The Individual and the Welfare State
Life Histories in Europe

Our health, our income and our social networks at older ages are the consequence of what has happened to us over the course of our lives. The situation at age 50+ reflects our own decisions as well as many environmental factors, especially interventions by the welfare state. This book explores the richness of 28,000 life histories in thirteen European countries, collected as part of the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE). Combining these data with a comprehensive account of European welfare state interventions provides a unique opportunity to answer the important public policy questions of our time – how the welfare state affects people's incomes, housing, families, retirement, volunteering and health. The overarching theme of the welfare state creates a book of genuinely interdisciplinary analyses, a valuable resource for economists, gerontologists, historians, political scientists, public health analysts, and sociologists alike.

Features
- Provides an introduction to the great research potential of SHARELIFE data
- Gives an interdisciplinary overview over all relevant topics in the research fields of ageing and social policy
- Targeted to the research community but also to professionals and practitioners

Contents

Fields of interest
Aging; Population Economics; Social Policy

Target groups
Research

Discount group
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Neanderthal Lifeways, Subsistence and Technology
One Hundred and Fifty Years of Neanderthal Study

The 150th anniversary of the discovery of the famous Neanderthal fossils gave reason for an international and interdisciplinary symposium in Bonn/Germany. The present book arose from this congress and focuses on multiple aspects of archaeological investigation on Neanderthal lifeways. In-depth studies of top-ranking scientists provide a detailed and comprehensive survey of contemporary research on our Pleistocene relatives. Examinations and debates are embedded in a variety of regions and time frames. Chronology, subsistence, land use, and cultural adaptations among late Neanderthals form the major trajectories of the book. The wide range of approaches involved, leads to an increasing understanding of the facets of and the variability of Neanderthal behavioural patterns. The present volume is complemented by a paleontologically orientated publication of the same congress (edited by Gerd-Christian Weniger and Silvana Condenzi).

Features
- Features chronology of Neanderthal culture, the relationship to their environment and social structure
- Focus on multiple aspects of archaeological investigation on Neanderthal lifeways

Contents
Part i the chronological framework: long time sequences. - part ii neanderthal subsistence and raw material procurement. - part iii neanderthal cognition and technological knowledge. - part iv neanderthal social organization and land use. - part v cultural adaptation among the last neanderthals.

Fields of interest
Anthropology; Archaeology; Evolutionary Biology

Target groups
Professional/practitioner

Discount group
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Continuity and Discontinuity in the Peopling of Europe
One Hundred and Fifty Years of Neanderthal Study

Since the Western world first became aware of the existence of Neanderthals, this Pleistocene human has been a regular focus of interest among specialists and also among the general public. In fact, we know far more about Neanderthals than we do about any other extinct human population. Furthermore, over the past 150 years no other palaeospecies has been such a constant source of discussion and fierce debate among palaeoanthropologists and archaeologists. This book presents the status of our knowledge as well as the methods and techniques used to study this extinct population and it suggests perspectives for future research.

Features
- Offers the most recent summary of results concerning ancient fossils in Europe, Neanderthals and the origin of modern humans
- Deals with the relation between Neanderthals and modern Humans

Fields of interest
Anthropology; Archaeology; Evolutionary Biology

Target groups
Professional/practitioner

Discount group
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**Handbook of European Societies**

**Social Transformations in the 21st Century**

European integration is one of the most ambitious and socially far-reaching developments in world politics and in world economics. Against growing opposition and despite increasing social heterogeneity, the European Union continues to expand and to acquire new competences. But to what extent is the self-proclaimed "ever closer union among the peoples of Europe" a social reality? In which ways is the political European project anchored in social developments? How does social change impinge upon political integration? Societal trends in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and socially diverse Europe have never been studied systematically. **Handbook of European Societies: Social Transformations in the 21st Century** sets to rectify this neglect of societal developments in Europe, providing a groundwork for the sociology of European integration. The book portrays social life and social relations in the enlarged Europe, and gives a perspective on the European Union as an evolving social entity.

**Features**

- Provides a comprehensive reference to the complexities of European societal transformations
- Contains solid and accessible information on a wide variety of social trends and processes within and across European societies
- Helps to understand social diversity and its consequences for EU’s political integration

**Fields of interest**

Sociology; European Integration; Quality of Life Research

**Target groups**

Research

**Discount group**

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**Murder and Politics in Mexico**

**Political Killings in the Partido de la Revolucion Democratica and its Consequences**

Murder and Politics in Mexico studies the causes of political killings in Mexico's liberalization-democratization within the larger context of political repression. Mexico's democratization process has entailed a little known but highly significant cost of human lives in pre- and post-election violence. The majority of these crimes remain in a state of impunity; in other words, no person had been charged with the crime and/or no investigation of it had occurred. This has several consequences for Mexican politics: when the level of violence is extreme and when political killings that are systematic and invasive are involved, this could indicate a real fracture in the democratic system. This book analyzes several dimensions regarding impunity and political crime, more specifically, the political killings of members of the PRD in the post-1988 period in Mexico.

**Features**

- The only currently existing monograph on political assassination in Mexico
- Explores the effect of democratization on crime and criminal justice in Mexico, with applications throughout Latin America
- The result of several years of collection of difficult to gather data and research, using rare political-party documents

**Fields of interest**

Criminology & Criminal Justice; Political Science

**Target groups**

Research

**Discount group**

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**Handbook of the Sociology of Aging**

The Handbook of Sociology of Aging is the most comprehensive, engaging, and up-to-date treatment of developments within the field over the past 30 years. The volume represents an indispensable source of the freshest and highest standard scholarship for scholars, policy makers, and aging professionals alike. The Handbook of Sociology of Aging contains 45 far-reaching chapters, authored by nearly 80 of the most renowned experts, on the most pressing topics related to aging today. With its recurring attention to the social forces that shape human aging, and the social consequences and policy implications of it, the contents will be of interest to everyone who cares about what aging means for individuals, families, and societies.

**Features**

- Contributors with interdisciplinary backgrounds, to present the full scope of research
- Synthesizes and combines the research on Aging and the Life Course into one volume
- Three step approach considers the social phenomena, effect on the life course, and relevant social policies

**Fields of interest**

Aging; Public Health/Gesundheitswesen; Social Policy

**Target groups**

Research

**Discount group**

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