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A book's appearance here does not preclude its being reviewed in a subsequent issue.

Culture, Conflict and Children: Transmission of Violence to Children by Samir Sanad Basta. NY: University Press of America, 2000. 256pp. \$47.50 cloth.

Using extant international data and a wide variety of other sources, Basta addresses the importance and meaning of the fact that "one child in four around the world" lives in a war-torn or other violent culture.

Danger in the Field: Risk and Ethics in Social Research by Geraldine Lee-Treweek and Stephanie Linkogle eds. NY: Routledge, 2000. 212 pp. \$85.00 cloth, \$27.99 paper.

Researchers—all but one British—reflect on their experiences and the problems encountered in their qualitative research.

Travels through Crime and Place: Community Building as Crime Control by William DeLeon-Granados. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1999. 179 pp. \$20.00 paper.

Arguing for indigenous, community based methods of social control, DeLeon-Granados traveled throughout the U.S., observing first-hand the strengths and weaknesses of programs already in place in number of cities.

Robbing Drug Dealers: Violence Beyond the Law by Bruce A. Jacobs. NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 2000. 166 pp. \$39.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper.

Jacobs uses the fact that a significant degree of violence involves victims already engaged in criminal activity to argue that these crimes have a "contagion effect" on society. He calls for an increase in the meager output of research in the area.

Social Conflicts and Collective Identities by Patrick G. Coy and Lynn M. Woehrle eds. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000. 218 pp. \$65.00 cloth, \$25.95 paper.

Cross-cultural analyses of a wide variety of conflicts are used to argue that collective identities both arise from and are necessary for conflict.

The Paradox of Social Order: Linking Psychology and Sociology by Pierre Moessinger. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 2000 [1996]. 152 pp. \$49.95 cloth, \$24.95 paper.

Yet another attempt to explain social order, this time by using both social and psychological levels of action to analyze the nature and usefulness of rational choice.

Self, Identity, and Social Movements by Sheldon Stryker, Timothy J. Owens, and Robert W. White eds. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2000. 370 pp. \$24.95 paper.

Again, the use of both psychology and sociology to address social movements. The main argument is that self and identity (psychology) shape political social movements.

Tangled Up in Red, White, and Blue: New Social Movements in America by *Christine A. Kelly*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2001. 193 pp. NPL.

Another book analyzing social movements, this time within the United States. Kelly addresses radical student movements using knowledge of them based on her own participation.

Flag Burning: Moral Panic and the Criminalization of Protest by *Michael Welch*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 2000. 220 pp. \$59.95 cloth, \$29.95 paper.

The application of sociological analysis to both sides of this burning issue.

Means without End: Notes on Politics by *Giorgio Agamben*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2000. 370 pp. \$44.95 cloth, \$17.95 paper.

Translated from Italian, this small book is a provocative look at the nature of politics, although it is more philosophical than sociological.

Old Order Mennonites: Rituals, Beliefs, and Community by *Daniel B. Lee*. Chicago: Burnham, 2000. 167 pp. NPL.

Lee has produced a keen look at this group. It is more descriptive than analytical, reads well and tells a fascinating tale.

The Kibbutz: Awakening from Utopia by Daniel Gavron. *New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000. 295 pp. \$24.95 cloth.*

Excellent treatment of a dream which fell short. Adds to the story begun by such works as Bettelheim's *Children of the dream*. Brief bibliography leaves something to be desired.

The Deathly Embrace: Orientalism and Asian American Identity by Sheng-Mei Ma. *Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2000. 185 pp. \$16.95 paper.*

Ma analyzes the almost-dialectical meeting of stereotype and resistance to it in the work of recent Asian-American writers. It is refreshing seeing this kind of work coming from Minnesota rather than Hawaii or the West Coast of the mainland.

States of Exception: Everyday Life in Postcolonial Identity by Keya Ganguly. *Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2001. 214 pp. \$18.95 paper.*

Ganguly applies critical analysis in a dialectical critique of everyday life in an (East) Indian immigrant community in New Jersey.

Tunnel Kids by Lawrence J. Taylor and Maeve Hickey. *Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2001. 148 pp. \$45.00 Cloth, \$17.95 paper.*

Documents the shadow world of children living in drainage tunnels connecting Nogales, Sonora, and Nogales, Arizona.

Irish America by Reginald Byron. New York: Oxford, 2000. 317 pp. \$24.95 paper.

Does a sense of ethnic unity remain in sixth or seventh generation Irish? Based on results of 500 interviews.

Immigration Research for a New Century: Multidisciplinary Perspectives by Nancy Foner, Rubén G. Rumbaut, and Steven J. Gold eds. New York: Russell Sage, 2000. 491 pp. \$49.95 cloth.

Exhaustive look at immigration research by anthropologists, sociologists, historians and others.

Multiculturalism in North America and Europe: Comparative Perspectives on Interethnic Relations and Social Incorporation by Wsebold W. Isajiw ed. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press, 1999 [1997]. 602 pp. \$34.95 Cloth.

Addresses globalization and interethnic conflict, including specific references to Germany and Canada in the more general context of North America and Europe.

Aging Mothers and their Adult Daughters: A Study in Mixed Emotions by Karen L. Fingerman. New York: Springer, 2001. 238 pp. \$38.95 Cloth.

A volume in Springer's *Focus on Women* series, the book is an excellent contribution to the literature on the sandwich generation.

Caring for the Elderly in Japan and the U.S.: Practices and Policies by Susan Orpett Long ed. New York: Routledge, 2000. 376 pp. \$100.00 Cloth

Contributors offer timely, in-depth analyses of cross-cultural elderly care. Aimed at those involved in practical applications, but valuable for academic gerontologists.

Community and Caring: Older Persons, Intergenerational Relations, and Change in an Urban Community by Harley Carl Schreck. NY: University Press of America, 2000. 195 pp. \$32.50 paper.

In an urban case study, Anthropologist Schreck surveys the history of the status of help-giving, using changing patterns to address contemporary concerns.

Taming Oblivion: Aging Bodies and the Fear of Senility in Japan by John W. Traphagan. State University of New York Press, 2000. 225 pp. \$62.50 Cloth, \$20.95 paper.

Discusses the impact of the Japanese concept of *boku*, which is similar to U.S. fear of Alzheimer's but is seen as at least somewhat controllable by the those affected.

Aging in East and West: Families, States and the Elderly by Vern L. Bengtson, Kyong-Dong Kim, Geroge C. Myers, Ki-Soo Eun eds. New York: Springer, 2000. 298 pp. \$49.95 Cloth.

Another excellent Springer anthology in comparative aging by scholars in a number of fields.

The Gerontological Prism: Developing Interdisciplinary Bridges by Jeffrey Michael Clair and Richard M. Allman eds. Amityville, NY: Baywood, 2000. 238 pp. NPL.

In yet another edited volume on aging, contributors call for a multidisciplinary approach in both research and practice.

Aging and Everyday Life by Jaber F. Gubrium and James A. Holstein eds. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2000. 483 pp. NPL.

A collection of previously published articles, the volume gathers material on most of the topics covered in a social gerontology course.

Class and Its Others by J. K. Gibson-Graham, Stephen A. Resnick, and Richard D. Wolff eds. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2000. 258 pp. \$19.95 paper.

Contributors take Marx's idea(s) of social class into the postmodern era, giving special attention to the noneconomic aspects of the neomarxist class concept.

Feminism and Film by E. Ann Kaplan ed. New York: Oxford, 2000. 566 pp. \$17.95 paper.

An excellent treatment for those concerned with the nexus of gender and popular culture.

Gaia's Wager: Environmental Movements and the Challenge of Sustainability by Gary C. Bryner. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002. 255 pp. NPL.

Bryner traces the nature and recent activities of eco-movements and outlines possible future directions.

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Trust in Society by Karen S. Cook ed. New York: Russell Sage, 2001. 420 pp. \$45.00 cloth.

The thirteen contributors address the social basis and consequences of trust, then apply the concept to networks, organizations, and the larger social structure.

The Politics of Fieldwork: Research in an American Concentration Camp by Lane Ryo Hirabayashi. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1999. 219 pp. \$17.95 paper.

Fascinating look at "internment" camps of World War II by one who was a child in the camps. Hirabayashi focuses on details of her research methods.

A New System for the Formal Analysis of Kinship by Sydney H. Gould. New York: University Press of America, 2000. 426 pp. NPL.

Those interested in the nuances of anthropological kinship taxonomy will find this an excellent source.

Children of the Dragonfly: Native American Voices on Child Custody and Education by Robert Bensen ed. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2001. 280 pp. \$45.00 Cloth, \$19.95 paper.

Using interviews, autobiographies, official transcripts, and fiction, this anthology sheds lights on policies for and experiences of Native American education.

Criminology and Social Theory by David Garland and Richard Sparks ed. Cambridge: Oxford University Press, 2000. 224 pp. NPL

A collection of previously published articles in which a diverse group of social theorists reflect upon both the intellectual challenges and opportunities presented to criminology by recent transformations in the social and intellectual landscapes of contemporary societies.

Polite Lies: On Being A Women Caught Between Cultures by Kyoko Mori. New York: Fawcett Books, 1997. 225 pp. \$11.95 paper.

Mori explores the different codes of silence, deference, and expressions that govern Japanese and American women's lives. Provides an excellent account of the impact of cultural marginalization.

Red-Hot and Righteous: The Urban Religion of the Salvation Army by Diane Winston. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 2000. 290 pp. \$16.95 paper.

An analysis documenting the ascent of the Salvation Army from 1880 to 1950. A very novel approach to the study of religion, urban life, and commercial culture.

Lakota Culture, World Economy by Kathleen Ann Pickering. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2000. 173 pp. \$39.95 hardcover.

Relying on extensive interviews with residents of the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, Pickering provides an in-depth account of the modern economy of the Lakota.

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The Radical Durkheim 2nd edition by *Frank Pearce*. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 2001. 272 pp. \$29.95 paper.

Employing what is best described as a Poststructuralist Marxian approach, Pearce offers a re-examination of Durkheim's major conceptualizations.

Power and Control: Escape From Violence by *Donald W. Tiffany and Phyllis G. Tiffany*. New York: University Press of America, 2000. 173 pp. NPL.

The authors provide a framework intended to both identify and understand the concept of individual control geared toward offering individual's alternatives to anger and violence.

Religion and Popular Culture in America by *Bruce D. Forbes and Jeffrey H. MaHan ed.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000. 324 pp. \$18.95 paper.

Placing religion within the realm of popular culture, this collection of essays explores how religion produces and reproduces culture.

The Ends of Globalization: Bringing Society Back In by *Don Kalb et al. ed.* New York: Rowan & Littlefield Publishers, 2000. 400 pp. NPL

Bringing together such diverse issues as migration, social inequality, flows of capital, Americanization and cultural identities, the contributors provide an insightful understanding of the social origins, structures, and consequences of globalization.

Disciplined Minds: A Critical Look At Salaried Professionals and the Soul-Battering System That Shapes Their Lives by Jeff Schmidt. *New York: Rowan & Littlefield Publishers, 2000. 294 pp. NPL*

Schmidt provides a rather interesting and thought provoking analysis of the politics of professionalism by focusing on how knowledge workers have become increasingly subordinated in America.