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Men, Sex and Relationships - Victor J. Seidler 2003-09-02
Men, Sex and Relationships follows on the success of The Achilles Heel Reader also edited by Vic Seidler in being a judicious mix between the academic and the personal. Drawn from contributions to Achilles Heel it provides the reader with helpful and insightful material on the men's relationships with others.

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Recreating Men - Bob Pease 2000-02-02
One of the most central issues for women's prospects for equality is whether men can and will change. Changing the social relations of gender will involve changing men's subjectives as well as their daily practices. This book asks whether this is possible. Bob Pease examines how men, who are supportive of feminism, are responding to the feminist challenge, through an exploration of their experiences and dilemmas in trying to live out their feminist commitment and resist hegemonic forms of masculinity. The book is driven by practical as well as theoretical concerns, and aims to develop strategies that will promote the process of change towards equality in gender relations. Drawing on a critical postmodern theoretical framework, Pease argues that it is possible for men to reposition themselves in patriarchal discourses and to reformulate their interests in challenging gender domination. Recreating Men is an invaluable reading for academics and students of gender studies, and of interest to students of sociology, psychology and political sociology.

Recreating Sexual Politics - Victor J. Seidler 2009-10-23
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Sex, Work and Professionalism - Katie Deverell 2013-01-11
Sex, Work and Professionalism examines what happens when professional
concern is defined in terms of sex. Based on original fieldwork with outreach workers in HIV prevention it addresses issues of professionalism, emotion work and boundaries, integrating empirical insights with sociological theory. In most professional relationships sex is not defined as part of the relationship, in fact it is explicitly excluded in guidelines and codes of ethics. HIV prevention outreach workers work in sexual environments with a sexually defined target group and are often employed on the basis of their sexuality. They have to learn how to balance their work and professional lives, overcoming conflicts such as: * professional role V community role * sexual skills V sexual boundaries * personal experiences V professional understanding * professional identity V worldviews. Many of the questions being raised in this book about the meaning of professionalism, the pain and pleasure in emotion work and the management of boundaries between home, sex and work are being asked more generally by workers in a range of organisations. Sex, Work and Professionalism argues for a new understanding of professionalism more appropriate to the human services.

Working with Men-Kate Cavanagh 2002-09-11 One of feminism's key contributions to improving social work practice has been to expose the gender-blindness which has characterized social work policy and literature. Working with Men extends and diversifies this contribution by presenting a controversial collection of essays written by feminists about men. In what has been a previously unexplored area of social work, the contributors to Working with Men, feminist academics, researchers and practitioners, explore the issue of feminist practice with men highlighting the dilemmas which they have encountered in undertaking this work. They contend that for too long feminists have ignored the issue of direct work with men. The argument that men must take responsibility for their own reconstruction they assert is no longer sustainable: feminists must generate their own discourse about the nature of men and masculinity derived from their own experience of critically engaging with and challenging men. The contributors conclude that direct work with men is a legitimate feminist activity; that it is one important strand of a broader strategy whose ultimate goal is the empowerment of women. This book will be valuable reading for all students of social work and applied social science as well as social work practitioners and managers.

Men who Believe in Feminism-Amanda Goldrick-Jones 2002 Recounts and examines the goals, challenges, and accomplishments of profeminist men's groups.

The Cambridge Companion to Ian McEwan-Dominic Head 2019-06-30 Provides a thorough overview of Ian McEwan's fiction, articulating his place in the canon of contemporary fiction.

Transforming Masculinities-Vic Seidler 2006-03-20 Critically exploring the ways in which men and masculinities are commonly theorized, this multidisciplinary text opens up a discussion around such relationships, and shows that, as with feminisms, there is a diversity of theoretical traditions. It draws on a variety of examples, and explores new directions in the complexities of diverse male identities and emotional lives across different histories, cultures and traditions. This book: considers the experiences of different generations explores connections between masculinity and drugs investigates men and masculinities in a post-9/11 world considers new ways of thinking about male violence recognizes the importance of culture and provides spaces to explore different class, 'race' and ethnic masculinities. Written in a practical, versatile manner by an established author in this field, it points to new directions in thinking, and makes essential reading for advanced undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers in the fields of sociology, gender studies, politics, philosophy and psychology.

What is Masculinity?-J. Arnold 2011-06-14 Across history, the ideas and practices of male identity have varied much between time and place: masculinity proves to be a slippery concept, not available to all men, sometimes even applied to women. This book analyses the dynamics of ‘masculinity’ as both an ideology and lived experience - how men have tried, and failed, to be ’Real Men’.

Young Men and Masculinities-Victor J. Seidler 2013-07-04 In this book Victor J Seidler, one of the leading contributors to the growing debate about masculinities, turns his attention to the lives of young men and their understandings of themselves as gendered beings. By contextualizing their experiences and subjectivities within a rapidly globalizing world, Seidler pays particular attention to the impact of the global media. How does the mass circulation of images of men's bodies, desires and sexualities affect their self-perception and behaviours, and how are these images framed within particular histories, cultures and traditions? Questioning universalist theories of 'hegemonic masculinities', the book argues that young men often feel caught between prevailing masculinities and their own struggle for self-definition. It explores both how the idea of men as ‘the First Sex’ has been established within the West and the ways in which men in other cultures and societies affirm their gendered identities. Seidler pioneers new methodologies that involve listening to the silences surrounding male experience as well as to oral testimonies. This enables innovative analysis of the contradictions young men are faced with in both creating their own gendered identities and establishing more equal relationships within a world of intense inequalities.

Unreasonable Men-Victor J. Seidler 2013-07-23 This much needed book is the first to show how dominant forms of masculinity are implicated in the traditions of social theory that have emerged since the Enlightenment. The author shows how an ‘unreasonable’ form of reason has emerged from the separation of reason from emotion, mind from body, nature from culture, public from private, matter from spirit - the dualities that have shaped our vision of modernity. The book argues that men need to explore critically their power and experience which has been rendered invisible by the dominant traditions of social theory. Instead of legislating for others they have to learn to speak more personally for themselves.
Man Enough

Embodying identities will be of interest to students of sociology, politics, social work, philosophy and cultural studies. It we form and live Durkheim, as self-worth. The book draws on diverse traditions from Marx, Weber and Durkheim, as well as more recent traditions of to embody their differences with a sense of dignifty and self-worth. The book draws on diverse traditions from Marx, Weber and Durkheim, as well as more recent traditions of of identities, but how do we create and shape our own? Embodying identities shapes a new language of social theory that allows people `fixed' or `socially constructed' sexualities and religion. These days we have begun to recognise the diversity, fragmentation and fluidity of identities, allegedly straightforward opposition between "essentialism" and "social constructionism" Seidler places the issues of morality right into adequacy through the workings of relationships of power and subordination. Drawing upon feminism and Critical Theory to question the emotional life, Seidler sets new terms for respect and equality showing ways the self is undermined in its sense of self-worth and identified with a unified vision of the rational self later to fall apart into fragments within postmodernity. Reinstating the body and recovering a viable tradition in which we can again explore issues of freedom and social justice. Our discussions have turned increasingly esoteric as they have sheltered in an intellectual cage which has been difficult to enter. This book seeks to open-up the cage and re-establish the suspended conversation between social theory and the concerns of everyday life.

Recovering the Self

Men, Law and Gender

The Making of Anti-Sexist Men

Navigating Differences

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masculinities and sexual politics, Victor J Seidler, criticizes the Enlightenment coupling of white, heterosexual masculinity with reason. He argues that in modern society masculinity can never be taken for granted. Men must always prove that they are man enough to cope in the correct way with the problems and challenges of everyday life. Seidler believes that men have to break this chain of obligations to the Enlightenment notion of masculinity. Through engaging with men's diverse relationships with their bodies, sexualities, emotional lives, feelings and desires, Seidler explores ways of affirming masculinities while critically engaging with the power that men have in the wider society. The book is also a contribution to antifeminist politics. Seidler is interested in taking on those forms of men's politics which find it difficult to engage with men's power and society and also those who take it for granted that male power is normal and natural. He seeks to recognize both the power that white, heterosexual masculinities have in shaping forms of philosophy and social theory while at the same time recognizing that masculinity cannot be simply defined as a relationship of power.

**Handbook of Studies on Men and Masculinities** - Michael S. Kimmel 2004-07-20 The Handbook of Studies on Men and Masculinities is an interdisciplinary and international culmination of the growth of men's studies that also offers insight about future directions for the field. The Handbook provides a broad view of masculinities primarily across the social sciences, with the inclusion of important debates in some areas of the humanities and natural sciences. The various approaches presented in this Handbook range across different disciplines, theoretical perspectives, methodologies, and conceptualizations in relation to the topic of men. Editors Michael S. Kimmel, Jeff Hearn, and Robert W. Connell have assembled an esteemed group of contributors who are among the best-known experts in their particular fields.

**Writing Masculinities** - Ben Knights 1999-05-17 The great bulk of work on gender in fiction and literature has reflected feminist concerns and focused on women authors. This book attempts to extend the contemporary preoccupation with representations of gender into the terrain of masculinity and male writing. Drawing on work in both the social sciences and humanities, it explores the narrative representation of masculinity in selected twentieth-century fictions ranging from classic texts by Lawrence and Conrad to novels by John Fowles, Graham Swift, David Leavitt and others.

**Cultures of Masculinity** - Tim Edwards 2004-08-02 Presenting a survey of the social, cultural and theoretical issues which surround and inform our understanding of masculinity, this book explores the interface between traditional sociological approaches and the work covered by more post-structural, media-driven or cultural perspectives. Edwards well known for his work on representations of masculinities, uses grounded examples of the job market and domestic violence to set his theoretical discussion. He argues that there is a need for more dialogue on men and masculinities between disciplines, and considers the validity of the concerns and anxieties which surround masculinity in the contemporary world through a range of key topics, including: the new man, the new lad and 'men's movements' men, masculinity and violence marginalized masculinities: black masculinity and gay male sexuality queer theory, performativity and fashion cinema, representation and the body. One of the most comprehensive and progressive studies of modern masculinity available, this book will be essential reading for students of gender, culture and sociology.

**Culture, Society and Sexuality** - Richard Parker 2007-01-24 This new and revised edition of Culture, Society and Sexuality brings together and makes accessible a broad and international selection of readings to provide insights into the social, cultural, political and economic dimensions of sexuality and relationships, and emerging discourses around sexual and reproductive rights. Clearly structured and presented, the book makes an extremely useful reference for students and researchers. Section one focuses on the social and cultural construction of sexuality as an emerging field of inquiry over the course of recent decades, and examines some of the most important theoretical insights and areas of investigation that have emerged as this field has developed. Section two links research on the construction of sexuality to a growing body of work on gender and sexuality in relation to a wide range of practical issues and contemporary social policy debates. It is an essential reader not only for students and researchers in these areas, but also for activists, health workers and service providers, who daily confront practical and policy issues related to sexuality, sexual health and sexual rights.

**Men of the World** - Jeff Hearn 2015-07-14 “Men of the World will be seized upon by academics and activists facing up to the persistence, proliferation and transnationalization of patriarchies.” - Cynthia Cockburn, City University, London and University of Warwick "This is an important, thought-provoking and incredibly timely book from one of the leading scholars in the field of men and masculinities. I cannot praise this wonderful book highly enough." - Richard Collier, Newcastle University "In this lively and engaging new book, Hearn looks back over nearly 40 years in feminist-framed studies of men and masculinities, and also forward to the futuristic scenarios through which gender power is currently evolving in transpatriarchal contexts." - Terrell Carver, University of Bristol What have men and globalization got to do with each other? How are men shaping and being shaped by globalization? How is globalization gendered? Why do many books on globalization fail to discuss gender relations? And why do many of those that do omit an explicit and developed analysis of men and gender relations? Men of the World brings together autobiographical reflections and memories on changing personal locations, contemporary empirical studies on major power processes, and up to date theoretical development. It considers the implications of debates on globalization for analyzing men, and the implications of debates on men and masculinities for globalization, transnational change and transnational patriarchies, as part of engagement and critique focused on the global North. Specific chapters address diverse transnational issues: transnational bodies and emotions in violence, violation and militarism; transnational organizing across states, big business, global finance, and activism; transnational movements in the environment, migration, and information and communication technologies and sexualities; and finally, challenges to the gender category of ‘men’. An essential read for students and researchers of gender, sexuality, masculinity, intersectionality, and globalization across the social sciences. Jeff Hearn is Guest Faculty Research Professor, Gender Studies, Örebro University, Sweden; Professor of Management and Organization, Hanken School of Economics, Finland; Professor of Sociology, University of Huddersfield, UK.
Dislocating Masculinity - Andrea Cornwall 2003-09-02 This book draws upon anthropology, feminism and postmodernism to offer a penetrating and challenging study of how gender operates. The book offers a radical critique of much of the recent writing on and by men and raises important questions about embodiment, agency and the variety of masculine styles.

A History of Male Psychological Disorders in Britain, 1945-1980 - Alison Haggett 2015-09-18 This book is open access under a CC BY license and explores the under-researched history of male mental illness from the mid-twentieth century. It argues that statistics suggesting women have been more vulnerable to depression and anxiety are misleading since they underplay a host of alternative presentations of ‘distress’ more common in men.

The Palgrave Handbook of Masculinity and Political Culture in Europe - Christopher Fletcher 2018-02-02 This handbook aims to challenge ‘gender blindness’ in the historical study of high politics, power, authority and government, by bringing together a group of scholars at the forefront of current historical research into the relationship between masculinity and political power. Until very recently in historical terms, formal political authority in Europe was normally and ideally held by adult males, with female power being perceived as a recurrent aberration. Yet paradoxically the study of the interactions between masculinity and political culture is still very much in its infancy. This volume seeks to remedy this lacuna by considering the different consequences of the masculinity of power over two millennia of European history. It examines how masculinity and political culture have interacted from ancient Rome and the early medieval Byzantine empire, to twentieth-century Germany and Italy. It considers a broad variety of case studies from early medieval Iceland and late medieval France, to Naples at the time of the French Revolution and Strasbourg after the Franco-Prussian War, with a particular focus on the development of political masculinities in Great Britain between the sixteenth century and the present day.

Women in Culture - Bonnie Kime Scott 2016-08-01 The thoroughly revised Women in Culture 2/e explores the intersections of gender, race, sexuality, gender identity, and spirituality from the perspectives of diverse global locations. Its strong humanities content, including illustrations and creative writing, uniquely embraces the creative aspects of the field. Each of the ten thematic chapters lead to creative readings, introducing a more Readings throughout the text encourage intersectional thinking amongst students humanistic thinking, and reproductive/environmental justice A detailed timeline of feminist history, criticism and theory is provided, and the glossary encourages the development of critical vocabulary A variety of illustrations supplement the written materials, and an accompanying website offers instructors pedagogical resources

Men's Friendships - Peter M. Nardi 1992-02-26 As definitions of masculinity change, how friendships are organized by men is also affected. However, interactions among and between men are not only shaped by gender. This volume offers an analysis of the differences within the genders and the social forces that shape the ways in which friendship is organized. Through different perspectives, the contributors show that a greater variation exists within rather than between the genders. They focus on the diversity in men’s friendships and how men develop and maintain friendships with both men and women. Chapters focus on philosophical and historical questions; illustrate the strong connection between social structure and men's friendships; and consider cultural

Cultures of Consumption - Frank Mort 2013-04-15 First Published in 1996. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Rethinking Masculinity - Larry May 1996 Are men naturally aggressive? What makes a good father? How can men form intimate friendships? In the new edition of this popular anthology, seventeen philosophers explore these and other questions that relate to what it means to be a man, including questions about pornography and homosexuality. New essays look at masculinity and violence, research on differences between men's and women's brains, impotence, sexual ambiguity, and whether black men have a moral duty to marry black women.

The Men and the Boys - Raewyn W. Connell 2013-05-02 In recent years, questions about men and boys have aroused remarkable media interest, public concern and controversy. Across the world, health services are noticing the relevance of men’s gender to problems as diverse as road accidents, diet and sexually transmitted disease. Teachers are increasingly preoccupied with the poor educational performance of boys, and criminologists have begun to explore why men and boys continue to dominate the crime statistics. In this timely new volume, one of the world’s leading authorities on masculinity helps us to understand these developments, and make sense of the multiplying issues about men and boys. Five years on from the publication of the seminal study Masculinities, this book reflects on the growing social scientific research in this area. Connell assesses its strengths and weaknesses and explores its implications for contemporary problems from boys' education and men’s health to international peacemaking. Written in a lively and accessible way, this book will be essential reading for all students of sociology, politics and gender studies, as well as anyone interested in the future of gender relations.

Fathers and Daughters - Sue Sharpe 2013-04-15 Fathers and Daughters explores the complex nature of this subject using the voices and experiences of both fathers and daughters. Sue Sharpe provides an examination of the important processes operating within the relationship such as those affecting gender roles, achievement, teenage sexuality, women’s relationships with men and ageing. It is an original and captivating treatment of a strangely neglected subject. Sue Sharpe is a free-lance writer and researcher based in London.
**Sex, Culpability, and the Defence of Provocation** - Danielle Tyson 2013
The partial defence of provocation is one of the most controversial doctrines within the criminal law. It has now been abolished in a number of international jurisdictions. Addressing the trajectory of debates about reform of the provocation defence across different jurisdictions, Sex, Culpability and the Defence of Provocation considers the construction and representation of subjectivity and sexual difference in legal narrations of intimate partner homicide. Undeniably, the most vexing exculpatory cultural narrative of our times is that of a woman ‘asking for it’. This book explores how the process of judgment in a criminal trial involves not only the drawing of inferences from the facts of a particular case, but also operates to deliver a narrative. Law, it is argued, constructs a narrative of how the female body incites male violence. And, pursuing an approach that is informed by socio-legal studies, literary theory and feminist theories of the body, Sex, Culpability and the Defence of Provocation considers how this narrative is constructed via a range of discursive practices that position woman as a threat to masculine norms of propriety and autonomy. Once we have a clear understanding of the significance of narrative in legal decision-making, we can then formulate textual strategies of resistance to the violence of law’s victim-blaming narratives by rewriting them.

**Gender Equality and Men** - Sandy Ruxton 2004
Based on examples of interventions in reproductive and sexual health, fatherhood, gender-based violence, livelihoods, and work with young men this book aims to provide a critical account of practical experience of work with men for gender equality and to share knowledge and expertise gained from programmes run by Oxfam GB and other organisations.

**AIDS** - Lesley Doyal 1994
The authors identify the implications of the HIV/AIDS epidemic for women in Britain and present an overview of the important issues raised for feminist theory and practice.

**Revealing Male Bodies** - Nancy Tuana 2002-05-06
Revealing Male Bodies is the first scholarly collection to directly confront male lived experience. There has been an explosion of work in men’s studies, masculinity issues, and male sexuality, in addition to a growing literature exploring female embodiment. Missing from the current literature, however, is a sustained analysis of the phenomenology of male-gendered bodies. Revealing Male Bodies addresses this omission by examining how male bodies are physically and experientially constituted by the economic, theoretical, and social practices in which men are immersed. Contributors include Susan Bordo, William Cowling, Terry Goldie, Maurice Hamington, Don Ihde, Greg Johnson, Björn Krondorfer, Alphonso Lingis, Patrick McGann, Paul McIvenny, Terrance MacMullan, Jim Perkinson, Steven P. Schacht, Richard Schmitt, Nancy Tuana, Craig L. Wilkins, and John Zuern.

**Emotions in Social Life** - Gillian Bendelow 2002-09-11
The development of a sociology of emotions is crucial to our understanding of social life as they hold the key to our understanding of social processes and sociological investigation. First published in 1997, Emotions in Social Life consolidates the sociology of emotions as a legitimate and viable field of enquiry. It provides a comprehensive assessment of the sociology of emotions using work from scholars of international stature, as well as newer writers in the field. It presents new empirical research in conjunction with innovative and challenging theoretical material, and will be essential reading for students of sociology, health psychology, anthropology and gender studies.

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