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**Ethical Challenges in Regeneration**

World Bank Publications

In the Enlightenment tradition,

rationality is considered well-defined. However, the author of this study argues that rationality is context-dependent, and that the crucial context is determined by decision-makers' political power. He uses a real-world Danish project to illustrate this theory.

Human Rights Frameworks for Health and Why They Matter Springer

This SAGE Handbook presents contemporary, cutting-edge approaches to participatory research and inquiry. It has been designed for the community of researchers, professionals and activists engaged in interventions and action for social transformation, and for readers interested in understanding the state of the art in this domain. The Handbook offers an overview of different influences on participatory research, explores in

detail how to address critical issues and design effective participatory research processes, and provides detailed accounts of how to use a wide range of participatory research methods. Chapters cover pioneering new participatory research techniques including methods that can be operationalised at scale, approaches to engaging the poorest and most marginalised, and ways of harnessing technologies to increase the scope of participation, amongst others. Drawing upon a wide range of disciplines, and bringing together contributing authors from across the globe, this Handbook will be of interest to an international readership from across the broad spectrum of social sciences, including social policy, development studies,

geography, sociology, criminology, political science, health and social care, education, psychology, business & management. It will also be an insightful and practical resource for facilitators, community workers, and activists for social change. Part 1: Introduction Part 2: Key Influences and Foundations of Participatory Research Part 3: Critical Issues in the Practice of Participatory Research Part 4: Methods and Tools Part 4.1: Dialogic and Deliberative Processes Part 4.2: Digital Technologies in Participatory Research Part 4.3: Participatory Forms of Action Orientated Research Part 4.4: Visual and Performative Methods Part 4.5: Participatory Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Part 4.6: Mixing and Mashing Participatory and Formal Research Part

5: Final Reflections

How Change Happens Oxfam

Many people want to help bring about changes in their neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities. Leaders and scholars of change efforts are likewise eager for insights into what makes some organizations and coalitions capable of building and exercising power. Why are some groups successful in making changes in policies and systems and in sustaining their momentum over time, while others struggle or never really get off the ground? With Community Power and Empowerment, Brian D. Christens brings the most comprehensive analysis of empowerment theory yet conducted to bear on these questions, taking aim at many of the longstanding weaknesses

and ambiguities of empowerment theory, research, and practice. For example, one major hindrance is that most notions of empowerment have not been coherently connected with community power. In addition, research has emphasized psychological aspects of empowerment over organizational processes, and has neglected community empowerment processes to an even greater extent. By linking empowerment and community power, Christens constructs a holistic framework for assessing and comparing community-driven change efforts. This book offers new guidance for inquiries into outcomes and impacts of empowerment processes on health and well-being, providing a resource for researchers, organizational leaders, practitioners, and anyone

interested in collective action for change.

Handbook of Research on Sustainable Development and Governance Strategies for Economic Growth in Africa Policy Press

Power, Empowerment and Social Change Routledge

**A Primer** SAGE Publications

Empowerment of those living in poverty is both a critical driver and an important measure of poverty reduction. This report aims to build donor understanding of empowerment and how best to support it.

*Concepts, Methods and Applications* Springer

This book deals with the most important developments in the study of political power over the last four decades. From

the writings of the great Greek philosophers of antiquity to the present, the idea of power has been the major subject in the study of politics. Indeed, some would say it defines the very field of politics itself as a social science. Penned by the leading scholars in the field, this collection gives a broad overview of the most important issues in the study of political power, tracing the evolution of scholarly thinking about them and in doing so revealing crucial innovations therein. This will be a major contribution in the understanding of the concepts and practices of how power manifests itself across social and political contexts. This book will be of great interest to scholars, students and individuals who wish to understand the very foundations of social and political

life. The chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of the Journal of Political Power, volume 14, issue 1 (2021).

**Essays on Evolutions in the Study of Political Power** Rowman & Littlefield

A 2020 SPE Outstanding Book Award

Honorable Mention Many people believe

that “education” has a

disproportionately negative effect on

them and those close to them. With so

much wealth, technological prowess,

innovation, and economic development,

why do we still have marginalization,

social inequalities, conflict, mass

incarceration and generational poverty?

The connection to democracy, Education

for Democracy (EfD) and social justice is,

for Carr and Thésée, clear, and this

volume interweaves a narrative within

these themes based on a Freirian theoretical backdrop. This book presents a vision for transformative education and EfD, seeking to cultivate, stimulate and support political and media literacy, critical engagement and a re-conceptualization of what education is, and, importantly, how it can address entrenched, systemic and institutional problems that plague society. Based on over a decade of empirical research in a range of contexts and jurisdictions, the authors strive to link teaching and learning with agency, solidarity, action and transformative change within the conceptual framework of a critically-engaged EfD. Perfect for courses in: Sociology of Education; Social Justice and Education; Democracy and Civics; Community Engagement; Education

Policy; Service Learning; Education Reform; Citizenship Education; Transformative Education; Politics of Education.

**The Oxford Handbook of Civil Society** SAGE

El libro recoge la voz de mas de 40.000 personas pobres de 50 paises y es la primera parte de la serie denominada la voz de los pobres para este estudio se utilizan metodos participatorios y cualitativos de investigacion y presenta de manera muy directa a traves de la propia voz de las personas pobres, las realidades de su vida. La mayoría considera que esta en peores condiciones y tiene mas inseguridad que antes.

[Is there Still Hope for Democracy in Education, and Education for](#)

Democracy? University of Chicago Press  
Why do some development projects succeed where others fail? This book looks at some macro and some less known micro success stories and considers what enabled them to bring change in some of the world's most deprived communities. Using case studies from ten countries across Latin America, Africa, and Asia, Tiwari's innovative approach offers a multi-layered understanding of poverty which provides insights into causal, enabling and impeding factors. While a macro level analysis of development is a common feature of the current literature, there has been little attempt to develop a micro level understanding of development at the grassroots. Tiwari's work fills this important gap

while drawing attention to the importance of engaging local actors at an individual, collective, and state level, demonstrating how achieving a “convergence” of goals among all actors is a crucial component to a development project's success. Looking beyond the case studies to consider how this unique “convergence framework” might be usefully applied to other contexts, the book has profound implications for how we view fragile states and conflict zones, and the ability of the international agencies to take effective action. A unique study based on extensive empirical research, *Why Some Development Works* will make essential reading for students and researchers studying international development across the social sciences, as well as

humanitarian and development practitioners and policy makers.

**Place Matters** Bloomsbury Publishing  
Pedagogies for Building Cultures of Peace explores how normalizations of violence are constructed, from the perspective of young adults, and offers pedagogies oriented toward building cultures of peace.

**Exploring an Integrative Framework of Theories, Tools, and Competencies** SAGE

This book explores the linkages between Amartya Sen's Capability Approach and participatory forms of development – especially those associated with critical pedagogy and empowerment from the bottom-up. It shows how the capability approach and the participatory movement can complement and

reinforce each other helping to ensure that democratic principles are respected and become the foundation for sustainable human development. The Capability Approach provides guiding principles for protecting the transformative roots of participation (safeguarding ownership, accountability and empowerment), while participation delivers vital methods for making the Capability Approach operational. Divided into three overlapping parts that focus on concepts, methods and applications, this work draws on diverse fieldwork experiences to unpack power relations, address adaptive preferences, explore individual and collective agency, consider new partnerships for development, and develop innovative concepts.



**Transforming Young Lives** Routledge  
Focusing on the term empowerment this book examines the various meanings given to the concept of empowerment and the many ways power can be expressed - in personal relationships and in wider social interactions.

*Empowering Adolescent Girls in Developing Countries* Routledge

In an increasingly globalized world, place matters more than ever. Nowhere is that more true than in Appalachian studies -- a field which brings scholars, activists, artists, and citizens together around a region to contest misappropriations of resources and power and combat stereotypes of isolation and intolerance. In Appalachian studies, the diverse ways in which place is invoked, the person who invokes it, and the reasons behind

that invocation all matter greatly. In *Appalachia in Regional Context: Place Matters*, Dwight B. Billings and Ann E. Kingsolver bring together voices from a variety of disciplines to broaden the conversation. The book begins with chapters challenging conventional representations of Appalachia by exploring the relationship between regionalism, globalism, activism, and everyday experience theoretically. Other chapters examine foodways, depictions of Appalachia in popular culture, and the experiences of rural LGBTQ youth. Poems by renowned social critic bell hooks interleave the chapters and add context to reflections on the region. Drawing on cultural anthropology, sociology, geography, media studies, political science, gender and women's

studies, ethnography, social theory, art, music, literature and regional studies pedagogy, this volume furthers the exploration of new perspectives on one of America's most compelling and misunderstood regions.

Using Power to Create Social Change  
Springer

Youth Mainstreaming in Development Planning: Transforming Young Lives is a compendium of concepts to initiate dialogue and mobilise consensus around visions and strategies for young people and includes practical tools and techniques that will support initiatives to mainstream youth rights, voices and capabilities across government and other institutions. It is aimed policy-makers and practitioners in all sectors engaged in development planning at all

levels.

### **Community Power and**

**Empowerment** Macmillan International Higher Education

Broadly speaking, The Oxford Handbook of Civil Society views the topic of civil society through three prisms: as a part of society (voluntary associations), as a kind of society (marked out by certain social norms), and as a space for citizen action and engagement (the public square or sphere).

Routledge

This compelling example of auto-ethnography follows the journey of a psychologist pursuing her career in apartheid-era South Africa—and reappraising her work and her worldview in the post-apartheid years. The author describes her development of a human

rights perspective, rooted in an understanding of power dynamics in contexts of oppression, privilege and inequality, as it evolved from theory to real-life practice in academia and the community. Key themes include embedding core principles of social justice, and of learning and teaching, in community practice and policy work, and maximizing community action and participation in participatory action research. And in addition to her recommendations for ethical practice and professional development, the author's self-reflexive presentation models necessary steps for readers to take in building their own careers. Among the topics covered: Self-reflections on power relations in community practice. Learning about the

decolonial lens. Empowerment as transformative practice. Policy work during post-apartheid years. Developing teaching and learning theories and practices. Power and Identity in the Struggle for Social Justice will act as both an interesting and a valuable resource for people working or planning to work with people in various community contexts. This includes psychologists who practice community psychology, social workers, and other community practitioners, particularly in social development, health, and education settings.

**Voices of the Poor** Zed Books  
Despite increasing reports across the globe on renewable development and maintenance, little is known regarding what strategies are required for

improved economic growth and prosperity in Africa. Improving an understanding of the methods for promoting growth through reusable resource development and administration is a vital topic of research to consider in assisting the continent's development. The Handbook of Research on Sustainable Development and Governance Strategies for Economic Growth in Africa provides emerging research on the strategies required to promote growth in Africa as well as the implications and issues of the expansion of prosperity. While highlighting sustainable education, pastoral development pathways, and the public-sector role, readers will learn about the history of sustainable development and governmental approaches to improving

Africa's economy. This publication is a vital resource for policy makers, research institutions, academics, researchers, and advanced-level students seeking current research on the theories and applications of development in societal and legal institutions.

*Public Policy in the Community* Brill / Sense

Aid to promote democracy abroad has emerged as a major growth industry in recent years. Not only the United States but many other Western countries, international institutions, and private foundations today use aid to support democratic transitions in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Though extensive in scope, these

activities remain little understood outside the realm of specialists. Debates among policymakers over democracy promotion oscillate between unhelpful poles of extreme skepticism and unrealistic boosterism, while the vast majority of citizens in aid-providing countries have little awareness of the democracy-building efforts their governments sponsor. Aiding Democracy Abroad is the first independent, comprehensive assessment of this important new field. Drawing on extensive field research and years of hands-on experience, Thomas Carothers examines democracy-aid programs relating to elections, political parties, governmental reform, rule of law, civil society, independent media, labor unions, decentralization, and other

elements of what he describes as "the democracy template" that policymakers and aid officials apply around the world. Steering a careful path between the inflated claims of aid advocates and the exaggerated criticisms of their opponents, Carothers takes a hard look at what such programs achieve and how they can be improved.

**Voices of the Poor** Brookings Institution Press

This social work book is the first of its kind, describing practical steps that social workers can take to shape and influence both policy and politics. It prepares social workers and social work students to impact political action and subsequent policy, with a detailed real-world framework for turning ideas into concrete goals and strategies for

effecting change. Tracing the roots of social work in response to systemic social inequality, it clearly relates the tenets of social work to the challenges and opportunities of modern social change. The book identifies the core domains of political social work, including engaging individuals and communities in voting, influencing policy agendas, and seeking and holding elected office. Chapters elaborate on the necessary skills for political social work, featuring discussion, examples, and critical thinking exercises in such vital areas as: Power, empowerment, and conflict: engaging effectively with power in political settings. Getting on the agenda: assessing the political context and developing political strategy. Planning the political intervention:

advocacy and electoral campaigns. Empowering voters Persuasive political communication. Budgeting and allocating resources. Evaluating political social work efforts. Making ethical decisions in political social work. Political Social Work is a potent reference for social work professionals, practitioners, and students seeking core political knowledge and skills to practically advance their work. For specialists and generalists alike, it solidifies political action as vital for the evolution of the field.

**Leave No One Behind** Practical Action Pub

This book, written by three well-known educators and researchers in the social policy and development field, explores the ways in which front-line

professionals, working with communities, identify and address the dilemmas inherent in the current policy context.