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going beyond brief dictionary style definitions anthony giddens and philip w sutton provide an extended discussion of each concept which sets it into historical and theoretical context explores its main meanings in use introduces some relevant criticisms and points readers to its ongoing development in contemporary research and theorizing organized in ten thematic sections the book offers a portrait of sociology through its essential concepts ranging from capitalism identity and deviance to citizenship the environment and intersectionality it will be essential reading for all those new to sociology as well as those seeking a reliable route map for a rapidly changing world authoritative coverage award winning media unbeatable price anthony giddens has made original contributions to the fields of social theory political sociology the sociology of stratifications suicide this set includes carefully selected secondary articles which bring out the scope of his work the studies which comprise this book are essentially organized around a critical encounter with european social theory in its classical period i e from the middle years of the nineteenth century until the first world war and have the aim of working out some of the implications of that encounter for the position and prospects of the social sciences today the issues involved relate to the following series of problems method and epistemology social development and transformation the origins of sociology in nineteenth century social theory and the status of social science as critique in each of these areas giddens develops views that challenge existing

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