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Social Research and the Practicing Professions Robert King Merton, 1982 *Social Research and the Practicing Professions* Robert King Merton, Aaron Rosenblatt, Thomas F. Gieryn, 1984-01-01 Originally published by Abt Books in 1982 this three part collection of essays taps the seminal thinking of Robert Merton one of America's foremost sociologists a social theorist whose work has long had what are described as potentials of relevance for diverse domains of practice This book examines the interplay between social research and social policy with a focus on the practicing professions medicine and its allied disciplines the law social services and the clergy Aimed at members of the practicing professions sociologists economists and makers of policy *Constructing Social Research Objects*, 2021-05-03 The third volume on theoretical driven methodology in the social sciences again edited by H kon Leuflsrud and Peter Sohlberg explains how to identify sociological research objects and the art of living theory Theoretical concepts such as social structure the Global South social bonds organisations and management are explored and developed by a broad range of authors The methodological chapters including critical notes on sociology and uses of statistics the value of thought experiments in sociology researching subjects in time and space and an academic star war between Pierre Bourdieu and Dorothy E Smith are indispensable for researchers and students interested in theoretical construction work in the social sciences Contributors are G ran Ahrne Michela Betta Harriet Bjerrum Nielsen Michael Burawoy Raju Das David Fasenfest Raimund Hasse Johs Hjellbrekke H kon Leuflsrud Emil A R yrvik John Scott Peter Sohlberg Karin Widerberg and Richard Swedberg **Knowledge-in-Practice in the Caring Professions** Struan Jacobs, 2016-04-22 Knowledge in Practice in the Caring Professions explores the nature and role of knowledge in the practical work of the caring professions It focuses on knowledge of the practical over the theoretical looking at the application of theory and the implementation of skill judgment and discretion Containing contributions from experts in a variety of fields the research within this book offers a unique perspective on professional practice as multi disciplinary illustrating shared and overlapping understandings in knowledge in practice between the different professions as well as understandings that are distinctive to each discipline It underlines that in order to effectively address the range of social psychological and health problems facing contemporary societies professionals need to engage in cooperative models of practice **Research in Practice for Forensic Professionals** Kerry Sheldon, Jason Davies, Kevin Howells, 2012-03-12 This book explores applied research methods used in forensic settings prisons the probation service courts and forensic mental health establishments and provides a comprehensive how to guide for forensic practitioners and researchers It provides practitioners and researchers with grounding in the practical techniques appropriate for research in applied forensic settings This includes knowledge and skills of the research process and the wide range of research methods both quantitative and qualitative being applied in this arena The text provides a critical understanding of the problems challenges and ethical issues which can arise and ideas for managing these Specific attention is paid to empirical research within

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On Social Structure and Science Robert K. Merton, 1996-09-15 Robert K Merton is unarguably one of the most influential sociologists of his time A figure whose wide ranging theoretical and methodological contributions have become fundamental to the field Merton is best known for introducing such concepts and procedures as unanticipated consequences self fulfilling prophecies focused group interviews middle range theory opportunity structure and analytic paradigms This definitive compilation encompasses the breadth and brilliance of his works from the earliest to the most recent Merton s foundational writings on social structure and process on the sociology of science and knowledge and on the discipline and trajectory of sociology itself are all powerfully represented as are his autobiographical insights in a fascinating coda Anchored by Piotr Sztompka s contextualizing introduction Merton s vast oeuvre emerges as a dynamic and profoundly coherent system of thought a constant source of vitality and renewal for present and future sociology

How Industry Analysts Shape the Digital Future Neil Pollock, Robin Williams, 2016-01-14 Industry analysts are in the business of shaping the technological and economic future They attempt to predict what will become the next big thing to spot new emerging trends and paradigms to decide which hi tech products will win out over others and to figure out which technology vendors can deliver on their promises In just a few short years they have developed a surprising degree of authority over technological innovation Yet we know very little if anything about them This book seeks to explain how this was achieved and on what this authority rests Who are the experts who increasingly command

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Society in Action Piotr Sztompka,1991-08-27 In Society in Action Piotr Sztompka sets forth a highly topical contribution to central theoretical debates of contemporary sociology Taking the idea and practice of collective mobilization as his theme Sztompka argues that modern institutions particularly of late are characterized by an increasing awareness of collective empowerment The most obvious concrete expression of this phenomenon as Sztompka makes clear is the rise of a diversity of active social movements such as those which dramatically transformed Europe in the 1980s from the birth of Solidarity in 1980 to the 1989 Autumn of Nations Sztompka connects the interpretations of such collective activity to a wider grasp of the nature of social action The result is a comprehensive and original theory of social change which focuses on the self transforming influence on society of its members striving for freedom autonomy and self fulfillment He develops his theory by means of a general concept of social becoming the roots of which he traces to the early romantic and humanist work of Karl Marx and his followers and to two influential sociological schools of today the theory of agency and historical sociology Sztompka situates his theory midway between the rigid determinism of social totalities and the unbridled voluntarism of free individuals Social change he demonstrates can be understood neither as the outcome of individual actions taken alone nor as structurally determined actions Instead he confers upon social organizations and movements a self transcending quality they express human agency yet by virtue of their active character are quite often able to achieve unpredictable outcomes Throughout his analysis of social movements and revolutions in history Sztompka emphasizes the dynamics of spontaneous social change generated from below a theoretical testimony to the rapid and fundamental social change in Eastern Europe in recent history Against the fashions of postmodernist malaise boredom and disenchantment his theory of social becoming expresses the possibility of emancipation of change leading to positive gains His work registers a belief in progress not inevitably gained but its attainment fully dependent upon the creativity and optimism of an active citizenry

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utilizing secondary data sources

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Chelladurai, Shannon Kerwin, 2018-10-30 Human Resource Management in Sport and Recreation Third Edition provides current and future practitioners with a solid foundation in research and application of human resource management in the sport and recreation industries The third edition prepares students for success by bringing into focus the three divergent groups of people who constitute human resources in sport and recreation organizations paid professional workers volunteers and the clients themselves Dr Packianathan Chelladurai pioneer in the field of sport management continues to bring his expertise to this edition he is joined by new coauthor Dr Shannon Kerwin an active researcher in organizational behavior and human resource management in sport With more than 50 collective years of experience in teaching management of human resources Chelladurai and Kerwin synthesize the core dynamics of human resources and the management of these resources as well as the role of the sport and recreation manager The third edition's updated references examples and studies reflect the increased growth interest and complexity in human resource management in recreation and sport in recent years Additional enhancements of the third edition include the following A new opening chapter on the significance of human resources describes consumer services professional services and human services and provides a model for the subsequent chapters A greater emphasis is placed on recruitment and training as an essential component of success New Technology in Human Resource Management and Diversity Management of Human Resources sidebars connect theory to practice for sport managers as they confront contemporary issues in the workplace Case studies at the end of each chapter help students apply concepts from the chapter to real world scenarios Instructor ancillaries help instructors prepare for class with the use of an instructor guide with a syllabus tips for teaching and additional resources as well as an image bank In addition updated pedagogical aids include learning objectives summaries lists of key terms comprehension questions and discussion questions to guide student learning through each chapter Sidebars throughout the text provide applied concepts highlight relevant research and offer digestible takeaways Organized into four parts the text begins by outlining the unique and common characteristics of the three groups of human resources in sport and recreation Part II focuses on differences in people and how the differences affect behavior in sport and recreation organizations In part III readers explore significant organizational processes in the management of human resources Part IV discusses two significant outcomes expected of human resource practices satisfaction and commitment Finally a conclusion synthesizes information and presents a set of founding and guiding themes Human Resource Management in Sport and Recreation Third Edition explains essential concepts in human resources in the sport and recreation industries The authors present a clear and concise treatise on the critical aspects of management of human resources within sport and recreational organizations to help aspiring and current professionals maximize their potential in the field

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