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leading scholars from around the world examine the social stratification of arts and culture in contemporary society margaret archer s culture and agency was first published in 1988 and proved a seminal contribution to social theory and the case for the role of culture in sociological thought described in sociological review as a timely and sophisticated treatment the book showed that the problems of culture and agency on the one hand and structure and agency on the other could be solved using the same analytical framework in this revised edition of culture and agency margaret archer contextualises her argument in 1990s cultural sociology and links it explicitly to her latest book realist social theory the morphogenetic approach cambridge university press 1995 this book first published in 2007 is an international overview of the state of our knowledge in sociocultural psychology as a discipline located at the crossroads between the natural and social sciences and the humanities since the 1980s the field of psychology has encountered the growth of a new discipline cultural psychology that has built new connections between psychology sociology anthropology history and semiotics the handbook integrates contributions of sociocultural specialists from fifteen countries all tied together by the unifying focus on the role of sign systems in human relations with the environment it emphasizes theoretical and methodological discussions on the cultural nature of human psychological phenomena moving on to show how meaning is a natural feature of action and how it eventually produces conventional symbols for communication such symbols shape individual experiences and create the conditions for consciousness and the self to emerge turn social norms into ethics and set history into motion this study examines not only the objects and processes that make up the artworlds of human history but also the social and cultural circumstances the historicised contexts that bring about their making frame their functioning inform their properties and influence their effects both at the time of their creation and throughout their subsequent biographies in the short span that art has played a part in human life one may conceive of time as a social river with a strong current towards the capricious mainstream and eddies and quiet pools near the banks the current will flow faster in spate and slower in drought but it will be forever in motion it will be unpredictable nothing will stop its inexorable force art runs in that social river subject to the flow and chance of time this book presents a perspective on moral and social development based on psychological research and philosophical works people in subordinate positions often oppose cultural practices and work to subvert them the book presents many examples of such opposition aimed at explaining the complex relations of individuals and society this work provides a new theoretical framework for understanding cross national cultural differences focusing on france and america it analyses how the people of these two different cultures make judgements about politics economics and morals in this exploration of the social context of reading and writing in pre industrial england david cressy tackles important questions about the limits of participation in the mainstream

of early modern society to what extent could people at different social levels share in political religious literary and cultural life how vital was the ability to read and write and how widely distributed were these skills using a combination of humanist and social scientific methods dr cressy provides a detailed reconstruction of the profile of literacy in sixteenth and seventeenth century england looking forward to the eighteenth century and also making comparisons with other european societies this book focuses on the historical construction of language norms and its relationship to actual language use in contemporary japan this book examines the role of symbols and meaning in the development of mind self and emotion in culture this handbook provides the requisite theoretical and methodological guidelines for undertaking social research addressing relevant contemporary social issues why are we sometimes unable to remember events places and objects this concise overview explores the concept of forgetting and how modern society affects our ability to remember things it takes ideas from francis yates classic work the art of memory which viewed memory as being dependent on stability and argues that today s world is full of change making forgetting characteristic of contemporary society we live our lives at great speed cities have become so enormous that they are unmemorable consumerism has become disconnected from the labour process urban architecture has a short life span and social relationships are less clearly defined all of which has eroded the foundations on which we build and share our memories providing a profound insight into the effects of modern society this book is a must read for anthropologists sociologists psychologists and philosophers as well as anyone interested in social theory and the contemporary western world in the theory of cultural and social selection w g runciman presents an original and wide ranging account of the fundamental process by which human cultures and societies come to be of the different kinds that they are drawing on and extending recent advances in neo darwinian evolutionary theory runciman argues that collective human behaviour should be analyzed as the acting out of information transmitted at the three separate but interacting levels of heritable variation and competitive selection the biological the cultural and the social the implications which this carries for a reformulation of the traditional agenda of comparative and historical sociology are explored with the help of selected examples and located within the context of current debates about sociological theory and practice the theory of cultural and social selection is a succinct and highly imaginative contribution to one of the great intellectual debates of our times from one of the world s leading social theorists provided by publisher this volume draws together scholars rethinking social scientific and theoretical approaches to a wide range of forms of social difference and inequality these include race nationalism sexuality professional classes domestic employment digital communication and uneven economic development durkheim's ghosts is a fascinating presentation of the tradition of social theory influenced by emile durkheim s thinking on the social foundations of knowledge from saussure and levi strauss to foucault bourdieu and derrida today s criticisms of modern politics and culture owe an important if unacknowledged debt to durkheim these engaging and innovative essays by leading sociologist charles lemert bring together his writings on the contributions of french social theory past and present rather than merely interpret the theories lemert uses them to explore the futures of sociology social theory and culture studies durkheim s ghosts offers the reader original insights into durkheim s

legacy and the wider french traditions for the cultural and social sciences of special note is the book s new and exciting theory of culture and semiotics provocative scholarly imaginative and ambitious this book will be invaluable to anyone interested in social theory culture and intellectual history of modern times designed for the east asian history course this text features the scholarship on the region and offers a range of cultural political economic and intellectual history it also focuses on gender and material culture it features color inserts that illustrate the rich artistic heritage of east asia collects essays that engage the paradox of cultural difference and social solidarity within contemporary contexts this title includes essays that focus on individuals negotiating with perceptions of their personal social and political identity it aims to demonstrate the possibility of a broader acceptance of solidarities through difference throughout western society there are now strong pressures for social and racial integration but in spite of these recent experience has shown that greater intergroup contact can actually reinforce social distinctions and ethnic stereotypes the studies collected here examine from a broad sociological perspective the sorts of face to face verbal exchange that are characteristic of industrial societies and the volume as a whole pointedly demonstrates the role played by communicative phenomena in establishing and reinforcing social identity the method of analysis that has been adopted enables the authors to reveal and examine a centrally important but hitherto little discussed conversational mechanism the subconscious processes of inference that result from situational factors social presuppositions and discourse conventions the theory of conversation and the method of analysis that inform the author s approach are discussed in the first two chapters and the case studies themselves examine interviews counselling sessions and similar formal exchanges involving contacts between a wide range of different speakers south asians west indians and native english speakers in britain english natives and chinese in south east asia afro americans asians and native english speakers in the united states and english and french speakers in canada the volume will be of importance to linguists anthropologists psychologists and others with a professional interest in communication and its findings will have far reaching applications in industrial and community relations and in educational practice this companion provides an authoritative introduction to the historical social and stylistic complexities of modern irish culture readers will be introduced to irish culture in its widest sense and helped to find their way through the cultural and theoretical debates that inform our understanding of modern ireland the volume combines cultural breadth and historical depth supported by a chronology of irish history and arts a wide selection of essays on a rich variety of irish cultural forms and practices are complemented by a series of in depth analyses of key themes in irish cultural politics the range of topics covered will enable a comprehensive understanding of irish culture while the authors gathered here all acknowledged experts in their fields provide stimulating essays that together amount to an invaluable guide to the shaping of modern ireland the victorian era produced artistic achievements technological inventions and social developments that continue to shape how we live today this companion offers authoritative coverage of that period s culture and its contexts in a group of specially commissioned essays reflecting the current state of research in each particular field covering topics from music to politics art to technology war to domestic arts journalism to science the essays address multiple aspects of the victorian world

the book explores what victorian has come to mean and how an idea of the victorian might now be useful to historians of culture it explores too the many different meanings of culture itself in the nineteenth century and in contemporary scholarship an invaluable resource for students of literature history and interdisciplinary studies this companion analyses the nature of nineteenth century british cultural life and offers searching perspectives on their culture as seen from ours the cultural life of england over the long period from the norman conquest to the reformation was rich and varied in ways that scholars are only now beginning to understand in detail this companion introduces a wide range of materials that constitute the culture or cultures of medieval england across fields including political and legal history archaeology social history art history religion and the history of education above all it looks at the literature of medieval england in latin french and english plus post medieval perspectives on the middle ages in a linked series of essays experts in these areas show the complex relationships between them building up a broad account of rich patterns of life and literature in this period the essays are supplemented by a chronology and guide to further reading helping students build on the unique access this volume provides to what can seem a very foreign culture multi faced social transformations challenges and studies brings together the proceedings of the 7th slovenian social science conference the challenges of social transformations held in september 2014 it was organized by the school of advanced social studies sass the slovenian national committee of the management of social transformations programme most and the slovenian national commission for unesco the multidisciplinary contributions presented here analyse various aspects of the economic social and cultural transformations that accompany the contemporary globalized world the book consists of four sections dealing with particular areas of transformations these include a range of political economic and cultural dimensions that are observed from the macro level in social systems and structural changes to the micro level in aspects of individuals lives the book will be of interest for academics in the field of social sciences as well as for civil society activists and policy makers the frames of the transformations are not limited to the european space and provide a more global perspective this book explores the question of whether and how meme theory or memetics can be fruitfully utilized in evolutionary economics and proposes an approach known as economemetics which is a combination of meme theory and complexity theory that has the potential to combat the fragmentation of evolutionary economics while re connecting the field with cultural evolutionary theory by studying the intersection of cultural and economic evolution complexity economics computational economics and network science the authors establish a connection between memetics and evolutionary economics at different levels of investigation the book first demonstrates how a memetic approach to economic evolution can help to reveal links and build bridges between different but complementary concepts in evolutionary economics secondly it shows how organizational memetics can help to capture the complexity of organizational culture using meme mapping thirdly it presents an agent based simulation model of knowledge diffusion and assimilation in innovation networks from a memetic perspective the authors then use agent based modeling and social network analysis to evaluate the diffusion pattern of the ice bucket challenge as an example of a viral meme lastly the book discusses the central issues of agency creativity and normativity in

the context of economemetics and suggests promising avenues for further research this book examines evolution being handled in anthropology from the mid nineteenth century to the present presents an authoritative and comprehensive survey of the major themes thinkers and movements in modern european intellectual history currently more than half the population in developed countries has experienced online social networking what is more a quarter of the worlds citizens now have a profile in social media whose users number 1 47 billion although english speaking countries top the list of active social media using nations people from all around the world are represented in online social network channels social media obviously is a global phenomenon however we dont know much about how each nation uses this tool and whether cultural values and demographic factors impact the usage behavior this book discusses how culture relates to social media use around the world chapter 1 summarizes the recent impact of social media on our lives chapter 2 describes what social networks are and introduces online social networks chapter 3 and chapter 4 focus on the theoretical aspects of social media while chapter 5 connects social media use and human communication chapter 6 looks at the effects of social media on society chapter 7 is about social innovations chapter 8 and 9 provide some basic information about facebook and twitter the two most popular social media platforms and chapter 10 looks at the business aspects of social media chapter 11 reviews past studies on social media and culture and chapter 13 once again talks about eastern and western communication styles and how people in the east and west use social media chapter 14 compares and contrasts the way americans and japanese have been using social media the last chapter provides a very brief summary of the book are our identities attached to our faces if so what happens when the face connected to the self is gone forever or replaced in face on sharrona pearl investigates the stakes for changing the face and the changing stakes for the face in both contemporary society and the sciences the first comprehensive cultural study of face transplant surgery face on reveals our true relationships to faces and facelessness explains the significance we place on facial manipulation and decodes how we understand loss reconstruction and transplantation of the face to achieve this pearl draws on a vast array of sources bioethical and medical reports newspaper and television coverage performances by pop culture icons hospital records personal interviews films and military files she argues that we are on the cusp of a new ethics in an opportune moment for reframing essentialist ideas about appearance in favor of a more expansive form of interpersonal interaction accessibly written and respectfully illustrated face on offers a new perspective on face transplant surgery as a way to consider the self and its representation as constantly present and evolving highly interdisciplinary this study will appeal to anyone wishing to know more about critical interventions into recent medicine makeover culture and the beauty industry this volume is a path breaking contribution to the study of efforts of diaspora indigenous and minority groups broadly defined to use education formal and informal to sustain cultural continuity while grappling with the influences and demands of wider globalizing nationalizing or other homogenizing and assimilatory forces particular attention is given to groups that use educational elements other than second language teaching alone in programs to sustain their particular cultural traditions the focus of the book on cultural sustainability changes the nature of questions posed in multicultural education from those that address the opening of boundaries to

issues of preserving boundaries in an open yet sustainable way as forced and elective immigration trends are changing the composition of societies and the educational systems within them bringing a rich diversity of cultural experience to the teaching learning process diaspora indigenous and minority groups are looking more and more for ways to sustain their cultures in the context of wider socio political influences this volume is a first opportunity to consider critically multicultural efforts in dialogue with educational options that are culturally particularistic but at the same time tolerant academics will find this an excellent reference book practitioners will draw inspiration in learning of others efforts to sustain cultures and will engage in critical reflection on their own work vis à vis that of others teachers will realize they do not stand alone in their educational efforts and will uncover new strategies and methodologies through which to approach their work this volume of essays deals with the problem of relativism in particular cultural relativism if our society knows better than other societies how do we know that it knows better there is a profound irony in the fact that this self doubt has become most acute in the one civilisation that has persuaded the rest of the world to emulate it the claim to cognitive superiority is often restricted of course to the limited sphere of natural science and technology and that immediately raises the second main theme of this volume the differences between the human and natural sciences these essays reach towards a new style and mode of enquiry a mixture of philosophy history and anthropology that promises to prove more revealing and fruitful the playing self is a groundbreaking new work from influential cultural sociologist and clinical psychologist alberto melucci best known for his work on social movements and collective identities in this book he delves deeper into questions about the self as both a psychological and socio cultural entity particularly in the context of a global society for which information has become a basic resource his phenomenological approach accounts for the self both as a site of highly subjective and intimate experiences such as crying laughing and loving and in relation to social structural dynamics through more impersonal experiences such as the experience of time and links of the self to politics melucci explores the critical search for meaning at the boundary of visible collective processes and individual day to day experience five case studies show how different people and places were marginalized and socially excluded as the italian nation state was formed soft law increasingly shapes and impacts the content of international law in multiple ways from being a first step in a norm making process to providing detailed rules and technical standards required for the interpretation and the implementation of treaties this is especially true in the area of human rights while relatively few human rights treaties have been adopted at the un level in the last two decades the number of declarations resolutions conclusions and principles has grown significantly in some areas soft law has come to fill a void in the absence of treaty law exerting a degree of normative force exceeding its non binding character in others areas soft law has become a battleground for interpretative struggles to expand and limit human rights protection in the context of existing regimes despite these developments little attention has been paid to soft law within human rights legal scholarship building on a thorough analysis of relevant case studies this volume systematically explores the roles of soft law in both established and emerging human rights regimes the book argues that a better understanding of how soft law shapes and affects different branches of international human

rights law not only provides a more dynamic picture of the current state of international human rights but also helps to unsettle and critically question certain political and doctrinal beliefs following introductory chapters that lay out the general conceptual framework the book is divided in two parts the first part focuses on cases that examine the role of soft law within human rights regimes where there are established hard law standards its progressive and regressive effects and the role that different actors play in the incubation process the second part focuses on the role of soft law in emerging areas of international law where there is no substantial treaty codification of norms these chapters examine the relationship between soft and hard law the role of different actors in formulating new soft law and the potential for eventual codification this open access book adopts a cultural sociology of materiality to explore the hallmark of the female athlete the ponytail studying a wealth of news articles about ponytails in sports and society broch uncovers this hairstyle s polyvocality and argues that it is a total social phenomenon by separating his approach from the cultural studies tradition broch highlights how hair is imbued with codes narratives and myth that allow its wearers to understand maneuver and criticize social gender relations in deeply personal ways using multiple theories about hair bodies myths and icons he creates a multidimensional method to show how icons are imitated and used as women navigate their practical lives health issues and gendered expectations the ponytail materializes their dynamic maneuvering of cultural and social environments sporting a ponytail itself an embodiment of movement is filled with a performativity of social movements a cultural kinetics that is never apolitical in this book a team of linguistics sociologists and anthropologists reveal the fascinating ways in which we exploit person reference for social and cultural purposes it will be welcomed by researchers and graduate students interested in the relationship between language and culture this book is an ambitious intertwining of multidisciplinary themes about citizenship social exclusion statelessness civil society knowledge the public sphere networks and narrativity margaret somers offers a fundamental rethinking of democracy freedom rights and social justice in today s world this is political economic and cultural sociology and social theory at its best language our primary tool of thought and perception is at the heart of who we are as individuals languages are constantly changing sometimes into entirely new varieties of speech leading to subtle differences in how we present ourselves to others this revealing account brings together eleven leading specialists from the fields of linguistics anthropology philosophy and psychology to explore the fascinating relationship between language culture and social interaction a range of major questions are discussed how does language influence our perception of the world how do new languages emerge how do children learn to use language appropriately what factors determine language choice in bi and multilingual communities how far does language contribute to the formation of our personalities and finally in what ways does language make us human language culture and society will be essential reading for all those interested in language and its crucial role in our social lives

Social Status and Cultural Consumption 2010

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Culture and Agency 1996-09-26

margaret archer s culture and agency was first published in 1988 and proved a seminal contribution to social theory and the case for the role of culture in sociological thought described in sociological review as a timely and sophisticated treatment the book showed that the problems of culture and agency on the one hand and structure and agency on the other could be solved using the same analytical framework in this revised edition of culture and agency margaret archer contextualises her argument in 1990s cultural sociology and links it explicitly to her latest book realist social theory the morphogenetic approach cambridge university press 1995

The Cambridge Handbook of Sociocultural Psychology 2007-06-04

this book first published in 2007 is an international overview of the state of our knowledge in sociocultural psychology as a discipline located at the crossroads between the natural and social sciences and the humanities since the 1980s the field of psychology has encountered the growth of a new discipline cultural psychology that has built new connections between psychology sociology anthropology history and semiotics the handbook integrates contributions of sociocultural specialists from fifteen countries all tied together by the unifying focus on the role of sign systems in human relations with the environment it emphasizes theoretical and methodological discussions on the cultural nature of human psychological phenomena moving on to show how meaning is a natural feature of action and how it eventually produces conventional symbols for communication such symbols shape individual experiences and create the conditions for consciousness and the self to emerge turn social norms into ethics and set history into motion

Culture and Agency: The Place of Culture in Social Theory 1996

this study examines not only the objects and processes that make up the artworlds of human history but also the social and cultural circumstances the historicised contexts that bring about their making frame their functioning inform their properties and influence their effects both at the time of their creation and throughout their subsequent biographies in the short span that art has played a part in human life one may conceive of time as a social river with a strong current towards the capricious mainstream and eddies and quiet pools near the banks the current will flow faster in spate and slower in drought but it will be forever in motion it will be unpredictable nothing will stop its inexorable force art runs in that social river subject to the flow and chance of time

The Social Life of Art 2014-11-10

this book presents a perspective on moral and social development based on psychological research and philosophical works people in subordinate positions often oppose cultural practices and work to subvert them the book presents many examples of such opposition aimed at explaining the complex relations of individuals and society

The Culture of Morality 2002

this work provides a new theoretical framework for understanding cross national cultural differences focusing on france and america it analyses how the people of these two different cultures make judgements about politics economics and morals

Outline of a Theory of Practice 1998

in this exploration of the social context of reading and writing in pre industrial england david cressy tackles important questions about the limits of participation in the mainstream of early modern society to what extent could people at different social levels share in political religious literary and cultural life how vital was the ability to read and write and how widely distributed were these skills using a combination of humanist and social scientific methods dr cressy provides a detailed reconstruction of the profile of literacy in sixteenth and seventeenth century england looking forward to the eighteenth century and also making comparisons with other european societies

Rethinking Comparative Cultural Sociology 2000

this book focuses on the historical construction of language norms and its relationship to actual language use in contemporary japan

Literacy and the Social Order 2006-11-23

this book examines the role of symbols and meaning in the development of mind self and emotion in culture

Social Postmodernism 1996

this handbook provides the requisite theoretical and methodological guidelines for undertaking social research addressing relevant contemporary social issues

The Social Life of the Japanese Language 2016-08-04

why are we sometimes unable to remember events places and objects this concise overview explores the concept of forgetting and how modern society affects our ability to remember things it takes ideas from francis yates classic work the art of memory which viewed memory as being dependent on stability and argues that today s world is full of change making forgetting characteristic of contemporary society we live our lives at great speed cities have become so enormous that they are unmemorable consumerism has become disconnected from the labour process urban architecture has a short life span and social relationships are less clearly defined all of which has eroded the foundations on which we build and share our memories providing a profound insight into the effects of modern society this book is a must read for anthropologists sociologists psychologists and philosophers as well as anyone interested in social theory and the contemporary western world

Culture Theory 1984-12-28

in the theory of cultural and social selection w g runciman presents an original and wide ranging account of the fundamental process by which human cultures and societies come to be of the different kinds that they are drawing on and extending recent advances in neo darwinian evolutionary theory runciman argues that collective human behaviour should be analyzed as the acting out of information transmitted at the three separate but interacting levels of heritable variation and competitive selection the biological the cultural and the social the implications which this carries for a reformulation of the traditional agenda of comparative and historical sociology are explored with the help of selected examples and located within the context of current debates about sociological theory and practice the theory of cultural and social selection is a succinct and highly imaginative contribution to one of the great intellectual debates of our times from one of the world's leading social theorists provided by publisher

The Cambridge Handbook of Social Representations 2015-05-25

this volume draws together scholars rethinking social scientific and theoretical approaches to a wide range of forms of social difference and inequality these include race nationalism sexuality professional classes domestic employment digital communication and uneven economic development

How Modernity Forgets 2009-07-30

durkheim s ghosts is a fascinating presentation of the tradition of social theory influenced by emile durkheim s thinking on the social foundations of knowledge from saussure and levi strauss to foucault bourdieu and derrida today s criticisms of modern politics and culture owe an important if unacknowledged debt to durkheim these

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The Theory of Cultural and Social Selection 2009

designed for the east asian history course this text features the scholarship on the region and offers a range of cultural political economic and intellectual history it also focuses on gender and material culture it features color inserts that illustrate the rich artistic heritage of east asia

Rethinking Class and Social Difference 2020-09-30

collects essays that engage the paradox of cultural difference and social solidarity within contemporary contexts this title includes essays that focus on individuals negotiating with perceptions of their personal social and political identity it aims to demonstrate the possibility of a broader acceptance of solidarities through difference

Durkheim's Ghosts 2006-02-09

throughout western society there are now strong pressures for social and racial integration but in spite of these recent experience has shown that greater intergroup contact can actually reinforce social distinctions and ethnic stereotypes the studies collected here examine from a broad sociological perspective the sorts of face to face verbal exchange that are characteristic of industrial societies and the volume as a whole pointedly demonstrates the role played by communicative phenomena in establishing and reinforcing social identity the method of analysis that has been adopted enables the authors to reveal and examine a centrally important but hitherto little discussed conversational mechanism the subconscious processes of inference that result from situational factors social presuppositions and discourse conventions the theory of conversation and the method of analysis that inform the author's approach are discussed in the first two chapters and the case studies themselves examine interviews counselling sessions and similar formal exchanges involving contacts between a wide range of different speakers south asians west indians and native english speakers in britain english natives and chinese in south east asia afro americans asians and native english speakers in the united states and english and french speakers in canada the volume will be of importance to linguists anthropologists psychologists and others with a professional interest in communication and its findings will have far reaching applications in industrial and community relations and in educational practice

China 2006

this companion provides an authoritative introduction to the historical social and stylistic complexities of modern irish culture readers will be introduced to irish culture in its widest sense and helped to find their way through the cultural and theoretical debates that inform our understanding of modern ireland the volume combines cultural breadth and historical depth supported by a chronology of irish history and arts a wide selection of essays on a rich variety of irish cultural forms and practices are complemented by a series of in depth analyses of key themes in irish cultural politics the range of topics covered will enable a comprehensive understanding of irish culture while the authors gathered here all acknowledged experts in their fields provide stimulating essays that together amount to an invaluable guide to the shaping of modern ireland

Cultural Difference and Social Solidarity 2012

the victorian era produced artistic achievements technological inventions and social developments that continue to shape how we live today this companion offers authoritative coverage of that period s culture and its contexts in a group of specially commissioned essays reflecting the current state of research in each particular field covering topics from music to politics art to technology war to domestic arts journalism to science the essays address multiple aspects of the victorian world the book explores what victorian has come to mean and how an idea of the victorian might now be useful to historians of culture it explores too the many different meanings of culture itself in the nineteenth century and in contemporary scholarship an invaluable resource for students of literature history and interdisciplinary studies this companion analyses the nature of nineteenth century british cultural life and offers searching perspectives on their culture as seen from ours

Language and Social Identity 1982

the cultural life of england over the long period from the norman conquest to the reformation was rich and varied in ways that scholars are only now beginning to understand in detail this companion introduces a wide range of materials that constitute the culture or cultures of medieval england across fields including political and legal history archaeology social history art history religion and the history of education above all it looks at the literature of medieval england in latin french and english plus post medieval perspectives on the middle ages in a linked series of essays experts in these areas show the complex relationships between them building up a broad account of rich patterns of life and literature in this period the essays are supplemented by a chronology and guide to further reading helping students build on the unique access this volume provides to what can seem a very foreign culture

The Cambridge Companion to Modern Irish Culture 2005-01-20

multi faced social transformations challenges and studies brings together the proceedings of the 7th slovenian social science conference the challenges of social transformations held in september 2014 it was organized by the school of advanced social studies sass the slovenian national committee of the management of social transformations programme most and the slovenian national commission for unesco the multidisciplinary contributions presented here analyse various aspects of the economic social and cultural transformations that accompany the contemporary globalized world the book consists of four sections dealing with particular areas of transformations these include a range of political economic and cultural dimensions that are observed from the macro level in social systems and structural changes to the micro level in aspects of individuals lives the book will be of interest for academics in the field of social sciences as well as for civil society activists and policy makers the frames of the transformations are not limited to the european space and provide a more global perspective

The Cambridge Companion to Victorian Culture 2010-01-21

this book explores the question of whether and how meme theory or memetics can be fruitfully utilized in evolutionary economics and proposes an approach known as economemetics which is a combination of meme theory and complexity theory that has the potential to combat the fragmentation of evolutionary economics while re connecting the field with cultural evolutionary theory by studying the intersection of cultural and economic evolution complexity economics computational economics and network science the authors establish a connection between memetics and evolutionary economics at different levels of investigation the book first demonstrates how a memetic approach to economic evolution can help to reveal links and build bridges between different but complementary concepts in evolutionary economics secondly it shows how organizational memetics can help to capture the complexity of organizational culture using meme mapping thirdly it presents an agent based simulation model of knowledge diffusion and assimilation in innovation networks from a memetic perspective the authors then use agent based modeling and social network analysis to evaluate the diffusion pattern of the ice bucket challenge as an example of a viral meme lastly the book discusses the central issues of agency creativity and normativity in the context of economemetics and suggests promising avenues for further research

The Cambridge Companion to Medieval English Culture 2011-03-24

this book examines evolution being handled in anthropology from the mid nineteenth century to the present

Shakespeare and the Hunt 2001

presents an authoritative and comprehensive survey of the major themes thinkers and movements in modern european intellectual history

Multi-faced Transformations 2015-10-19

currently more than half the population in developed countries has experienced online social networking what is more a quarter of the worlds citizens now have a profile in social media whose users number 1 47 billion although english speaking countries top the list of active social media using nations people from all around the world are represented in online social network channels social media obviously is a global phenomenon however we dont know much about how each nation uses this tool and whether cultural values and demographic factors impact the usage behavior this book discusses how culture relates to social media use around the world chapter 1 summarizes the recent impact of social media on our lives chapter 2 describes what social networks are and introduces online social networks chapter 3 and chapter 4 focus on the theoretical aspects of social media while chapter 5 connects social media use and human communication chapter 6 looks at the effects of social media on society chapter 7 is about social innovations chapter 8 and 9 provide some basic information about facebook and twitter the two most popular social media platforms and chapter 10 looks at the business aspects of social media chapter 11 reviews past studies on social media and culture and chapter 13 once again talks about eastern and western communication styles and how people in the east and west use social media chapter 14 compares and contrasts the way americans and japanese have been using social media the last chapter provides a very brief summary of the book

Memetics and Evolutionary Economics 2020-12-21

are our identities attached to our faces if so what happens when the face connected to the self is gone forever or replaced in face on sharrona pearl investigates the stakes for changing the face and the changing stakes for the face in both contemporary society and the sciences the first comprehensive cultural study of face transplant surgery face on reveals our true relationships to faces and facelessness explains the significance we place on facial manipulation and decodes how we understand loss reconstruction and transplantation of the face to achieve this pearl draws on a vast array of sources bioethical and medical reports newspaper and television coverage performances by pop culture icons hospital records personal interviews films and military files she argues that we are on the cusp of a new ethics in an opportune moment for reframing essentialist ideas about appearance in favor of a more expansive form of interpersonal interaction accessibly written and respectfully illustrated face on offers a new perspective on face transplant surgery as a way to consider the self and its representation as constantly present and evolving highly interdisciplinary this study will appeal to anyone wishing

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Evolution and Social Life 1986

this volume is a path breaking contribution to the study of efforts of diaspora indigenous and minority groups broadly defined to use education formal and informal to sustain cultural continuity while grappling with the influences and demands of wider globalizing nationalizing or other homogenizing and assimilatory forces particular attention is given to groups that use educational elements other than second language teaching alone in programs to sustain their particular cultural traditions the focus of the book on cultural sustainability changes the nature of questions posed in multicultural education from those that address the opening of boundaries to issues of preserving boundaries in an open yet sustainable way as forced and elective immigration trends are changing the composition of societies and the educational systems within them bringing a rich diversity of cultural experience to the teaching learning process diaspora indigenous and minority groups are looking more and more for ways to sustain their cultures in the context of wider socio political influences this volume is a first opportunity to consider critically multicultural efforts in dialogue with educational options that are culturally particularistic but at the same time tolerant academics will find this an excellent reference book practitioners will draw inspiration in learning of others efforts to sustain cultures and will engage in critical reflection on their own work vis à vis that of others teachers will realize they do not stand alone in their educational efforts and will uncover new strategies and methodologies through which to approach their work

The Cambridge History of Modern European Thought: Volume 1, The Nineteenth Century 2019-08-29

this volume of essays deals with the problem of relativism in particular cultural relativism if our society knows better than other societies how do we know that it knows better there is a profound irony in the fact that this self doubt has become most acute in the one civilisation that has persuaded the rest of the world to emulate it the claim to cognitive superiority is often restricted of course to the limited sphere of natural science and technology and that immediately raises the second main theme of this volume the differences between the human and natural sciences these essays reach towards a new style and mode of enquiry a mixture of philosophy history and anthropology that promises to prove more revealing and fruitful

Culture and Social Media 2014

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soft law increasingly shapes and impacts the content of international law in multiple ways from being a first step in a norm making process to providing detailed rules and technical standards required for the interpretation and the implementation of treaties this is especially true in the area of human rights while relatively few human rights treaties have been adopted at the un level in the last two decades the number of declarations resolutions conclusions and principles has grown significantly in some areas soft law has come to fill a void in the absence of treaty law exerting a degree of normative force exceeding its non binding character in others areas soft law has become a battleground for interpretative struggles to expand and limit human rights protection in the context of existing regimes despite these developments little attention has been paid to soft law within human rights legal scholarship building on a thorough analysis of relevant case studies this volume systematically explores the roles of soft law in both established and emerging human rights regimes the book argues that a better understanding of how soft law shapes and affects different branches of international human rights law not only provides a more dynamic picture of the current state of international human rights but also helps to unsettle and critically question certain political and doctrinal beliefs following introductory chapters that lay out the general conceptual framework the book is divided in two parts the first part focuses on cases that examine the role of soft law within human rights regimes where there are established hard law standards its progressive and regressive effects and the role that different actors play in the incubation process the second part focuses on the role of soft law in emerging areas of international law where there is no substantial treaty codification of norms these chapters examine the relationship between soft and hard law the role of different actors in formulating new soft law and the potential for eventual codification

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