Trying to Measure Globalization
Experiences, critical issues and perspectives

The aim of this book is to conduct a critical survey of the main tools devised for the synthetic measurement of globalization processes. To this end, the first part of the book discusses the meaning of the concept considered, highlighting the different and often contradictory interpretations put forward in its regard in the literature. Subsequently, the passages and issues that must be addressed when constructing an instrument intended to measure a social phenomenon of such complexity as globalization. Stressed in particular is that the researcher's subjectivity is repeatedly involved in these passages, so that no instrument can have objective validity. Given these premises, the book presents the principal tools employed in attempts to measure globalization, starting with those whose unit of analysis is the state. In this regard, particular space is devoted to indexes which take a multidimensional approach to the concept of globalization.

Features
- This Briefs presents a basically and complete review of the existing globalization indexes
- This Briefs is both interesting for scholars and academic library

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Aging in Comparative Perspective

Processes and Policies

This book examines the key aging processes in seven countries (United States, United Kingdom, Sweden, Japan, China, Nepal, and South Africa) and the main policies that have been, and are being, developed to deal with this rapid change in the demographic profile. It addresses the problems that are identified as well as the positive aspects of aging within each of these contrasting societies. Thus it makes a significant contribution to the major debates about growing old across the globe.

Features

➤ Examines aging in selected societies at different stages in the demographic transition. ➤ Effectively utilizes an interdisciplinary case study approach to analyze key aging processes and policies across the globe ➤ Highlights innovative features of aging policies in the seven selected countries ➤ Emphasizes lessons for decision makers for gerontological policies in a time of global recession

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The Emergence of Pressure Blade Making

From Origin to Modern Experimentation

Human development is a long and steady process that began with stone tool making. Because of this skill, humans were able to adapt to climate changes, discover new territories, and invent new technologies. “Pressure knapping” is the common term for one method of creating stone tools, where a larger device or blade specifically made for this purpose is used to press out the stone tool. Pressure knapping was invented in different locations and at different points in time, representing the adoption of the Neolithic way of life in the Old world. Recent research on pressure knapping has led for the first time to a global thesis on this technique. The contributors to this seminal work combine research findings on pressure knapping from different cultures around the globe to develop a cohesive theory.

Features

➤ First book to provide a comprehensive, synthesized thesis on pressure knapping. ➤ Comprehensive research from around the world, through different cultural and historical periods. ➤ Updates the current research on pressure knapping, offering new perspectives from experts in the field.

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Handbook on Crime and Deviance

This handbook is designed to review the important recent developments in the sociology of crime and deviance. The chapters will identify and discuss the "hot topics" and the cutting edge research of the field. The work is divided into 5 major sections: - History of the Discipline, - Methodological Issues in Crime Research, - Explanations of Crime, - Theory-Based Practice, - Special Topics. The editors have organized a comprehensive treatment of the field of criminology at the turn of the 21st century.

Features
- Focusing on methodological issues in criminology
- Contributions by the top researchers in the field
- Examines interdisciplinary causes of crime, and methods for prevention

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Fields of interest
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State, Globalization and Multilateralism
The challenges of institutionalizing regionalism

Features
- Re-introduces the concept of the state and democratic legitimacy into global politics
- Introduces new aspects and interpretations of the international system and its global governance
- Brings together authors with high visibility in the international debate

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**Methodological Cognitivism**

*Vol. 1: Mind, Rationality, and Society*

This book deals with the cognitive foundation of the theory of social action. The social sciences are still guided by models of social action, far from the empirical reality of the psychology of action. While economics seems to have made greater progress in accepting the changes of theory of action derived from cognitive science (see, for example, the Nobel prize 2002 for economics awarded to Daniel Kahneman), sociology is still being oriented on the dualism of hermeneutics vs. structuralism, which leaves very little room for a cognitive theory of social action. The unique features of the book are its combination of epistemology, philosophy of mind and cognitive science in order to bear up on the methodologies of social sciences and in particular the methodological individualism. Methodological cognitivism is proposed as an alternative to the holistic character of structuralism, to the intentionalist and rationalist features of methodological individualism, and to the relativistic character of hermeneutics and ethnomethodology.

**Features**

- Original topic
- Interdisciplinary approach
- Frontiers research in social sciences
- Few technicalities

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