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Ten recommended Sociology books

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R. ERIKSSON & J. GOLDTHORPE, *The Constant Flux*, Clarendon, 1992. The single most authoritative work on social stratification and class mobility. It is comparative and shows that there has been no decline in the impact of class origins on occupational opportunities.

Y. SHAVIT and H.P. BLOSSFELD, *Persistent Inequality*, Westview Press, 1993. This remains the authoritative study of educational attainment. Again it is comparative and, again, it concludes that there has been very little equalization notwithstanding massive educational expansion and reform in the postwar era.

J. COLEMAN, *Foundations of Social Theory*, Harvard University Press, 1990. This is by far the single most important and influential attempt at developing theoretical foundations for the discipline, based on rational choice theory.

M. GRANOVETTER, *Getting a Job. A Study of Contacts and Careers*, University of Chicago Press, 1995 (2nd edition). This is the most comprehensive statement from the pioneer of social network analyses of markets. The foundation for much of modern economic sociology.

A. PORTES, *The Economic Sociology of Immigration*, Russell Sage, 1995. This is the most comprehensive treatment of the sociology of immigration. Portes own contributions represent the social capital approach.

N. FLIGSTEIN, *The Architecture of Markets*, Princeton University Press, 2001. This recent book is becoming a key contribution to the 'new' economic sociology, here with a strong organizational theoretical perspective.

W. POWELL & P. DI MAGGIO, *The New Institutionalism in Organizational Analysis*, University of Chicago Press, 1991. The most comprehensive overview of the new institutional approach to understanding organizations.

W.J. WILSON, *The Truly Disadvantaged*, University of Chicago Press, 1987. It is now a bit old but remains the single most influential analysis of race, discrimination, and exclusion.

E. O. WRIGHT, *Class Counts*, Cambridge University Press, 1997. By far the most sophisticated empirical analysis of modern class structures.

A. PRZEWORSKI, *Democracy and the Market*, Cambridge University Press, 1991. Probably the most sophisticated analysis of how, and under what conditions, democracy and market economies are compatible.