

Social Psychology: Identities and Relationships

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About this Publication:

Using current socio-political thought and research, the authors of *Social Psychology – Identities and Relationships* examine topics such as violence, social and political transition, race and racism, and sexualities. Identities and interpersonal relationships are used as ordering themes to create a book that is truly distinctive.

Theoretical and empirical research is related to topical problems, highlighting the complex relations of individuals to their societies and to one another. The histories and complexities of problems and their interconnectedness are examined, and possible solutions are suggested. Special attention is paid to class, sexuality, gender and race, making psychology in general, and social psychology in particular, relevant and exciting.

Key Features

- Invites the reader to explore a new understanding of social psychology
- Provides a critical discussion of identities and relationships
- Encourages critical discussion of concepts, theories and research
- Offers insights into social psychology in diverse community contexts
- Analyses the interrelationship of knowledge and power
- Enhances engagement with social psychology by providing definitions, fascinating additional material in text boxes, and exercises for critical analysis

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Of Interest and Benefit to:

This text provides an interdisciplinary focus for students and scholars of social psychology, human behaviour and gender studies.