trust and find their voice reset traces the global decline of trust in business at the same time that the public s expectations for business s role in society is increasing today businesses must bridge this widening gap at a time when online stakeholders are committed to holding business accountable for its behavior with unprecedented internal and external scrutiny this requires strategic solutions anchored in a critical outside in understanding of the stakeholder footprint of the business model reset offers case studies of reputations lost and found suggesting fundamental strategies to mitigate risk and build the corporate brand in this new era of instant transparency corporate behavior has become the proof of corporate character for recruiting and retaining both customers and the next generation of talent offering essential advice for managing brand reputation and risk this book is a guide to navigating the pitfalls and taking advantage of the opportunities of the reset adam smith is popularly regarded as the ideological forefather of laissez faire capitalism while rousseau is seen as the passionate advocate of the life of virtue in small harmonious communities and as a sharp critic of the ills of commercial society but in fact smith had many of the same worries about commercial society that rousseau did and was strongly influenced by his critique in this first book length comparative study of these leading eighteenth century thinkers dennis rasmussen highlights smith s sympathy with rousseau s concerns and analyzes in depth the ways in which smith crafted his arguments to defend commercial society against these charges these arguments rasmussen emphasizes were pragmatic in nature not ideological it was smith s view that all things considered commercial society offered more benefits than the alternatives just because of this pragmatic orientation smith s approach can be useful to us in assessing the pros and cons of commercial society today and thus contributes to a debate that is too much dominated by both dogmatic critics and doctrinaire champions of our modern commercial society we ve been told again and again that life is unfair but what if we re wrong simply to resign ourselves to this situation what if we have the power and more the duty to change society for the better we do and our very nature inclines us to do so that s the provocative argument peter corning makes in the fair society drawing on the evidence from our evolutionary history and the emergent science of human nature corning shows that we have an innate sense of fairness while these impulses can easily be subverted by greed and demagoguery they can also be harnessed for good corning brings together the latest findings from the behavioral and biological sciences to help us understand how to move beyond the madoffs and enrns in our midst in order to lay the foundation for a new social contract a biosocial contract built on a deep understanding of human nature and a commitment to fairness he then proposes a sweeping set of economic and political reforms

based on three principles of fairness equality equity and reciprocity that together could transform our society and our world at this crisis point for capitalism coming reveals that the proper response to bank bailouts and financial chicanery isn't to get mad it's to get fair universities must transmit technically exploitable knowledge that is they must meet an industrial society's need for qualified new generations and at the same time be concerned with the expanded reproduction of education itself in addition universities must not only transmit technically exploitable knowledge but also produce it this includes both information flowing from research into the channels of industrial utilization armament and social welfare and advisory knowledge that enters into strategies of administration government and other decision making powers such as private enterprises thus through instruction and research the university is immediately connected with functions of the economic process ulrich beck's best selling risk society established risk on the sociological agenda it brought together a wide range of issues centering on environmental health and personal risk provided a rallying ground for researchers and activists in a variety of social movements and acted as a reference point for state and local policies in risk management the risk society and beyond charts the progress of beck's ideas and traces their evolution it demonstrates why the issues raised by beck reverberate widely throughout social theory and covers the new risks that beck did not foresee associated with the emergence of new technologies genetic and cybernetic the book is unique because it offers both an introduction to the main arguments in risk society and develops a range of critical discussions of aspects of this and other works of beck beck examines the politics of the risk society he starts from the assumption that the ecological issue considered politically and sociologically is a systematic legalized violation of fundamental civil rights and from this position adduces that the ecological conflict politically speaking is the successor to the industrial conflict one of his central concerns is to illustrate just how the establishment but expressing as much concern over the environmental issues as the radical groups who first raised them has endeavored to take over the debate and then effectively stifled it beck argues that the vested interests have developed a strategy of avoiding discussion of accountability by bringing mega risks to the foreground so that containable risks are hidden in their shadow he concludes by arguing that only by bringing the discussion back to the accountability issue as informed by social sciences can the political initiative be wrested back from the vested interests the credential society is a classic on the role of higher education in american society and an essential text for understanding the reproduction of inequality controversial at the time randall collins's claim that the expansion of american education has not increased social mobility but rather created a cycle of credential inflation has proven remarkably prescient collins shows how credential inflation stymies mass education's promises of upward mobility an unacknowledged spiral of the rising production of credentials and job requirements was brought about by the expansion of high school

and then undergraduate education with consequences including grade inflation rising educational costs and misleading job promises dangled by for profit schools collins examines medicine law and engineering to show the ways in which credentialing closed these high status professions to new arrivals in an era marked by the devaluation of high school diplomas outcry about the value of expensive undergraduate degrees and the proliferation of new professional degrees like the mba the credential society has more than stood the test of time in a new preface collins discusses recent developments debunks claims that credentialization is driven by technological change and points to alternative pathways for the future of education once relatively confined to parts of europe and north america commercial societies are now found in many other cultures and continents yet despite the international spread and growth of commercial order the moral economic and legal foundations of commercial society remain poorly understood especially in those countries where it first took root guided by the thoughts of alexis de toqueville samuel gregg's the commercial society identifies and explores the key foundational elements that must exist within a society for commercial order to take root and flourish gregg studies the challenges that have consistently impeded and occasionally undermined commercial order including the persistence of corporatist values and political movements seeking to equalize social conditions this book offers a historically grounded analysis for modern audiences interested in philosophy or the history of economics twenty years ago ulrich beck published risk society a book that called our attention to the dangers of environmental catastrophes and changed the way we think about contemporary societies during the last two decades the dangers highlighted by beck have taken on new forms and assumed ever greater significance terrorism has shifted to a global arena financial crises have produced worldwide consequences that are difficult to control and politicians have been forced to accept that climate change is not idle speculation in short we have come to see that today we live in a world at risk a new feature of our world risk society is that risk is produced for political gain this political use of risk means that fear creeps into modern life a need for security encroaches on our liberty and our view of equality however beck is anything but an alarmist and believes that the anticipation of catastrophe can fundamentally change global politics we have the opportunity today to reconfigure power in terms of what beck calls a cosmopolitan material politics world at risk is a timely and far reaching analysis of the structural dynamics of the modern world the global nature of risk and the future of global politics by one of the most original and exciting social thinkers writing today invaluable guidance on how scientists can communicate the societal benefits of their work to the public and funding agencies this will help scientists submit proposals to the us national science foundation and other funding agencies with a broader impacts section as well as helping to develop successful wider outreach activities the demise of communism has not only affected eastern europe but also the countries of the

west where a far reaching examination of political and economic systems has begun this collection of essays by internationally renowned scholars of political theory from europe and the united states explores both the concept and the reality of civil society and its institutions in society in action piotr sztopka sets forth a highly topical contribution to central theoretical debates of contemporary sociology taking the idea and practice of collective mobilization as his theme sztopka argues that modern institutions particularly of late are characterized by an increasing awareness of collective empowerment the most obvious concrete expression of this phenomenon as sztopka makes clear is the rise of a diversity of active social movements such as those which dramatically transformed europe in the 1980s from the birth of solidarity in 1980 to the 1989 autumn of nations sztopka connects the interpretations of such collective activity to a wider grasp of the nature of social action the result is a comprehensive and original theory of social change which focuses on the self transforming influence on society of its members striving for freedom autonomy and self fulfillment he develops his theory by means of a general concept of social becoming the roots of which he traces to the early romantic and humanist work of karl marx and his followers and to two influential sociological schools of today the theory of agency and historical sociology sztopka situates his theory midway between the rigid determinism of social totalities and the unbridled voluntarism of free individuals social change he demonstrates can be understood neither as the outcome of individual actions taken alone nor as structurally determined actions instead he confers upon social organizations and movements a self transcending quality they express human agency yet by virtue of their active character are quite often able to achieve unpredictable outcomes throughout his analysis of social movements and revolutions in history sztopka emphasizes the dynamics of spontaneous social change generated from below a theoretical testimony to the rapid and fundamental social change in eastern europe in recent history against the fashions of postmodernist malaise boredom and disenchantment his theory of social becoming expresses the possibility of emancipation of change leading to positive gains his work registers a belief in progress not inevitably gained but its attainment fully dependent upon the creativity and optimism of an active citizenry foundations of a free society brings together some of the most knowledgeable ayn rand scholars and proponents of her philosophy as well as notable critics putting them in conversation with other intellectuals who also see themselves as defenders of capitalism and individual liberty united by the view that there is something importantly right though perhaps also much wrong in rand's political philosophy contributors reflect on her views with the hope of furthering our understandings of what sort of society is best and why the volume provides a robust elaboration and defense of the foundation of rand's political philosophy in the principle that force paralyzes and negates the functioning of reason it offers an in depth scholarly discussion of rand's view on the nature of individual rights and the role of

government in defending them it deals extensively with the similarities and differences between Rand's thought and the libertarian tradition to which she is often assimilated and objections to her positions arising from this tradition it explores Rand's relation to the classical liberal tradition specifically with regard to her defense of freedom of the intellect and it discusses her views on the free market with special attention to the relation between these views and those of the Austrian school of economics this panoramic analysis of the condition of western societies has been hailed as a classic this first English edition has taken its place as a core text of contemporary sociology alongside earlier typifications of society as postindustrial and current debates about the social dimensions of the postmodern underpinning the analysis is the notion of the risk society the changing nature of society's relation to production and distribution is related to the environmental impact as a totalizing globalizing economy based on scientific and technical knowledge becomes more central to social organization and social conflict in *Justice in the Risk Society* Barbara Hudson outlines traditional liberal perspectives on justice risk and security as well as addressing some key concerns the book provides theoretical analysis with a discussion of policies and arguments are illustrated by cases and examples this book presents Ulrich Beck one of the world's leading sociologists and social thinkers as a pioneer in cosmopolitan sociology and *Risk Society* his world risk society theory has been confirmed by recent disasters events that have shaken modern society to the core signaling the end of an era in which comprehensive insurance could keep us safe due to its own successes modern society now faces failure while in the past experiments were conducted in a lab now the whole world is a test bed whether nuclear plants genetically modified organisms nanotechnology if any of these experiments went wrong the consequences would have a global impact and would be irreversible Beck recommends ignoring the mathematical morality of expert

opinions which seek to identify the level of a given risk by calculating the probability of its occurrence instead man's fear of collapse should offer an opportunity for international cooperation and a cosmopolitan turn in the social sciences the *Society of the Spectacle* is a work of philosophy by Guy Debord in it the author expands on the concept of the spectacle coupled with presentations of Marxist critical theory in this exceptional study Christian Fuchs discusses how the internet has transformed the lives of human beings and social relationships in contemporary society by outlining a social theory of the internet and the information society he demonstrates how the ecological economic political and cultural systems of contemporary society have been transformed by new ICTs Fuchs highlights how new forms of cooperation and competition are advanced and supported by the internet in subsystems of society and also discusses opportunities and risks of the information society this major study develops a new account of modernity and its relation to the self building upon the ideas set out in the consequences of modernity Giddens argues that high or late modernity is a post-traditional order characterised by a developed institutional reflexivity in the current period the globalising tendencies of modern institutions are accompanied by a transformation of day to day social life having profound implications for personal activities the self becomes a reflexive project sustained through a revisable narrative of self identity the reflexive project of the self the author seeks to show is a form of control or mastery which parallels the overall orientation of modern institutions towards colonising the future yet it also helps promote tendencies which place that orientation radically in question and which provide the substance of a new political agenda for late modernity in this book Giddens concerns himself with themes he has often been accused of unduly neglecting including especially the psychology of self and self identity the volumes are a decisive step in the development of his thinking and will be essential reading for students and professionals

in the areas of social and political theory sociology human geography and social psychology Anthony Giddens has been in the forefront of developments in social theory for the past decade in the constitution of society he outlines the distinctive position he has evolved during that period and offers a full statement of a major new perspective in social thought a synthesis and elaboration of ideas touched on in previous works but described here for the first time in an integrated and comprehensive form a particular feature is Giddens's concern to connect abstract problems of theory to an interpretation of the nature of empirical method in the social sciences in presenting his own ideas Giddens mounts a critical attack on some of the more orthodox sociological views the constitution of society is an invaluable reference book for all those concerned with the basic issues in contemporary social theory this text explores the way we perceive risk and integrate change into our lives insisting that these are the essential forces driving policy development today space weaponry satellite surveillance and communications and private space travel are all means in which outer space is being humanized incorporated into society's projects but what are the political implications of society not only being globalized but becoming cosmic our ideas about society have long affected and been affected by our understanding of the universe large sections of our economy and society are now organized around humanity's use of outer space our view of the universe our increasingly cosmic society and even human consciousness are being transformed by new relations with the cosmos as the first sociological book to tackle humanity's relationship with the universe this fascinating volume links social theory to classical and contemporary science and proposes a new cosmic social theory written in a punchy student friendly style this timely book engages with a range of topical issues including cyberspace terrorism tourism surveillance and globalization a critical introduction to the theory of risk reviewing the contribution of leading sociologist Ulrich Beck