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what is the relevance of luc boltanski s pragmatic sociology of critique to central issues in contemporary social and political analysis in seeking to respond to this question this book contains critical commentaries from prominent social theorists attempting to map out the influence and broad scope of boltanski s oeuvre part 1 part i introduction chapter 2 the crisis in contemporary american sociology a critique of the discipline s dominant paradigm chapter 3 the bureaucratization of sociology its impact on theory and research chapter 4 ethnicity and gender the view from above versus the view from below part 5 part ii introduction chapter 6 bureaucratic secrets and adversarial methods of social research chapter 7 sociologist as citizen scholar a symbolic interactionist alternative to normal sociology chapter 8 the rise of the wisconsin school of status attainment research chapter 9 academic labor markets and the sociology temporary chapter 10 ideology and the celebration of applied sociology chapter 11 western sociology and the third world asymmetrical forms of understanding and the inadequacy of sociological discourse chapter 12 the rise and fall of the american sociologist on the genealogy of critique intervenes into both contemporary academic debates on critique and today s mainstream criticism by reflecting upon the relationship between criticality and social change in the age of post politics what does it mean to be critical when we are told that civilisation is facing extinction does the idea of critique still hold any value today more than ever we seem to be critical of everything yet paradoxically our criticism exerts very little political influence taking this problematique as its starting point this book reclaims the transformative potential of critique challenging the common assumptions about criticality it presents a counter history of criticism demonstrating how the modern notion of critical subjectivity embodies an imperative to the securitisation of the status quo in elaborating on a range of contemporary critical dis positions the book advocates new ways of thinking about critique and social change through this it equips the reader with analytical tools useful for thinking the way out of our post political predicament this book is of relevance to anyone concerned with social change particularly it will be of use to academics postgraduates and advanced undergraduate students working in the areas of sociology politics philosophy and cultural studies identifies categories within everyday life such as the theories of the semantic field and of moments this book first published in 1976 discusses four classical paradigms for sociology the positivism of saint simon and comte durkheim marx and weber and four contemporary developments or revisions of them the sociologie active of dumazedier and his colleagues in france sociology in socialist poland the work of dahrendorf and the new sociology of mills and his successors christopher bryant suggests that no neutral language exists in which to compare the characteristics of these different paradigms yet highlights those features which are common to all of them unique in its approach and

analysis of the relationship between sociology and action this book is of value and interest to students of sociology and theory and professional sociologists this volume explores how mobilizing boltanski and thévenot s economies of worth framework and its associated concepts of justification evaluation and critique help address questions regarding the premises and dynamics of coordinated action both within and across organizations and by so doing help advance our understanding zygmunt bauman is one of the most inspirational and controversial thinkers on the scene of contemporary sociology for several decades he has provided compelling analyses and diagnoses of a vast variety of aspects of modern and liquid modern living this book considers the theoretical significance of his contribution to sociology but also discusses and adopts a critical stance towards his work the sociology of zygmunt bauman introduces and critically appraises some of the most significant as well as some of the lesser known of bauman s contributions to contemporary sociology an international team of scholars delineates and discusses how bauman s treatment of these themes challenges conventional wisdom in sociology thereby revising and revitalizing sociological theory as a special feature the book concludes with bauman s intriguing reflections and contemplations on his own life and intellectual trajectory published here for the first time in english in this postscript aptly entitled pro domo sua about myself he describes the pushes and pulls that throughout the years have shaped his thinking this book provides a critical overview of the myriad literatures on work viewed not only as a product of the marketplace but also as a social and political construct drawing on theoretical and empirical contributions from sociology history economics and organizational studies the book brings together perspectives that too often remain balkanized using each to explore the nature of work today outlining the fundamental principles that unite social science thinking about work vallas offers an original discussion of the major theoretical perspectives that inform workplace analysis including marxist interactionist feminist and institutionalist schools of thought chapters are devoted to the labor process to workplace flexibility to gender and racial inequalities at work and to the link between globalization and the structure of work and authority today major topics include the relation between work and identity the relation between workplace culture and managerial control and the performance of emotional labor within service occupations this concise book will be invaluable to students at all levels as it explores a range of insights to make sense of pressing issues that drive the social scientific study of work today how does bauman understand the concept of freedom and how does this understanding relate to the political traditions of conservatism liberalism and socialism mark davis offers a critical enquiry into the sociology of zygmunt bauman focusing on his english language writings from the 1960s onwards the book contributes to sociological debates about modern society by offering an interpretation of bauman s work based on the concept of freedom especially in terms of his extensive consideration of consumerism existing studies of bauman have tended to focus uncritically upon other salient themes in his work notably culture power and socialism davis repairs the lack of critical engagement in the literature by identifying freedom as a focus for critical reflection he also opens up new areas of discourse by analyzing bauman s understanding of freedom in relation to the three great political traditions of conservatism liberalism and socialism this is an original

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and the humanities to provide a critical perspective on cultural forms practices and identities it looks beyond the postmodern debate to reinstate the critical dimension in cultural analysis providing a student friendly introduction to key contemporary issues such as the body aids race the environment and virtual reality theorizing culture is essential reading for undergraduate courses in cultural and media studies and sociology and will have considerable appeal for students and scholars of critical theory gender studies and the history of ideas in his previous book contemporary hermeneutics josef bleicher offered an introduction to the subject locating it mainly within the philosophy of social science and looking at the profound impact it is having on a wide range of intellectual pursuits this book follows on from this and expounds the author s view that the development of the hermeneutic imagination is an indispensable condition for reflexive sociological work and emancipatory social practice dr bleicher examines the various approaches to sociology empiricist the social sciences have long been based upon contrasts drawn between the militaristic societies of the past and the capitalist or industrial societies of the present but how valid are such contrasts given that the current era is one stamped by the impact of war and by the intensive development of sophisticated weaponry in setting out to address this and similar questions this book investigates issues that have been substantially neglected by those working in sociology and social theory anthony giddens offers a sociological analysis of the nature of the modern nation state and its association with the means of waging war his analysis is connected in a detailed way to problems that have traditionally preoccupied sociologists the impact of capitalism and industrialism upon social development in the modern period the result is a theory both of the institutional parameters of modernity and of the nature of international relations the book is a sequel to the author s much discussed contemporary critique of historical materialism the framework of social theory outlined in that work is here elucidated in a systematic and thorough going fashion the novel and provocative ideas which the author develops will interest those working in a wide variety of disciplines sociology politics geography and international affairs by re examining the writings of gadamer and habermas and their views of earlier interpretive theorists this book offers a radical challenge to their idea of the dialogue between researchers and their subjects

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A Critique of Contemporary American Sociology 1993 on the genealogy of critique intervenes into both contemporary academic debates on critique and today s mainstream criticism by reflecting upon the relationship between criticality and social change in the age of post politics what does it mean to be critical when we are told that civilisation is facing extinction does the idea of critique still hold any value today more than ever we seem to be critical of everything yet paradoxically our criticism exerts very little political influence taking this problematique as its starting point this book reclaims the transformative potential of critique challenging the common assumptions about criticality it presents a counter history of criticism demonstrating how the modern notion of critical subjectivity embodies an imperative to the securitisation of the status quo in elaborating on a range of contemporary critical dis positions the book advocates new ways of thinking about critique and social change through this it equips the reader with analytical tools useful for thinking the way out of our post political predicament this book is of relevance to anyone concerned with social change particularly it will be of use to academics postgraduates and advanced undergraduate students working in the areas of sociology politics philosophy and cultural studies

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and socialism davis repairs the lack of critical engagement in the literature by identifying freedom as a focus for critical reflection he also opens up new areas of discourse by analyzing bauman s understanding of freedom in relation to the three great political traditions of conservatism liberalism and socialism this is an original contribution to discussions around bauman s work which will be of interest to both sociologists and political theorists

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the critical dictionary of sociology taken from the second french edition of the dictionary and edited by the english sociologist peter hamilton the critical value of this distinctive work is at last made available for a wider audience each entry grapples directly with an issue whether theoretical epistemological philosophical political or empirical and provides a strong statement of what the authors think about it the discussions are considered but argumentative by reaffirming that a non marxist style of critique is still possible boudon and bourricaud have presented a distinctive approach to the key issues which confront the societies of the twentieth and twenty first centuries for some this work will be a textbook for others an indispensable sourcebook of sociological concepts and for most a way of opening our eyes to new dimensions in our understanding of the great ideas and theories of sociology

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Sociology, Race, and Ethnicity 1979 globalization has accelerated the process of social political cultural and especially economic transformations since the 1990s examining the choices of modern society dahms and contributors ask what are the social costs of progress

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language in society this book emphasises the sociological rather than the linguistic side of the subject

Women and the Public Sphere 1984 in this volume first published in 1983 professor rogers examines the usefulness of a phenomenological approach to sociology her broad purpose is to demonstrate the theoretical and methodological advantages phenomenological sociology holds thus she offers a selective introductory exposition of phenomenology highlighting its relevance for social scientists and undercutting the notion of phenomenology as a non scientific subjective or esoteric method of study

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