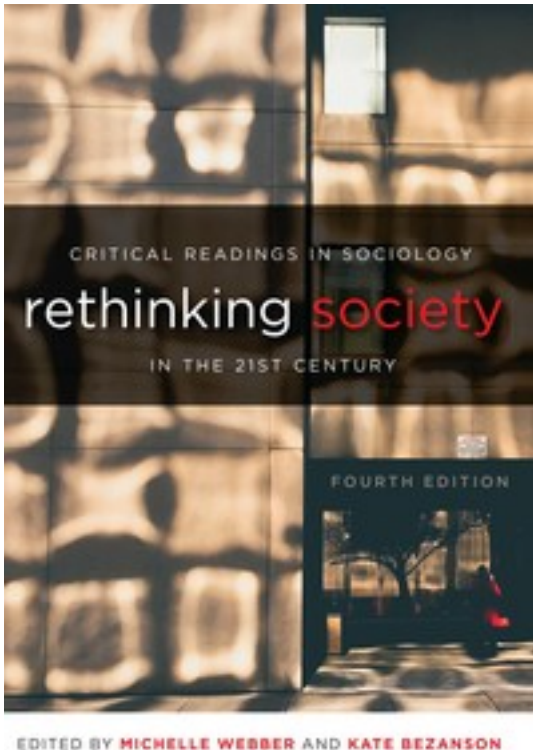


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*“Rethinking Society in the 21st Century”* is a critical collection of readings that provides students with a foundational knowledge base in sociology. The fourth edition has been thoroughly updated to include significant Canadian content, with a greater focus on Indigeneity, gender, and sexuality and a new section dedicated to social movements, social change, and emerging fields.

This anthology introduces students to the fundamental elements of sociology with a balance of classical theory—Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Mills—and more contemporary approaches found in the works of Michel Foucault and Dorothy Smith. Building on this theoretical grounding, the text outlines core concepts in sociology as well as major social institutions such as families, the economy and labour, education, health care, and media. Covering a wide breadth of topics, including chapters on animals, the environment, crime, trans issues, class, ethnicity, and race, this new edition explores critical debates in Canadian society with an emphasis on intersectional approaches to social inequalities.

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- draws on works by a number of classical theorists, including Marx, Durkheim, and Weber
- features readings by Canadian authors and content on distinctly Canadian social issues
- appropriate for university and college-level courses in sociology

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### Reviews

“Webber and Bezanson’s collection has become standard amongst sociology instructors seeking a critical introduction to the field. The book strikes a nice balance between seminal theoretical pieces and cutting edge research that engages and challenges students to think about new things in new ways. Power inequalities figure prominently in the readings as they explore the complex intersections of class, gender, race, and sexuality... Canadian sociology is well represented, with a number of current research pieces by scholars preeminent in the discipline. I cannot think of another collection that accomplishes what this one does.”

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— *Alison Dunwoody*, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta

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