# EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW

Volume 10 · Number 1 · May 1994

# **European Sociological Review**

Editor: Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Bremen University, Germany.

Associate Editor Knud Knudsen, Rogaland University Centre-Ullandhaug, Stavanger, Norway.

(Reviews):

Associate Editor Niamh Hardiman, University College Dublin, Ireland.

(Production):

The European Sociological Review appears three times a year (in May, September and December), each issue having an extent of approximately 80 pages. It contains articles in all fields of sociology ranging in length from short research notes up to major reports of a maximum of 12,000 words. Comments on articles are invited and authors will be given opportunity to respond. The substantial book review section will regularly include review articles as well as reviews of individual publications. For the time being, the European Sociological Review will only publish, or consider for publication, contributions that are written in English.

### Founding Editors:

Karl Ulrich Mayer (Berlin) Hannu Uusitalo (Helsinki)
Stein Ringen (Oxford) John H. Goldthorpe (Oxford)

### **Editorial Board**

Alber (Konstanz) J. Handl (Mannheim) W. K. Roche (Dublin)
A. Baldissera (Turin) P. Hedström (Stockholm) Y. Shavit (Florence)

M. Buchmann (Zurich)

T. Inagami (Tokyo)

A. Sørensen (Cambridge, USA)

G. R. Carroll (Berkeley)

B. Mach (Warszawa)

M. Titma (Tallinn)

J. Elster (Oslo)

A. Marradi (Firenze)

J. Visser (Amsterdam)

R. Erikson (Stockholm) W. Müller (Mannheim) B. Wegener (Berlin)

H. B. G. Ganzeboom (Utrecht) B. Nedelmann (Mainz)

A.-M. Guillemard (Paris) T. Petersen (Berkeley)

### **Orders**

Published in May, September and December of each year at an annual subscription of £58 (UK and Europe) \$112 (Rest of World), with single issues at £22 (UK and Europe) \$42 (Rest of World). Prices include postage by surface mail or, for subscribers in the USA and Canada by Airfreight or in Japan, Australia, New Zealand and India by Air Speeded Post. Air mail rates are available on request. Individuals paying by personal cheque or credit card may place orders at half the above rates. Orders with remittances should be sent to Journals Subscriptions Department, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, UK.

All rights reserved; no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise without either the prior written permission of the Publishers, or a licence permitting restricted copying issued in the UK by the Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd, 90 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9HE, or in the USA by the Copyright Clearance Center, 27 Congress Street, Salem, Mass 01970.



In the interest of developing a European sociological tradition, the work of the European Sociological Review is supported by a grant from the European University Institute, Florence.

# Downloaded from https://academic.oup.com/esr/issue/10/1 by guest on 18 August 2019

# **Contents**

Job changes in the Federal Republic of Germany and Poland: a longitudinal assessment of the impact of welfare- capitalist and state-socialist labour-market segmentation Bogdan W Mach, Karl Ulrich Mayer and Michal Pohoski	1
Economic necessity or self-actualization? Attitudes toward women's labour-force participation in East and West Germany Michael Braun, Jacqueline Scott and Duane F Alwin	29
Social class, unemployment, and psychological distress  Christopher T Whelan	49
Educational expansion and returns on credentials  Sjerp van der Ploeg	63
Age at marriage, sex ratios, and ethnic origin  Haya Stier and Yossi Shavit	79
Book Reviews	89
Notice	103
List of Reviewers—1993	104

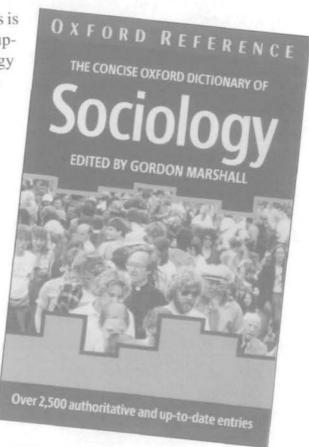
# Sociology

**EDITED by GORDON MARSHALL** 

From anomy to Zeitgeist, this is the most authoritative and upto-date dictionary of sociology available in a single volume

- ★ Meets the needs of those new to the subject and invaluable for more advanced students
- ★ Over 2,500 clear, jargonfree entries give international coverage of terms, methods, and concepts
- ★ Includes biographical entries on major figures, and related terms for psychology, economics, anthropology, philosophy, and political science

£7.99 Oxford Paperback



£19.95 hardback

OXFORD REFERENCE

## **Notes on Contributors**

### Duane F. Alwin

Duane F. Alwin is Professor of Sociology and Program Director at the Survey Research Center of the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. He received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin in 1972. He is mainly interested in the linkages between lifespan human development, the family, and social change. His recent book (with Ronald Cohen and Theodore Newcomb), Political Attitudes over the Life-Span: The Bennington Women after Fifty Years (University of Wisconsin Press), is about attitude change and stability over the life-span.

### Michael Braun

Michael Braun is Director of the German General Social Survey at ZUMA in Mannheim. He received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Munich in 1985. He is mainly interested in rational choice and research methodology and especially in international comparative research in the fields of inequality, work orientations, and the family.

### Bogdan W. Mach

Bogdan W. Mach is a research fellow at the Institute of Political Science (Polish Academy of Sciences) in Warsaw, currently on leave teaching and doing research at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. His theoretical and research interests focus on comparative social mobility and the relationship between social structure and personality. He has published Social Mobility and Social Structure (with Włodzimierz Wesółowski, 1987, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul), Funkcja i dzialanie (Function and Social Action: A Systemic Perspective on Social Mobility, 1989, Warsaw: Polish Scientific Publishers), and several articles. Recently he has been involved in international research projects on social stratification in Eastern Europe after 1989 and

the relationship between social structure and personality under the current conditions of radical social change in Eastern Europe.

### Karl Ulrich Mayer

Karl Ulrich Mayer is Director at the Max-Planck-Institut für Bildungsforschung in Berlin and principal investigator of the German Life History Study. His research interests lie in the fields of social stratification and mobility and in the sociology of the life-course. His most recent publications are Generationsdynamik in der Forschung (1993, Frankfurt: Campus), Vom Regen in die Traufe. Frauen zwischen Beruf und Familie (edited with Jutta Allmendinger and Johannes Huinink, 1991, Frankfurt: Campus), Lebensverläufe und sozialer Wandel (1991, Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag), and Event History Analysis in Life Course Research (edited with Nancy Tuma, 1991, University of Wisconsin Press). He is currently working on a monograph about the Berlin Aging Study and on a book about life courses in East Germany before and after Unification.

### Michal Pohoski

Michal Pohoski is a professor of sociology at the university of Warsaw and the Dean of the Department of Philosophy and Sociology of that University. He has been a principal investigator of several waves of the Polish Life History Study. He has written books and monographs on rural-urban migration and prestige of occupations, and articles on social mobility and social inequality—e.g., 'Social Inequality and Social Mobility' (International Journal of Sociology, 16, 1986), and 'Evaluation of Incomes, Just Pay and Occupational Prestige' (co-authored by G. Lissowski, Polish Sociological Bulletin, 1, 1990). He is currently engaged in the analysis of several life-history data-sets from Poland.

### **Jacqueline Scott**

Jacqueline Scott is Director of Research at the ESRC Research Centre on Micro-Social Change in Britain. She was formerly Director of the Detroit Area Study, University of Michigan. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Michigan. Her present research uses the British Household Panel Study for the analyses of social change in family relations, socio-economic values, employment attitudes, and psychological health. Recent publications include papers on collective memories, household formation and dissolution, and gender-role attitudes.

### Yossi Shavit

Yossi Shavit is Associate Professor of Sociology at the European University Institute, and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Haifa. He is interested in social inequality and mobility regimes. He has also published on the educational and occupational stratification of ethnic groups in Israel and is currently studying (with Professor Vered Kraus) the transformation of Israel from an ethnic to a class society. He is engaged in an international comparative study of the role of formal education in shaping occupational opportunities. He has recently completed (with Hans-Peter Blossfeld) the integration of materials from a comparative study of change in educational attainment processes Persistent Inequality: Changing Educational Stratification in Thirteen Countries (Westview Press, 1993).

### Haya Stier

Haya Stier is a lecturer in Sociology at the University of Haifa. Her interests are in the areas of marriage, divorce, labour-force participation, and gender stratification. She is working on a study of the Israeli marriage market (with Yossi Shavit), and on a book with Marta Tienda of the University of Chicago which documents work, welfare, and family behaviour of the poor of Chicago.

### Sjerp van der Ploeg

Sjerp van der Ploeg studied sociology at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He graduated in 1988. From 1988 until 1992 he worked at Tilburg University on his dissertation about the expansion of secondary and tertiary education in the Netherlands. At the moment, he works at a private research institute, Regioplan Education and Labour-market, in Amsterdam.

### Christopher T. Whelan

Christopher T. Whelan is a Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin. He is joint author of *Understanding Contemporary Ireland* (Macmillan, 1990) and joint editor with John Goldthorpe of *The Development of Industrial Society in Ireland* (British Academy, 1992). He is at present working on projects relating to the conceptualization and measurement of poverty, social mobility, working-class marginalization, and changing values in the Republic of Ireland.