



# The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology ONLINE

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Welcome to the Newsletter for the **Second Update** of the **Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology**. Within this newsletter you will find a brief summary of **20 new entries** to the Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online, as well as a sneak preview of future entries.

Have an idea for a new entry? Suggest a new entry for the Online Encyclopedia and if your suggestion is chosen as a new entry you could win an Amazon gift certificate! (See details below)

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The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online provides a living, breathing resource for the academic community in sociology, including faculty, students, and researchers. The print version of the Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology was published in January 2007. The print set contains nearly 1,800 entries and over 3.5 million words, arranged in A-Z format over 11 volumes, making it the most comprehensive reference work ever published in sociology. Using the material from this unrivalled reference as a starting point, and under the continuing editorship of George Ritzer, the Online encyclopedia is being updated three times a year. The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online includes new entries and updates to existing entries. Suggestions for new topics to be covered are welcome, and for those who did not contribute to the print version, there may be an opportunity to contribute to the Online encyclopedia.

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### Updates to the Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology ONLINE

1. **Adoption** (Laura Hamilton) – In the United States alone, some estimates suggest that as many as 4% of people are adopted. This entry helps strengthen the encyclopedia's knowledge base on the family.
2. **Baudrillard, Jean** (Doug Kellner) – Arguably the leading figure of postmodernism, Baudrillard's contribution to sociology (and many other fields) spanned five decades. The inclusion of this entry by a leading interpreter of his work reflects both the timeliness of the online version of the encyclopedia as well as a commitment to finding leading authors in the field.
3. **Biosociology** (Allan Mazur) – Also sometimes referred to sociobiology, this entry on biosociology details an area of inquiry related to how biology relates to social behavior and is authored by a scholar who has been associated with the topic for decades.

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4. **Canetti, Elias** (Andrea Brighenti) – Elias Canetti, a Nobel Prize laureate in literature, is perhaps most famous in social and political sciences for his book *Crowds and Power* (1960).
5. **Cultural Citizenship** (Nick Stevenson) – Citizenship is one of the hottest topics in sociology today. This entry explores how the idea of cultural citizenship emerged in the social sciences, as well as its importance to them.
6. **Darwin, Charles** (Stephen Sanderson) – Darwin is one of the most celebrated names in the history of science. This entry reflects and discusses the importance of his work to the social sciences, including sociology.
7. **Evolutionary Sociology** (Stephen Sanderson) – Written by one of the leading names in the field of evolutionary sociology, this entry covers a topic that represents an important new development in sociological theory.
8. **Global Warming** (Steve Yearley) – Global warming is a topic of the utmost importance, not only to sociology, but also to humanity. Yearley is an expert in the area of environmental and scientific sociology and applies that expertise to a strong entry on one of the most important topics facing the world today.
9. **Henri, Claude de Saint-Simon** (Mary Pickering) – Saint-Simon was one of the early inspirations for the discipline of sociology, particularly in his influence on Comte. Mary Pickering is arguably the leading student of his work.
10. **Jacobs, Jane** (Anthony Orum) – This entry on Jane Jacobs covers the life and work of one of the leading twentieth-century thinkers on urban life. The inclusion of this essay reflects our commitment to finding leading authors on the most contemporary topics.
11. **Kant, Immanuel** (Philip Walsh) – One of the most important figures of the European Enlightenment, Kant's epistemological and philosophical ideas influenced many of the founding fathers of sociology, most notably Durkheim, Weber, and Simmel.
12. **Practice Theory** (Andreas Reckwitz) – One of today's cutting edge sociological theories, practice theory is likely to be of increasing importance for social theory in the years to come.
13. **Rhizome**(Gary Genosko) – The postmodern concept of the "rhizome" is drawn from the provocative work of Deleuze and Guattari.
14. **Saturated Self** (Kenneth Gergen) – Gergen is one of the leading minds in the academy today. This entry outlines his concept of the saturated self, a reference to the dramatic expansion in the range of relations in which the individual is increasingly engaged.
15. **Self-serving Bias** (Mamadi Corra) – A key concept for social psychology, a self-serving bias refers to people's tendency to attribute positive outcomes to internal factors and to attribute negative outcomes to external factors.
16. **Service Work** (Marek Korczynski) – The continued growth in service work is of growing importance to several sub-fields of sociology, especially those examining changes in work and consumption in the West.
17. **Sweatshops**(David Smith) – A topic of great interest to social and human rights activists around the world, sweatshops are a topic of both controversy and fertile academic and social inquiry.
18. **Third Way** [Giddens] (Will Leggett) – The Third Way refers to a program developed by Anthony Giddens for modernizing center-left politics. It had a strong influence on the politics of both Bill Clinton and Tony Blair.
19. **Visibility**(Andrea Brighenti) – Visibility is an issue that has been of importance to a wide range of social theorists including Foucault, Goffman, and Habermas.

	<p>20. <b>Westermarck, Edward</b> (Stephen Sanderson) – Westermarck, a Finnish sociologist who taught both at the University of Helsinki as well as the London School of Economics, was one of the most prominent sociologists of the first third of the twentieth century. He made important contributions to the study of marriage as well as morality.</p> <p><b>Future Updates</b></p> <p>The third update (scheduled for December 2007) will feature at least an additional 15 new entries as well as updates to existing entries to keep the online encyclopedia at the cutting edge of sociology.</p> <p>Some of the planned new entries include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Americanization</b> by William Marling</li> <li>· <b>Cultural Turn</b> by Steven Best</li> <li>· <b>Figurational Sociology</b> by Katie Liston and Stephen Mennell</li> <li>· <b>Galbraith, John Kenneth</b> by Richard Parker</li> <li>· <b>Significant Symbol</b> by Mamadi Corra</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Suggest a New Entry and Win an Amazon Gift Certificate</b></p> <p>If you have suggestions for potential new entries, please send them to J. Michael Ryan, Senior Managing Editor of the Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online, at <a href="mailto:miker@socy.umd.edu">miker@socy.umd.edu</a>. We are awarding a £100/\$150 Amazon gift certificate for the best suggestions featured in subsequent updates to the Encyclopedia online*.</p> <p><b>Congratulations to Manuela Boatca</b></p> <p>Manuela's suggestion for a new entry on Macrosociology was selected as the winning new entry to the <b>Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online</b>.</p> <p><b>About Manuela:</b> Manuela Boatca is Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociological Theory, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany and is Visiting Professor at the Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), Brazil, during the fall of 2007.</p> <p>* One prize will be given for each of the Publisher's major updates to the Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Online. The judges' decision is final.</p>	
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