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Social Capital in Poor Communities Carlos Alberto Torres Vitolas,2011 This thesis examines the prospective value of social capital for developmental purposes It contends that the role that social relationships play in poor actors efforts to cope with and move out of poverty needs to be assessed under a dual understanding of social structure as both the medium and outcome of social action The study adopts Bourdieu s theory of practice as its main theoretical approach Actors investments in and uses of relationships were analysed in relation to their objective conditions stocks of capital and associated practices and strategies Social capital was operationalised as both networks of relations local external and vertical and social resources mediated access to assets of local economic relevance This approach was empirically examined via a two year longitudinal study that followed the experiences of residents of two poor rural villages located in the Department of Lambayeque in Northern Peru with regard to their quotidian practices and involvement in a participatory development intervention that conducted basic infrastructure productive and informational investments The study used a mixed method approach comprising in depth and unstructured interviews with residents and project staff household surveys three waves and participatory observation The evidence obtained showed that residents make extensive use of their relationships for economic purposes Most valuable social resources and connections however were unequally accessed by residents according to their levels of poverty This unequal re production of social capital was found to be related to actors material conditions and quotidian practices This social dynamic tended to be reproduced within the participatory intervention examined leading to an unequal expansion of social capital and related benefits among its beneficiaries The study concludes that the structural conditionality of the processes of using and building social capital makes it intimately associated with socioeconomic inequalities The theoretical and practical implications of this work are discussed in the concluding chapter

'Social Capital' in deprived neighborhoods Christoph Kraschl,2009 Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject Sociology Social System Social Structure Class Social Stratification grade 8 5 excellent University of Amsterdam International School of Humanities and Social Sciences course Social Problems in Urban Areas Views Concepts Theories 15 entries in the

bibliography language English abstract In this article concepts of social capital in the context of social policies are discussed which focus on neighborhood renewal First theories of social capital are illuminated by comparing the concepts of Putnam Bourdieu and Granovetter Second by the example of the German program Socially Integrative City SIC a recent nationwide strategy aimed at revitalizing deprived neighborhoods is analyzed Which of the aforementioned concepts of social capital or concept elements are implemented in the SIC initiative For answering this question key documents that outline the aforementioned policies are reviewed Policies and objectives of the SIC initiative which can be related to the three depicted approaches to social capital are identified In the framework of this analysis there is particular consideration of the sub concepts of social capital bonding bridging and linking With this the author reveals which kinds of social relationships between people and different population groups are planned to be established In this context the function of social capital is particularly considered Finally after the discussion of recent critiques on social capital theories these are evaluated with regard to their usefulness for social policies in deprived urban areas **Philanthropy in America** Dwight F.

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Free market policies have been in operation across Africa for the past 25 years yet they have failed to reverse deepening poverty This book explores with case studies why such policies continue to be implemented and the ways in which they have been reinvented by socialization depoliticization regionalization and securitization *De Gruyter Handbook of Poverty, Disadvantage and Entrepreneurship* Michael H. Morris, Susana C. Santos, 2024-12-16
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In the first detailed empirical exploration of the effects of mass incarceration on poor places *Imprisoning Communities* demonstrates that in high doses incarceration contributes to the very social problems it is intended to solve it breaks up family and social networks deprives siblings spouses and parents of emotional and financial support and threatens the economic and political infrastructure of already struggling neighborhoods Especially at risk are children who research shows are more likely to commit a crime if a father or brother has been to prison Clear makes the counterintuitive point that when incarceration concentrates at high levels crime rates will go up Removal in other words has exactly the opposite of its intended effect it destabilizes the community thus further reducing public safety **Rural Communities** Cornelia Butler Flora, 2018-03-05
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The Community Development Reader James DeFilippis, Susan Saegert, 2012 The Community Development Reader is the first comprehensive reader in the past thirty years that brings together practice theory and critique concerning communities as sites of social change The second edition is significantly updated and expanded to include a section on globalization as well as new chapters on the foreclosure crisis and emerging forms of community

Racial Inequality in New York City since 1965 Benjamin P. Bowser, Chelli Devadutt, 2019-09-01 A comprehensive exploration of racial inequality in New York City since 1965 In the past the study of racial inequality in New York City has usually had a narrow focus examining particular social problems affecting ethnic racial groups In contrast this book provides a comprehensive overview of racial inequality in the city's economy housing and education sectors over the last half century A collection of original

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Attacking Poverty, 2000. At the start of each decade the World Development Report focuses on poverty reduction. The World Development Report, now in its twenty third edition, proposes an empowerment security opportunity framework of action to reduce poverty in the first decades of the twenty first century. It views poverty as a multidimensional phenomenon arising out of complex interactions between assets, markets and institutions. This Report shows how the experience of poverty reduction in the last fifteen years has been remarkably diverse and how this experience has provided useful lessons as well as warnings against simplistic universal policies and interventions. It shows how current global trends present extraordinary opportunities for poverty reduction but also cause extraordinary risks including growing inequality, marginalization and social explosions. The World Development Report 2000/2001 explores the challenge of managing these risks in order to make the most of the opportunities for poverty reduction.

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Rural Inequality in Divided Russia

Stephen Wegren, 2013-07-24 This book examines economic and political polarisation in post Soviet Russia and in particular analyses the development of rural inequality It discusses how rural inequality has developed in post Soviet Russia and how it differs from the Soviet period and goes on to look at the factors that affect rural stratification and inequality using human and social capital profession gender and village location as independent variables The book uses survey data from rural households and fieldwork in Russia in order to highlight the multiplicity of divisions that act as fault lines in contemporary rural Russia

Adaptation to Climate Change and Variability in Rural West Africa Joseph A. Yaro, Jan Hesselberg, 2016-04-12 This book presents conceptual and empirical discussions of adaptation to climate change variability in West Africa Highlighting different countries experiences in adaptation by different socio economic groups and efforts at building their adaptive capacity it offers readers a holistic understanding of adaptation on the basis of contextual and generic sources of adaptive capacity Focusing on adaptation to climate change variability is critical because the developmental challenges West Africa faces are increasingly intertwined with its climate history Today climate change is a major developmental issue for agrarian rural communities with high percentages of the population earning a living directly or indirectly from the natural environment This makes them highly vulnerable to climate driven ecological change in addition to threats in the broader political economic context It is imperative that rural people adapt to climate change but their ability to successfully do so may be limited by competing risks and vulnerabilities As such elucidating those vulnerabilities and sources of strength with regard to the adaptive capacities needed to support successful adaptation and avoid maladaptation is critical for future policy formulation Though the empirical discussion is geographically based on West Africa its applicability in terms of the processes structures needs strategies and recommendations for policy transcends the region and provides useful lessons for understanding adaptation broadly in the developing world

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