

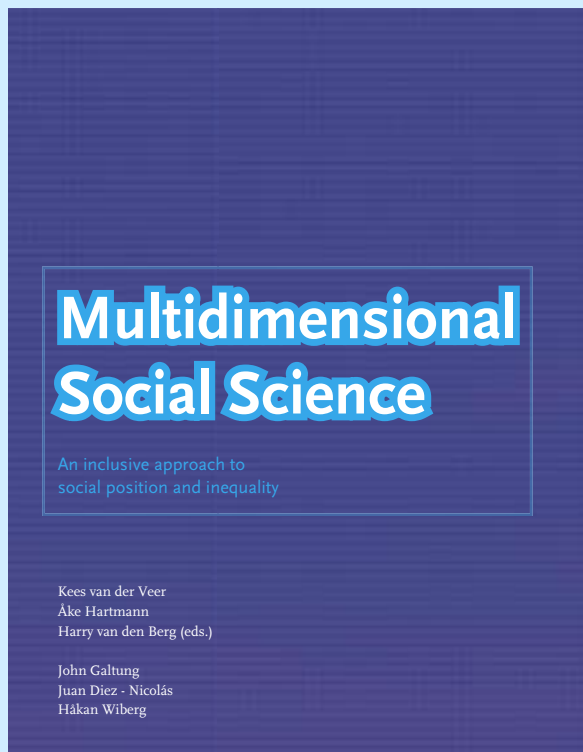
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AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH TO SOCIAL POSITION AND INEQUALITY

WITH  
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The founding fathers of the social sciences were convinced of the notion that the empirical study of social change requires an encompassing theoretical framework that takes into account the complexities of and the interrelations between different forms of social inequality. But due to the ongoing specialization within the social sciences the notion that it is worthwhile to develop an encompassing theoretical framework as a prerequisite for doing empirical research is not accepted anymore as self-evident. Even the word 'holism' is often disregarded as outdated.

This book argues for the reappraisal of a systematic holistic approach of social scientific phenomena, particularly social inequality, for the discerning reader and university student. It is the result of a collaborative project of researchers from different disciplinary origins. The project focuses on Johan Galtung's theory of Social Position developed in the 1960s. This Social Position theory is revisited and expanded towards a multidimensional approach of social inequality between and within societies taking into account that new dimensions of social inequality have become much more relevant due to for example the developments in information society. In this book the authors show that a renewed version of the Social Position theory may constitute a fruitful point of departure for the development of multidimensional social research.

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