

Guide to Resources in Sociology and Social Theory

The books described below provide terminology and background articles for key ideas, theories, and theorists within the sociological tradition specifically, and the social sciences more generally. This is a selected list of resources available in Hodges Library, and is not meant to be all-inclusive. See notes at the end of the guide on how to find other related materials.

Dictionaries

Abercrombie, Nicholas, Stephen Hill, and Bryan S. Turner. *The Penguin Dictionary of Sociology*, 4th ed. London: Penguin, 2000.

Reference HM17.A23. First, second, and third editions in Hodges stacks.

Comprehensive and user-friendly overview of both the theory and the practice of the field of sociology. Includes biographical entries for key figures in sociology, cross-references, suggestions for further reading, and a bibliography of referenced sources.

Bottomore, Tom, editor. *A Dictionary of Marxist thought*, 2nd ed. Oxford: Blackwell Reference, 1991.

Reference HX17.D5. First edition in Hodges stacks.

A comprehensive guide to the basic concepts of Marxism, taking account of different interpretations and criticisms, and to the individuals and schools of thought whose work has contributed to forming the body of Marxist ideas. Includes cross-references, suggestions for further reading, and a bibliography of referenced sources.

Boudon, Raymond, and Francois Bourricaud. *A Critical Dictionary of Sociology*. Selected and translated by Peter Hamilton. London: Routledge, 1989.

Reference HM17.B6813.

More a collection of original essays than a conventional dictionary, with about 70 encyclopedic-style essays on selected topics and theorists in sociology. Includes cross-references and a bibliography of sources.

Gould, Julius, and William L. Kolb, editors. *A Dictionary of the Social Sciences*. New York: Free Press of Glencoe, 1964.

Reference H41.G6 (also available in Hodges stacks).

Compiled under the auspices of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, this volume provides a general introduction to the main concepts and developments in the social sciences. Entries are organized in sections, including the core meaning(s) of the term and, as appropriate, historical background, detailed analytical discussions, and/or usage or significance in different social science fields. Includes cross-references and suggestions for further reading.

Jary, David, and Julia Jary. *Collins Dictionary of Sociology*, 2nd ed. Glasgow: HarperCollins, 1995.

Reference HM17.J37. First edition in Hodges stacks.

A clear, balanced guide to the terms and concepts used in every area of sociology, and to related terms in psychology, economics, political sciences and anthropology. Includes biographical entries for key figures in sociology and social thought, cross-references, and a bibliography of referenced sources.

Johnson, Allan G., *The Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology: A User's Guide to Sociological Language*, 2nd ed. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishers, 2000.

Reference HM425.J64. First edition in Hodges stacks HM17.J64.

An introduction to the concepts basic to a sociological understanding of social life. Includes biographical sketches, cross-references, and suggestions for further reading.

Marshall, Gordon, editor. *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Sociology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994.

Reference HM17.C66.

A basic dictionary of sociology which is geared toward those who are relatively new to the discipline. Includes cross-references and suggestions for further reading.

Outhwaite, William, editor. *The Blackwell Dictionary of Modern Social Thought*, 2nd ed. Oxford: Blackwell, 2003.

Reference H41.B53. First edition in Hodges stacks with title *The Blackwell Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Social Thought*.

Encompasses the vast field of social thought with entries on the major concepts which figure in social thought, the principal schools and movements of thought, and those institutions and organizations which have been important objects of social analysis, or have engendered significant doctrines and ideas. Includes cross-references, suggestions for further reading, and a bibliography of referenced sources.

Theodorson, George A., and Achilles G. Theodorson. *A Modern Dictionary of Sociology*. New York: Crowell, 1970.

Stacks HM17.T5.

A comprehensive dictionary of sociology, which includes concepts from a variety of conceptual levels and historical periods, and from different theoretical and methodological approaches. Includes cross-references.

Encyclopedias

Borgatta, Edgar F. *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2nd ed, 5 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2000.

Reference HM425.E5. First edition in Hodges stacks HM17.E5.

Interdisciplinary and international in scope, this 5-volume encyclopedia includes substantial articles on a wide range of topics. Each entry includes the sociological relevance of the topic and how it fits into sociological knowledge as well as social and behavioral knowledge in general. Includes cross-references and suggestions for further reading.

Magill, Frank N., editor. *International Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2 vols. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1995.

Reference HM17.I54.

This two-volume encyclopedia provides the general reader with insight into topics in the field of sociology. Each article is preceded by a statement of the kind of sociology and particular field of study to which the topic belongs, a brief summary of the topic's significance, and a list of key terms with definitions. The body of the article is divided into three sections: overview, applications, and context. Includes cross-references, annotated bibliographies with suggestions for further reading, a selected bibliography of sociology books, and a glossary of terms.

Magill, Frank N., editor. *Survey of Social Science. Sociology Series*, 5 vols. Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 1994.

Reference HM17.S86.

This five-volume set has the same content as the *International Encyclopedia of Sociology* described above.

Manstead, Antony S. R., and Miles Hewstone, editors. *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Psychology*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1995.

Reference HM251.B476.

Comprehensive coverage of the key topics in social psychology with 1000- to 3000-word articles on major topics, as well as shorter, glossary-type entries for less important topics. Includes cross-references and suggestions for further reading.

Sills, David L., editor. *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 19 vols. New York: Macmillan, 1968-1991.

Reference H41.E6 (volumes 1-17 also available in Hodges stacks).

This 19-volume set provides comprehensive coverage of the social sciences, with articles on the concepts, principles, theories, methods, and empirical regularities that characterize the social sciences. Includes biographical articles, cross-references, suggestions for further reading, and a subject index.

Smelser, Neil J., and Paul B. Baltes, editors. *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 26 vols. Oxford: Elsevier, 2001.

Reference H41.I58.

The largest reference work ever published for the social and behavioral sciences, this 26-volume encyclopedia includes more than 3,800 in-depth articles, 150 biographical entries, and 90,000 bibliographic citations for further reading. Includes cross-references and name and subject indexes.

Social Theory

Barnes, Harry Elmer, editor. *An Introduction to the History of Sociology*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1948.

Stacks HM19.B265.

A comprehensive summary and critical appraisal of the growth of sociological thought from the ancient Near East to mid-twentieth century, with the main emphasis on the systematic sociologists from Comte to Sorokin.

Becker, Howard, and Harry Elmer Barnes. *Social Thought from Lore to Science*, 3rd ed., 3 vols. New York: Dover Publications, 1961.

Stacks HM19.B27. First and second editions also available.

The "best single treatise in any language on the history of social thought."

Blau, Judith R., editor. *The Blackwell Companion to Sociology*. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell, 2001.

Stacks HM585.B53.

A collection of essays by renowned sociologists covering the traditions and strengths of the field as well as newer developments and directions. Includes a bibliography of references.

Bottomore, Tom, and Robert Nisbet, editors. *A History of Sociological Analysis*. New York: Basic Books, 1978.

Stacks HM19.H53.

A comprehensive work that shows how sociological analysis has developed, how the various theoretical schemes have been elaborated and modified, what relation they bear to each other, and how theoretical debates have arisen, been pursued, and eventually been resolved or put aside.

Elliott, Anthony, and Larry Ray, editors. *Key Contemporary Social Theorists*. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishers, 2003.

Stacks H61.K473.

A comprehensive introduction to the most significant figures in social, cultural, political, and philosophical thought in the contemporary period. Over 40 leading theorists are profiled in short essays that cover the thinkers' lives, ideas, and major criticisms. Includes bibliographies of works by and about those profiled.

Ritzer, George, editor. *The Blackwell Companion to Major Social Theorists*. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell, 2000.

Stacks HM478.B583.

Examines the life and work of 25 major theorists, discussing the social and intellectual context of their writings and offering an analysis of the impact of their work over time. Includes bibliographies of the theorist's most important works as well as key secondary works.

Turner, Bryan S., editor. *The Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, 2nd ed. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishers, 2000.

Stacks H61.B4773.

Provides insights into the traditions of classical social thought as well as the major debates and developments in contemporary social theory with 18 original essays by the world's leading social theorists. Includes bibliographies with references and further reading.

Finding Related Material

Search for basic works on sociology, social theory, and social sciences in the Libraries' catalog using the subject headings below, or enter specific names for information on a particular theorist.

Social Sciences	Sociology
Social Sciences – Dictionaries	Sociology – Dictionaries
Social Sciences – Encyclopedias	Sociology – Encyclopedias
Social Sciences – History	Sociology – History
Social Sciences – Philosophy	

Since books on similar topics are grouped together on the shelves, you may find additional materials by browsing the shelves near the books on this list or other books that you have found helpful.

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