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A key issue for researchers and practitioners is how to support the social engagement of children with autism in everyday, ordinary social processes that are transactional in nature and involve mixed groups of children, with and without autism, in rich and varied relationships. Autism and the Social World of Childhood brings together current understandings about the social engagement of children with autism, gained from psychology-based research into autism, with well-established ideas about children’s everyday social worlds, gained from sociocultural theories of childhood. It describes the experiences of interaction, friendship, and play from children’s own point of view as a way of giving insight into children’s lives as they are lived and understood by them. Such an understanding serves to inform educational practice and aids the provision of more effective learning environments. Autism and the Social World of Childhood includes sections on: the nature of play, social interaction and friendship in autism; the nature of children’s ordinary social worlds, including children’s cultures of communication and variation in children’s play; research approaches to investigating the social engagement of children with and without autism in natural contexts. Educational approaches to supporting the integration of children with autism within a school setting the importance of assessment in autism education. Autism and the Social World of Childhood includes real life descriptions of children’s social experiences taken from ethnographic research into the play and interaction of children with and without autism. Practical guidance is provided on educational approaches to supporting the inclusion of children with autism within the ordinary social worlds of childhood.

Laura Smith argues that if there is any segment of society that should be concerned with the impact of classism and poverty, it is those within the “helping professions” — people who have built their careers around understanding and facilitating human emotional well-being. In this groundbreaking book, Smith charts the rise of a new paradigm: that of policy-makers, practitioners, and researchers concerned with poverty. Operating within the dominant understandings of social class and poverty within mental health theory and practice, Smith explores the impact of poverty on the mental health of poor people through their participation in interviews and surveys. In this book, Smith offers a message of hope that poor clients and psychologists can reinvent their relationship through working together in ways that are liberating for all parties. Children with autism and their families often suffer isolation and lack of recognition in the social world of childhood. This book brings together current understandings about the social engagement of children with autism, with well-established ideas about children’s everyday social worlds, gained from sociocultural theories of childhood. This important book on autism and the social world of childhood includes sections on: the nature of play, social interaction and friendship in autism; the nature of children’s ordinary social worlds, including children’s cultures of communication and variation in children’s play; research approaches to investigating the social engagement of children with and without autism in natural contexts. Educational approaches to supporting the integration of children with autism within a school setting the importance of assessment in autism education. Autism and the Social World of Childhood includes real life descriptions of children’s social experiences taken from ethnographic research into the play and interaction of children with and without autism. Practical guidance is provided on educational approaches to supporting the inclusion of children with autism within the ordinary social worlds of childhood.

Traditional counselling is an under-researched field, with inadequate scholarly documentation on the approaches, procedures, and outcomes of counsellors' work. This book represents a major step towards narrowing these gaps. Its main contribution is the articulation of a theoretical framework of traditional counselling, the delineation of traditional counselling approaches and processes, and the clarification of the scope of problems apparent in the sphere of traditional counselling. Traditional counselling is rooted in traditional systems of knowledge and sociocultural values, customs and practices, is essentially community-based and multicultural in nature, and promotes a collective inclination to problem identification, resolution and management. The book addresses the importance of the intersection of theory and practice of traditional counselling from an African perspective. It offers a thought-provoking investigation on counselling models.

This work presents landmark research concerning the vital role of childhood psychological development. It's origin can be traced to the late 1970s, when several psychologists began to challenge existing notions of cognitive development by suggesting that such functioning is bound to specific contexts and that cognitive development is based on the mastery of culturally defined ways of speaking, thinking, and acting. About the same time, several translations were made available in the context of the seminal work of Vygotsky, the noted theoretician, offering a conceptual
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Based on which these workers could build. This volume, with contributions from many of the scholars who pioneered this area and translated the work of Vygotsky, looks at the complex mechanisms by which children acquire the cultural and linguistic tools to carry out cognitive activities and explores the implications of this research for education. The book is organized around three main parts: Discourse and Learning in Classroom Practice, Interpersonal Relations in Formal and Informal Education, and The Sociocultural Institutions of Formal and Informal Education. An afterword by J. Jacqueline Goodnow suggests new directions for sociocultural research and education. The intended audience is composed of developmental, educational, and cognitive psychologists, along with advanced students in developmental and educational psychology.

Presents applications of activity theory; in honour of Sylvan Scribner.

Explicating clearly and concisely the full implication of a praxis-oriented language pedagogy, this book argues for an approach to language teaching grounded in a significant scientific theory of human learning—a stance that rejects the consumer approach to theory and the dichotomy between theory and practice that dominates SLA as a language teaching. This approach is based on Vygotskian sociocultural theory, according to which the two activities are inherently connected so that each is necessarily rooted in the other; practice is the research laboratory where the theory is tested. From the perspective of language education, this is what is meant by the “pedagogical imperative.” Sociocultural Theory and the Pedagogical Imperative in Language Education elaborates a new approach to dealing with the relationship between theory and practice—an approach grounded in a dialectical unity of practice and theory. This is illustrated by an analysis of empirical research involving practice-oriented approaches to real life classroom tasks. It brings together cognitive linguistics and sociocultural theory—the former provides the theoretical knowledge of language required of praxis and the latter furnishes the theoretical principles of learning and development also called for in a praxis approach. Offers recommendations for redesigning teacher education programs. Its timely focus on the theory-practice gap in language education and its original approach to bridging it put this book at the cutting edge of thinking about Vygotskian sociocultural theory in applied linguistics and SLA.

A brand new, fully updated edition of the most widely-used, frequently-cited, and critically acclaimed multicultural text in the mental health field. This fully revised, 8th edition of the market-leading textbook on multicultural counseling comprehensively covers the most recent research and theoretical formulations that introduce and analyze emerging important multicultural topical developments. It examines the concept of “cultural humility” as a new orientation for character education and practice principles of white cultural humility in multicultural counseling and in social justice counseling; and the concept of “minority stress” and its implications in work with marginalized populations. The book also reviews and introduces the most recent research on LGBTQ issues, and looks at major research developments in the manifestation, dynamics, and impact of microaggressions. Chapters in Counseling the Culturally Diverse, 8th Edition have been rewritten so that instructors can use them sequentially or in any order that best suits their course goals. Each begins with an outline of objectives, followed by a summary of a case vignette, narrative, or contemporary incident that introduces the major themes of the chapter. In-depth discussions of the theory, research, and practice in multicultural counseling follow. Completely updated with all new research, critical incidents, and case examples, Chapters feature an integrative section on “Implications for Clinical Practice,” ending “Summary,” and numerous “Reflection and Discussion Questions.” Presented in a Vital Source Enhanced format that contains chapter-correlated counseling videos/analysis of cross-racial dyads to facilitate teaching and learning supplement with an instructor’s website that offers a powerpoint deck, exam questione, sample syllabi, and links to other learning resources. Written with two new coauthors who bring fresh and first-hand innovative approaches to CCD Counseling the Culturally Diverse, 8th Edition is appropriate for scholars and practitioners who work in the mental health field related to race, ethnicity, culture, and other sociodemographic variables. It is also relevant to social workers and psychiatrists, and for graduate courses in counseling and clinical psychology related to working with culturally diverse populations.

A multidisciplinary exploration of agency as a central psychological phenomenon based on the affective, embodied, and relational processing of human experience. Agency is a central psychological phenomenon that must be accounted for in any explanatory framework for human action. According to this group of scholars, this book provides an innovative and comprehensive approach to the understanding of the role of agency in psychological processes. The book develops and consolidates and new challenges are currently being addressed. In the motivational arena sociocultural approaches deriving from Vygotsky have only begun to emerge recently. This volume we examine and evaluate the achievements of past sociocultural theory and research, and consider the future directions of sociocultural theory and research in the domains of learning and motivation.

"The Sociocultural Turn In Psychology addresses a variety of issues in which, in contemporary psychology, there has been a trend toward viewing both mind and self as fundamentally constituted by cultural context and human interaction. A variety of books on topics like herme-neutics and psychological theory or cultural psychology have been published, but no book has attempted to bring together these diverse yet related approaches to the sociocultural origins and basis of mind and self."--Jan Valinsen, editor, Culture & Psychology The Sociocultural Turn In Psychology treats psychological subjects, such as the mind and the self, as processes that are constituted, or "made up," within specific social and cultural practices. In other words, though one's distinct psychological identity is anchored by an embodied, biological existence, sociocultural interactions are integral to the evolution of the person. Only in the past two decades has the sociocultural turn truly established itself within disciplinary and professional boundaries. Providing advanced practitioners with a definitive understanding of these theories, Suzanne R. Kirschner and Jack Martin, former presidents of the American Psychological Association's Division of the Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, assemble a collection of essays that describes the discursive, hermeneutic, dialogical, and activity approaches of sociocultural psychology. Each contribution recognizes psychology as a human science and supports the individual's potential for agency and freedom. At the same time, it recognizes the critical role of the historical social and cultural context within which the individual develops. "This book is urgently needed in psychology. The title phrase 'sociocultural turn' has an important meaning because it connotes that a full 'turn' is required. For too long, psychologists have resisted such a turn by attempting to add cultural sensitivity to culturally insensitive ideas, such as Western research, theory, and practice. Fortunately, this book has assembled a Who's Who of scholars who not only want this change but also describe practical skills psychologists can use as well."--Brent D. Sife, Brigham Young University, author of Critical Thinking About Psychology: Hidden Assumptions and Plausible Alternatives.

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Nutrition Education, Second Edition provides a simple, straightforward model for designing effective nutrition education that addresses the personal and environmental influences that affect food choice and assists individuals in adopting healthy behaviors. Using a six-step process, this text integrates theory, research, and practice and provides advice on designing, implementing, and evaluating theory-based nutrition education.

Sociocultural psychology is a discipline located at the crossroads between the natural and social sciences and the humanities. This international overview of the field provides an antireductionist and comprehensive account of how experience and behavior arise from human action with cultural materials in social practices. The outcome is a vision of the dynamics of sociocultural and personal life in which time and developmental constraints are crucial factors, and cultural and social contexts shape experience and behavior in the realms of art and aesthetics, economics, history, religion, and politics. Special attention is also paid to the development of identity, the self and personhood throughout the lifespan, while retaining the emphasis on experience and development as key features of sociocultural psychology.

This enduring bestseller remains the most comprehensive examination of constructivist and its relationship to teaching and learning. Closing the gap between theory and practice, well-known scholars make constructivism accessible by showing its application in everyday classrooms. Building on the success of the first edition, the authors have completely updated this popular text and expanded its scope to include examples of constructivism across all grade levels. A new chapter by the revisor, Constructivism: Principles and Perspectives, Second Edition is an invaluable resource for practicing teachers, teacher educators, and curriculum specialists in mathematics, science, social studies, and language arts. New for the Second Edition! An updated theory section that adds further contemporary biological evidence to go beyond the theories of Piaget and Vygotsky—offering a more contemporary framework for a psychological theory of learning. New chapters reflecting the school-based reforms that have been initiated since the writing of the first edition—specifically addressing the changes in mathematics, social studies, and teacher education.

A new chapter on the emerging field of disability studies— including a critique that unmask current practices and assumptions that better serve schools rather than students and their families. Contributors: Paul Cobb • Susan Cowey • Rheta DeVries • Eleanor Duckworth • Dewey I. Dykstra, Jr. • George Forman • Catherine T weldy Fosnot • Catherine A. Franklin • June S. Gould • Maxine Greene • Candace Jylwan • Randall Stewart Perry • D. Kim Reid • Deborah Silverthorn • John Weatherly Valle • Ernst von Glasersfeld • and many more. This text will continue to be the central source for the text for courses on constructivism... --- highly readable. ---Gifted Child Quarterly "Shows how constructivist theory can inform classroom practices, and . . . provides teachers with a deeper understanding that gives substance to the rhetoric of school reform." —Journal of Curriculum Studies

Psychology’s contribution to education has produced a persuasive and burgeoning literature willing to measure (e.g., intelligence quotients), categorise (e.g., learning and/or behavioural difficulties) and pathologise (e.g., psychiatric disorders) students across learning contexts. Practices like these pervade relationships existing between psychology and education because they share in common certain views of people and the worlds in which they learn. There is however increased acknowledgement that contemporary practice demands alternate ways of working. As learning communities and educators endeavour to make a difference in peoples’ lives, they are critically questioning how their use of psychology in education is shaping human potential and future possibilities. In this book, a group of international contributors reflect and debate the nature and influence of these controversies presently facing the enduring relationship between psychology and education. The book will be of interest to transnational audiences and is accessible to scholars and students in disciplines including psychology, education, sociology, social work, youth studies, public and allied health. The volume is edited by Jack Martin, Athanasios Marvaxis and Ioanna Petritsi, Jace Pillay, Isaac Prilleltensky, Anna Stetsenko, Jeff Sugarman and Stephen Vassallo with a Foreword by Ben Bradley. Tim Corcoran is Senior Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Critical Psychology at The Victoria Institute, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia. He has extensive experience in educational psychology both as a school psychologist and researcher/academic. His work has involved teaching, research and professional practice in Australia, the UK, Singapore and Iraq.

In the fifty years since its inception, John Bowlby’s attachment theory has been powerfully influential on developmental psychology and, more recently, mental health. Bringing together the experience of a diverse range of mental health practitioners and researchers who routinely use attachment theory in their own work, Attachment Theory in Adult Mental Health provides a guide to using attachment theory in everyday practice. Adam N. Danczuk and Katherine Berry present a wide-ranging and practical approach to the topic which includes studies on clinical practice, the provision of mental health services and accommodating intercultural perspectives. Section One covers the basics of attachment theory and practice. Section Two presents clinical problems and presentations including, among others, the treatment of depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis, personality disorder and eating disorders. Section Three addresses the needs of specific populations, discussing the influence of sociocultural background, ethnicity and age. Finally, Section Four examines the organisation and the practitioner, including using the ethic to organise services and how individual therapists can integrate their own attachment histories into their approach. Including the most up-to-date theories and practice in the field, Attachment Theory in Adult Mental Health is ideal for psychologists and psychological therapists, counsellors, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, social workers and mental health service managers and commissioners.

In recent years, mindfulness and acceptance-based therapies have gained immense popularity in the field of behavioral health. And as these therapeutic models have proliferated, their teachings and practices have been introduced to a wide range of diverse applications. Cognitive behavioral approaches often rely on a client’s values as a catalyst for treatment. But because values are often culturally biased, it can be difficult to apply the same techniques to clients from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. That’s why multicultural competency training for mental health professionals is so important. Mindfulness and Acceptance in Multicultural Competency presents a contextual approach to sociocultural diversity in both theory and practice. In this book, author Akhiko Masuda examines the cultural competency and cultural adaptation of three major therapeutic models based in mindfulness and acceptance: dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), mindfulness-based cognitive therapy, and acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT). Readers will learn how to translate these treatment models to other language communities, and how to tailor therapeutic approaches to address a number of cultural factors, including religion and spirituality, social stigma, and prejudice. Written for professionals, students, and practitioners, this book offers solid data and research that shows how innovations in acceptance and mindfulness therapies can be directed for the health and wellness of all people, no matter their race, creed, or cultural background. The book includes contributions by Lynn McFarr, PhD, Holly Hazlett-Stevens, PhD, Michael P. Twohig, PhD, Jason Lillis, PhD, Michael Levin, MA, and Jason Luoma, PhD. Mindfulness and Acceptance-Based Therapies: A Multicultural Perspective provides a comprehensive and integrative introduction to mindfulness and acceptance therapies for mental health professionals, and is an important resource for researchers, mental health agencies, and training programs.

In this volume, the contributors focus on the development of identity, the self and personhood throughout the lifespan, while retaining the emphasis on experience and development as key features of sociocultural psychology. The contributors to this collection have studied beliefs and values, and related constructs such as “attitudes” and “prejudice” for decades. But as this innovative and interdisciplinary book convincingly demonstrates, the scientific examination of beliefs and values now influences research and practice across a range of disciplines. Specifically, this edited volume explores the many cutting edge implications and applications of Equiintegration or EI Theory and the Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory (BEVI). Grounded in twenty years of research and practice, EI Theory seeks to explain the processes by which beliefs, values, and worldviews are acquired and maintained, why their alteration is resisted, and under what circumstances they change. EI Theory is a specific and unique tool that examines the role of beliefs and values in the development of self and others, and the larger world as we do as well as the influence of such processes on multiple aspects of human functioning. Edited by the developer of the EI model and BEVI method, and informed by contributions from leading U.S. and international scholars, this book features captivating research findings and pioneering practice applications. Research-focused chapters explain how the EI model and BEVI method increase our understanding of culture, personality, and other topics.
Although educational theories are presented in a variety of textbooks and in some discipline specific handbooks and encyclopedias, no publication exists which serves as a comprehensive, consolidated collection of the most influential and most frequently quoted and consulted theories. There is a need to put such theories into a single, easily accessible volume. A unique feature of the Handbook is the way in which it conveys the theories. The organization of the chapters within each section makes the volume an easy-to-use and understandable reference tool as researchers and practitioners seek theories to guide their research and practice and as they develop theoretical frameworks. In addition to the traditional theories presented, the Handbook includes emerging theories for the 21st Century as well as presenting practical examples of the use of those theories from diverse disciplines. An appendix which indicates which theories have instruments associated with them and where those instruments can be found is also included. The Handbook consists of 12 sections. Section I provides the introduction with a focus on what constitutes good theory as well as how theory guides research and practice. The remaining sections address Philosophical Educational Constructs, Learning Theory, Instructional Theory, Curriculum theory, Literacy and Language Acquisition Theory, Counseling Theory, Moral Development Theory, Classroom Management Theory, Assessment Theory, Organizational Theory, and Leadership/Management Theory. Each section consists of an overview written by the section editor of the general theoretical concepts to be addressed by the chapter authors. Each chapter within the section will include (a) a description of the theory with goals, assumptions, and aspects particular to the theory, (b) the original development of and interactions of the theory, (c) validation of the theory, (d) generalizability of the theory across cultures, ethnicities, and genders, (e) the use and application of the theory, (f) critiques of the theory, (g) any instruments associated with the theory, and (h) two to five five-practice examples exemplifying particular theories as individuals have used them in theoretical framework of dissertations or published articles and be written by the original theorist or prominent contributors to the theory. The Handbook is intended for graduate students enrolled in research courses or completing theses and dissertations. Additionally, professors of all educational disciplines in the social sciences would be an interested audience. There is also potential use of the text as administrators, counselors, and teachers in schools use theory to guide practice. As more inquiry is being promoted among school leaders, this book has more meaning for practitioners.

This new HBSE text is the first to approach the subject from a comparative theory perspective, including coverage of contemporary knowledge theories as well as traditional theories. A consistent framework for analysis is provided for all of the theoretical systems that are covered. This text encourages students to develop critical thinking skills in analyzing and comparing theories, and includes contemporary developments in traditional perspectives exemplifying particular theories as individuals have used them in theoretical framework of dissertations or published articles and be written by the original theorist or prominent contributors to the theory. The book explores the challenges and limitations of the various theories in use and addresses many relevant questions: What does the theory offer for understanding development across the lifecycle? What does each theory suggest about the interaction among biological, psychological, and sociocultural factors of human development and functioning? What does the theory suggest about healthy/functional and unhealthy/dysfunctional behaviors? How does this theory universize knowledge about the child? What does it have to say about cross-cultural work? What are the limitations to the theory? How can the theory be applied to the practice setting? What does the theory propose for the social worker as an agent of change? Human Behavior Theory and Social Work Practice is an original contribution to social work theory and will be mandatory reading for anyone pursuing a career in the field. Roberta R. Greene is professor and the Louis and Ann Wolens Professor in Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis.

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What can psychology offer inclusive education? Traditionally, special education has looked to psychology for many of its theoretical resources and practical strategies. While those seeking to promote more inclusive education have tended to see psychology and psychologists as part of the problem by providing a rationale for segregation. However, in practice many psychologists today are developing inclusive ways of working, and are contributing to theoretical and educational development in fields such as special education. Psychology for inclusion refocuses psychology in terms of its relevance to inclusion and will show how psychological theories of learning and human development are compatible with inclusive education. Part 1 explores psychological theories relevant to understanding inclusive education and Part 2 looks at how psychology can contribute to promoting more inclusive education in practice. Chapters cover: how psychologists can collaborate with teachers for inclusive solutions; Vygotsky’s theories of learning and their significance for inclusion; the challenge of developing pedagogies for inclusive sociocultural understandings of learning in inclusive classrooms; the role of emotion in learning and inclusion; cooperative learning and inclusion; and the challenges and tensions of inclusion and high standards for schools by practical methods of dynamic assessment as an inclusive alternative to IQ social justice and inclusive psychology. Bringing together a highly distinguished list of international contributors from the UK, USA and South Africa and including practising educational psychologists, this book will link theory to practice in schools and classrooms. International in focus and at the very cutting edge of the field, this is essential reading for all those interested in the development of inclusive education.

This book explores how psychoanalysis can enrich and complement sociocultural psychology. It presents theoretical integrations of psychoanalytical notions in the sociocultural framework, analyzes the historical similarities, if not intricacies, of the two fields, and presents papers that enrich the sociocultural framework in its theoretical and clinical empiricism. The first section presents editors’ theoretical proposition for an integration of one particular stream of psychoanalysis within sociocultural psychology, which emphasizes both the dialogical and the semiotic nature of psychological dynamics. The second section pursues this theoretical dialogue through a historical perspective. The third section pursues the implications of this parallel reasoning. It invites researchers that propose further syntheses between some strands of psychoanalysis and approaches within social and cultural psychology. The contributions collected in this section show how sociocultural psychology and psychoanalysis can complement each other, when it comes to tracing the emergence of meaning in actual interactive settings. Showing historical common roots, epistemological similarities, and theoretical complementarities, this book intends to suggest how the encounter and reciprocal contamination between cultural psychology and psychoanalysis could provide innovative theoretical and methodological syntheses. Through the various contributions three directions of development emerge as particularly promising for psychological science. Firstly, the semiotic conceptualization of affects, emerging from several of the contributors, appears to be a significant step ahead in the understanding of the dynamics of sense-making. A second promising direction of development concerns methodology. The reader will find several invitations to rethink the way of analyzing the phenomena of sense-making. Finally, the volume highlights how the connection between theory and practice in psychology is not a mere matter of application. Rather, the psychological intervention could be – needs to be – a theoretical object for cultural psychology, as it already is for psychoanalysis. At the same time, the intervention could be a fertile domain where a psychological practice endowed with reflexive capability generates new theoretical constructions.

This exciting new book is an engaging and accessible introduction to understanding human behaviour and development from a psychological perspective. Written by a psychologist with extensive teaching experience, it offers a clear and systematic exploration of psychological concepts and research, and discussion of their relevance for social work practice. The psychological framework provides thematic coherence for a uniquely wide range of material, from brain development to communication skills, psychiatric diagnoses to forms of discrimination. Adopting a logical and intuitive structure, its material is relevant both to Human Growth and Development modules and a range of other Social Work modules with psychological content. Psychology for Social Work offers a truly integrative resource for students, allowing them to see how different elements of theory and research connect together for practical application. Written as an introductory text, the language is accessible and user-friendly with diagrams and ‘In Focus’ pieces used to support learning. There is an emphasis on student learning and chapters include an outline at its beginning; definition boxes to highlight important information; and the use of case studies and activities to encourage students to engage with the topics at hand.

What is critical social psychology? In what ways can social psychology be progressive or radical? How can it be involved in political critique and reconstruction? Is social psychology itself the problem? Critical social psychology offers a confusing array of diverse answers to these questions. This book cuts through the confusion by revealing the very different assumptions at work in this fast growing field. A critical approach depends on a range of often-implicit theories of society, knowledge, as well as the subject. This book will show the crucial role of these theories for directing...
Critique at different parts of society, suggesting alternative ways of doing research, and effecting social change. It includes chapters fr

"Contemporary mainstream psychology has moved toward methodological specificity bounded by instrumental experimentalism. However, this institutional reduction of sanctioned methods has not been fully embraced by all social scientists, nor even by all experimental psychologists. The social sciences are rife with examples of practicing empirical scientists disaffected with the reductionism and atomism of traditional experimentalism. The empirical theory and practice of four of these disaffected social scientists—Lev Vygotsky, James Baldwin, James Gibson, and Kurt Lewin—is explored in this volume. Each of the scientists considered here argued for a rigorously empirical method while still maintaining a clear anti-reductionist stance. They justified their disaffection with the dominant psychological paradigms of their respective eras in terms of a fidelity to their phenomena of study, a fidelity they believed would be compromised by radical reductionism and ontological atomism. The authors in this collection explore the theory and practice of these eminent researchers and from it find inspiration for contemporary social science. The primary argument running through these analyses is that the social sciences should take seriously the notion of holistic empirical investigation. This means, among other things, re-establishing the indissoluble ties between theory, method and procedure and resisting the manualization of research procedures. It also means developing theories of relations and not simply of elemental properties. Such theories would concern particular units, fields, or systems of relations and not be reduced to, or interpreted in the terms of, other systems. Finally, a holistic social science requires integration of the active agent into theory, method, and procedure, an integration that points toward both participatory and emancipatory methods."

Today's classroom presents a wealth of opportunities for social interaction amongst pupils, leading to increased interest in teachers and researchers into the social nature of learning. While classroom interaction can be a valuable tool for learning, it does not necessarily lead to useful learning experiences. Through case studies, this book highlights the use of new analytical methodologies for studying the content and patterns of children's interactions and how these contribute to their construction of knowledge. Classroom Interaction and Social Learning will be of interest to students and in service teachers and researchers concerned with classroom discourse and learning.

This book represents a major statement of the current research being conducted on the learning of second languages from a sociocultural perspective. The book is divided into a theoretical and an empirical part. Specific topics covered include: learning and teaching languages in the zone of proximal development; L1 mediation in the acquisition of L2 grammar; sociocultural theory as a theory of second language learning; gestural mediation in a second language; and constructing a self through a second language.