

Research In Urban Sociology

The global financial crisis has demonstrated the impact and implications of late capitalism and its bedfellow, globalisation. In the European context, crisis is seen as a threat to the stability of the region, rather than a local or national concern. Post-2008, crisis is social and political, rather than merely financial, as Western countries witness the consequences of consumption, growth and profit. In this book, Tsilimponidi demonstrates how sociologists must develop new approaches to examining rapid shifts in the social landscape, since crisis is not merely reflected in balance sheets, but is mediated through spectacular imagery of loss, deprivation and increased vectors of marginalisation. Providing focused and valuable insight into the pressing problems of those living in Greece in relation to the wider spheres of the nation and at the level of the European Union, Sociology of Crisis takes an approach that is firmly located within a critical sociological appeal to reflexivity. A timely engagement with the problem of crisis at a macro-level and in dialogue with the everyday experiences of crisis on a micro-level, this interdisciplinary title will appeal to both undergraduate and postgraduate students interested in sociology, social policy, geography, urban studies and research methods (social science).

"The book's focus on applied urban research would seem to make it particularly useful to nonacademic researchers. Because it condenses a lot of information into a limited amount of space, however, the work will benefit from use in a classroom setting, where an experienced researcher can elaborate on points made or examples used in the text, supplement its contents with material from additional sources, and guide students through the exercises suggested at the end of each chapter." --Canadian Journal of Urban Research

What is the current spatial form and structure of our urban environment? How can we study the factors and forces that account for the specific structure of urban space, its social and political processes, population distribution, and land use? Addressing these and other important issues, Gregory D. Andranovich and Gerry Riposa highlight specific urban research questions and the ways in which they can be approached by offering a framework for doing urban research. Covering such topics as how to choose a research design, secondary research methods for data collection, and how to enhance research utilization, the authors demonstrate ways to pair research questions with specific analysis and national-level analysis. Students and researchers in sociology, political science, psychology, public policy, and anthropology will find this book a useful guide for planning and executing urban research.

This concise yet comprehensive overview of the political and economic development of the world's cities offers a unique emphasis on its cultural impacts. The book emphasizes the transition from modern (industrial) to post-modern (post-industrial) eras and its effect on established and developing global cities, and arguments are supported with case studies for each of the main concepts of urban theory and research. Mark Abrahamson analyzes contemporary global cities - ranging from Lagos to Los Angeles, Paris to Beijing - helping students relate concepts to concrete places and understand the global nature of contemporary urban development. Rigorous yet accessible, this textbook includes key learning features designed to enrich student understanding and engagement, including chapter-by-chapter glossaries, summaries, and suggestions for further reading.

Studying Cities and City Life is a textbook designed to provide an introduction to the major methods of obtaining data for use when analysing cities and social life in cities. Major chapters focus upon best practices in: field studies (participant observation) natural experiments and quasi-experiments surveys employing probability and non-probability samples secondary analyses of previously published documents. A separate chapter examines a full range of questionnaires and interviews. Each chapter includes discussion of several case studies, and recently published research employing the method being discussed. This discussion highlights the issues and choices made by investigators in actual studies conducted in cities throughout the world. This unique book is designed for use in research methods courses that primarily enroll students majoring in Urban Sociology, Urban Studies, Urban Geography, Urban Planning, and related areas.

"Extends a warm welcome to students who will have come face-to-face with the daunting task of producing a dissertation. Written in an accessible and engaging style, it deals with the nitty-gritty of researching the city... a must-have for the student!" - Kim England, University of Washington

"An invaluable guide to urban research design for undergraduate and graduate students alike. It provides the novice researcher with a wealth of practical advice on theory, methods, writing style, and everything else one needs to know to design and manage a successful urban research project. I wish this book had been available when I started my research career!" - Byron Miller, University of Calgary

"Replete with tremendously useful advice and guidance for students of all social-science disciplines undertaking significant research projects on urban issues... students writing undergraduate and master's theses, or even doctoral dissertations, are likely to find it tremendously useful as well." - David L. Imbroscio, University of Louisville

This practical guide for students focuses on the city and on the different ways to research it. The authors explain how research is done, from the original idea to design and implementation, through to writing up and representation. Substantive chapters explain each method in detail, from using archival methods, interviews, ethnography, questionnaires, discourse analysis and diaries, to using GIS and visual methods. With real world examples throughout and guided further reading for each chapter, it is an inspiring guide for students carrying out their own research in urban geography, urban planning, urban studies and urban sociology courses.

Present contributions in comparative suburban studies for urban regions, not just in Europe and the United States but also metropolitan regions in China, India and other areas of the world. This title examines the patterns of suburban development in metropolitan regions around the globe.

[A Research Agenda for Cities](#)

[A Worldwide View](#)

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[a trend report and bibliography](#)

[Urban Sociology and Urbanized Society](#)

[Doing Urban Research](#)

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[The Urban Sociology Reader](#)

[New Directions in Urban Sociology](#)

The Handbook of Urban Segregation scrutinises key debates on spatial inequality in cities across the globe. It engages with multiple domains, including residential places, public spaces and the field of education. In addition it tackles crucial group-dimensions across race, class and culture as well as age groups, the urban rich, middle class, and gentrified households. This timely Handbook provides a key contribution to understanding what urban segregation is about, why it has developed, what its consequences are and how it is measured, conceptualised and framed.

Widely recognized as a groundbreaking text, The New Urban Sociology is a broad and expert introduction to urban sociology that is both relevant and accessible to the student. A thought leader in the field, the book is organized around an integrated paradigm (the sociospatial perspective) which considers the role played by social factors such as race, class, gender, lifestyle, economics, culture, and politics on the development of metropolitan areas. Emphasizing the importance of space to social life and real estate to urban development, the book integrates social, ecological and political economy perspectives and research through a fresh theoretical approach. With its unique perspective, concise history of urban life, clear summary of urban social theory, and attention to the impact of culture on urban development, this book gives students a cohesive conceptual framework for understanding cities and urban life. In this thoroughly revised 5th edition, authors Mark Gottdiener, Ray Hutchison, and Michael T. Ryan offer expanded discussions of created cultures, gentrification, and urban tourism, and have incorporated the most recent work in the field throughout the text. The New Urban Sociology is a necessity for all courses on the subject.

Dislodging elite ecologies: Methodologies for "Doing" Urban Elite Research offers a set of methodologies to chart urban elites. Whereas most research has focused on the global super-rich, this book pays specific attention to the multidimensional urban geographies of elite reproduction and transformation, as elites depend on urban contexts for capital accumulation, consumption and leisure, and housing. Adopting an interdisciplinary approach to the topic, contributing authors discuss various theoretical and methodological antecedents in urban studies and related areas of research that have investigated economic elites. Building on, but also moving beyond these bodies of literature, the book rejects a-priori definitions of the size and shape of this social group and instead pursues relational, place specific conceptualizations of elite composition and behavior. In particular, the contributions to the volume show that urban elite research benefits from paying more attention to: (i) boundary work between elites and non-elites; (ii) intra-elite competition and distinction; (iii) national state spaces in determining elite composition; and (iv) the urban sense of belonging of economic elites. This extensive volume provides readers with various empirical inroads into the study of urban elites drawing on research set in Brussels, Fez, London, Lyon, Madrid, Manchester, Milan, New York City, Paris, and Porto Alegre. Taking inspiration from urban and economic geography, elite theory and urban sociology, cultural sociology, political economy, anthropology, criminology, architecture, and migration studies, this book aims to open up the opportunity for methodological cross-fertilization. The chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of Urban Geography.

Elgar Research Agendas outline the future of research in a given area. Leading scholars are given the space to explore their subject in provocative ways, and map out the potential directions of travel. They are relevant but also visionary. This book provides a critical assessment of key areas of urban scholarship. In twelve stimulating chapters, expert contributors examine a range of important pressing topics from sustainability and gentrification to feminist interventions and globalization to security and food issues. Six more regionally informed expert reviews examine recent urban research in sub-Saharan Africa, South America, East Asia, the Middle East, Australia and Eastern Europe. The chapters provide polemical assessments and signposts for future research. The book will be an indispensable and accessible guide to urban research across the globe.

This book explores the concept of 'home' in Liverpool over phases of 'regeneration' following the Second World War. Using qualitative research in the oral history tradition, it explores what the author conceptualises as 'forward-facing' regeneration in the period up to the 1980s, and neoliberal regeneration interventions that 'prioritise the past' from the 1980s to the present. The author examines how the shift towards city centre-focused redevelopment and 'event-led' initiatives has implications for the way residents make sense of their conceptualisations of 'home', and demonstrates how the shift in regeneration focus, discourse, and practice, away from Liverpool's neighbourhood districts and towards the city centre, has produced changes in the ways that residents identify with neighbourhoods and the city centre, with prominence being given to the latter. Employing Pierre Bourdieu's concepts of habitus and field as mechanisms for understanding different senses of home and shifts from localised views to globalised views, this book will appeal to those with interests in urban sociology, regeneration, geography, sociology, home cultures, and cities.

This is the fifth volume in a series which studies research in urban sociology, this work is an analysis of race and ethnicity in urban areas.

[The New Liverpool Home](#)

[Moving Cities – Contested Views on Urban Life](#)

[Deindustrialization and Casinos](#)

[Studying Cities and City Life](#)

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[A Trend Report and Bibliography. Research in Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries](#)

[Readings in Sociology](#)

[Urban sociology. research in France](#)

This volume is about the plurality and complexity of modern urban public spaces. The authors move far beyond the nostalgia of traditional streets, squares and gardens to mobilize contemporary sociological knowledge based on the mediated relations between spatial morphology and everyday life in cities across several continents.

Readings in Urban Sociology covers the specialized aspect of sociology, together with an introduction designed to relate the selected Readings to the state of sociological knowledge and research in the field in question. This book is organized into four parts encompassing 12 chapters, and begins with an overview of the study of urbanization and urban sociology. The opening part describes the nature of industrial urbanism in Great Britain. This part deals with the development of British urban sociology and the idea of neighborhood community. The next part examines the distinction between ways of life in the modern city and the modern suburb. This part also looks into the context of urbanization involving population dispersal and diffusion. The closing parts provide an analysis of the urban system in terms of a conflict model and demonstrate the development of Prague's ecological structure. These parts also discuss the notion of a rural-urban continuum and the process of adjustment to an urban system in Africa. This book will prove useful to sociologists and researchers.

As governments increasingly legalize and expand the availability of casinos, hoping to offset the impacts of manufacturing decline through the advancement of gambling commerce, this book examines what casinos do-and do not do-for host communities in terms of economic growth. Examining the case generally made by those seeking to establish casino developments—that they offer benefits for the "public good"—the author draws on a case study of Canada's automotive capital (Windsor, Ontario), which was a pilot site for potential further casino development in the region. The author asks whether casinos do, in fact, offer good jobs, revenue generation, and economic diversification. A study of the benefits of casino developments that considers the question of whether they constitute a ready answer to the problems of industrial and economic decline, this volume will appeal to scholars of sociology and urban studies, with interests in the gambling industry, economic sociology, the sociology of work, and urban regeneration.

Focusing on urban sociology as practised in Britain, the author argues that it is a key element in the response of the 'intellectual proletariat' to urbanization and the calls on it by the State to control the ensuing way of life. The themes of urban sociology have been the concerns of the Welfare State and, despite radical inputs, the discipline has remained tied up with the assumptions and methodological precepts of liberalism. The author's contention is that urbanization should be analysed in the framework of the political economy of regional development. This book was first published in 1977.

Showcasing the ideas, analysis, and perspectives of experts in the method conducting research on a wide array of social phenomena in a variety of city contexts, this volume provides a look at the legacies of urban ethnography's methodological traditions and some of the challenges its practitioners face today.

This book provides an up-to-date overview of issues and debates in contemporary urban sociology. It is both a guide to, and a critical analysis of, the major theoretical approaches to the field.

[Disclosing Elite Ecologies](#)

[A Global Introduction](#)

[An Introduction to Methods of Research](#)

[Urban Regeneration and Neoliberalism](#)

[Researching the City](#)

[Gender in an Urban World](#)

[A Guide for Students](#)

[Race, Class, and Urban Change](#)

[Selected Research Papers in Urban Sociology of the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science, University of Birmingham](#)

[Urban Ethnography](#)

The fifth edition of this text presents a balanced review of the ecological arguments that the urban arena produces unique experiential and urban-based cultural effects while exploring the broader political and economic contexts that produce and modify the urban environment. In addition to examining the urban dimensions of such topics as community formation and continuity, minority and majority dynamics, ethnic experience, poverty, power, and crime, it provides an analysis of the spatial distribution of population and resources with regard to the metropolitanization of the urban form, and the interaction between urban concentration and development and underdevelopment. From a first chapter that begins with a discussion of some of the more micrological features of the urban experience, the text focuses on the significance of the more macrological cultural, social organizational, and political dimensions of urban change, in an historical span that includes the first cities and concludes with an exploration of the implications of cyberspace, transnationalism, and global terrorism for the future of urban sociology. While the work focuses primarily on the North American case, its analytical and integrated discussion makes it applicable to urban societies in general.

The texts of the book focus on the problems and challenges of urban change, especially in Europe, in the contemporary context of intense mobility. The main topics are mobility, urban social structure, migrations, urban inequalities, urban activism, community, neighbourhood life, uses of public spaces and methodological approaches to urban life such as ethnography.

The conference "Everyday Life in the Segmented City", held in July 2010, Florence, gathered a multiplicity of approaches and points of view dealing with issues of global urbanization. This title contains a selection of the papers presented at the conference.

Urban Sociology in Canada, Second Edition introduces the fundamentals of the theoretical structure of Canadian urban studies. The book is comprised of 11 chapters that are organized into six parts. The text provides census data of various Canadian cities along with urban empirical studies to help illustrate the generalization and concepts. The book first covers the classical foundations of urban sociology, and then proceeds to discussing the growth of urban system. The third part talks about the process of entrance to the urban system, while the fourth part deals with the spatial shape of the urban system. The last two parts tackle urbanism and the regulation of urban system, respectively. The book will be of great use to social scientists who involve urban population as the main demographics of their research study.

The Book Covers Syllabi Of Various Universities In Urban Sociology. With Analytical Method Of Presentation And Holistic Outlook, Coupled With A Language Free From Technical Jargon, Along With Statistical Data From Indian Urban Scene, The Book Seeks To Serve The Needs Of Students As An Ideal Textbook And A Reference Book For Teachers, Planners, Politicians, Researchers And Social Workers.

*"Megaprojects are springing up throughout both the developed and developing world. Their popularity reflects the drive by political and economic elites to enhance urban competitiveness. Although the idea to construct very large urban complexes can be attributed to globalization, the particular political forces behind them, their urban contexts, and physical outcomes vary from place to place. In this fascinating compendium of case studies a range of authors from different disciplines delineate the forces shaping and resisting large-scale urban development in a variety of settings and place their empirical findings within the framework of urban theory. This book is essential reading for students of urban politics, planning, sociology, and geography." - Susan Fainstein, Senior Research Fellow, Harvard Graduate School of Design, and author, The Just City

"The political embrace of city competition has combined with the globalization of banking, real estate, and architecture to make mega-projects seemingly inevitable. What better time, with the world economy slowed, to delve into the motivations for and consequences of the now-ubiquitous and globally-entrenched megaproject. Read this book to discover how the complexities and promises of this form of urban development have intrigued urban scholars and civic boosters alike." - Robert Beauregard, Professor of Urban Planning and Chair of the Urban Planning Doctoral Committee, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Columbia University

"Urban Megaprojects: A Worldwide View is an excellent exposition of the so-called "megaprojects paradox": Megaprojects are increasingly used to build and transform cities, but megaprojects have a dismal track record of delivering on the promised benefits. The book's combination of global and local perspectives on megaprojects is highly effective for understanding the issues at hand." - Bent Flyvbjerg, Professor of Major Programme Management at Oxford University, principal author of Megaprojects and Risk: An Anatomy of Ambition*

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[Handbook of Urban Segregation](#)

[Images and Structure](#)

[Urban Sociology and Planning](#)

[The New Urban Sociology](#)

[Critical Perspectives on Urban Redevelopment](#)

[Contemporary Urban Sociology](#)

[Legacies and Challenges](#)

Concise overview of the political and economic development of the world's cities, with a cultural perspective and case studies throughout, including support materials.

Brings the analysis of gender from the margin to the center of urban theory. This volume examines the influence of gender in shaping relations in urban spaces and places. It represents a "crack" in the landscape of urban sociology, and engages in the discourse of the field from a gendered perspective.

Acknowledges important themes found in the works in urban sociology. This book suggests both a beginning and a continuing evolution of sociological theorizing about contemporary urban places.

Rev. ed. of: The urban sociology reader. 2005.

Urbanization happens as result of p increasing population and crowding in a given region or a city. It is also associated with the fact that there is increasing movement of people from the rural areas to the urban set up like towns and cities in general. The onset of urbanization began a long time ago when people started moving or migrating from the rural areas to the cities with the belief that they could be exposed to a better life than that in the rural areas. In modern times urbanization is closely linked to modernization, industrialization, and the sociological process of rationalization. Urbanization can describe a specific condition at a set time, i.e. the proportion of total population or area in cities or towns, or the term can describe the increase of this proportion over time. With the growth in urbanization came the urban communities. These are communities of people who live in these urban centres. As part of your study of urban sociology, this book provides an elaborate account of the urban communities to help with a view to provide a deeper understanding of these communities. The book provides a detailed overview of all the aspects of the urban community. It starts by discussing the concept of urban communities. Such as the characteristics of urban communities, the positive aspects of urban communities and the negative aspects of urban communities.The book then delves into the issue of identities, differences and territories as they pertain to urban communities. Here it introduces the four dominant processes and subsequent trends in urban pollution growth and urban communities. It also tackles the issues of language differences as instrument in the urban community, segregation and differences in territories of urban community and income segregation in urban communities. To better understand urban communities the book takes a look at the lifestyle and consumption habits of urban communities. In this section the book covers urban lifestyle, shopping behavior of the urban communities, food consumption patterns of the urban communities, alcohol consumption and the urban communities and impact of the millennial preference on the urban lifestyle.In the chapter on culture of the urban communities the book explores the concept of urban culture, the factors that influence the urban culture, types of ancient urban cultures and modern urban cultures. because just like any other community, urban communities relies heavily on social links and networks, this book discusses important issues to do with social networks of the urban communities such as key factors that shape social networks of the urban communities, social networks and social support among urban communities, social networks and new technologies in the urban communities and community social network as tool for urban development.Civil society organizations play an important role in the society and especially the urban community, to better understand the role of civil society organizations in urban community this books provides a theoretical framework of social movement and then discusses the meaning of civil society, the role of civil society, the measurements of the civil society sector, the obstructions to growth of civil society in developing countries, the state versus civil society and the challenges ahead for civil movements. The book also looks at the pertinent issue of gender equality and streamlining in urban centers. Here the book discusses the gender roles in urban communities, and the gender and urban social movement.Housing is one of the major problems that members of urban communities have to grapple with every year. As an urban sociology student it is important that you have a clear understanding of this issue. This provides you with a detailed over view of urbanization and housing menace and provide important case studies on the future of housing in urban centers. The book also has a chapter dedicated to poverty and the urban communities. Poverty in urban centers is high everywhere on earth. Fromm this book you will learn about the historical development of urban poverty, the main poverty factors, the morphology of poverty in modern cities and the urban poverty cases around the world.Crime is also another social evil most associated with the urban community. In this book you will study about the causes of crime in the urban communities, the types of urban crimes, reasons why people commit crimes in the urban areas and how to control and prevent crime in the urban communities. Migration for years has been an important source of the urban community. This book discuss the historical over view of migration of human beings, reasons for rural urban migration, rural-urban migration, internal migration, rural-rural migration, return migration, migration selectivity, general regulations relating to migration and benefits of migrationFinally this book looks at the future of urban communities. In this section the book covers indicators of a better life ahead in the urban and the urban communities, improving the quality of life in the urban set up, planning for long-term growth and renewal and specific causes for migration with an aim of determining the future of urban communities. This book therefore is perfect for urban sociology students as it covers all the important aspects of urban community that the students' needs to know.

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