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Introduction to a Critical Sociology. Reading Pierre Bourdieu

[Introduction à une sociologie critique. Lire Pierre Bourdieu]

Published : 14/04/2006 - French price : 10.00 euros - 384 pages - ISBN : 2-7489-0063-4

This book based on Bourdieu's theories is introducing to the concepts of social fields and habitus, and describes articulation of interests and legitimacy and social classes organisation.

[_] This book helps to expand the theoretical arsenal of those who think that sociology can provide weapons for social critics. It is also a call to self-reflexivity and socioanalysis. In short, better understanding and self-understanding for more effective struggles.

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Knowledge of writing - On Literature, Truth and Life

[La Connaissance de l'écrivain. Sur la littérature, la vérité & la vie]

Published : 15/02/2008 - French price : 22.00 euros - 240 pages - ISBN : 978-2-7489-0082-8

Why do we need literature besides science and philosophy to help us to solve some of our problems ? What kind of knowledge do we find in a novel ? What is the truth at work ? Jacques Bouveresse, philosopher at the Collège de France, weaves in this book the thoughts of contemporary philosophers like Putnam and Nussbaum with those of Zola, Henry James and Proust...

Jacques Bouveresse

Is it Possible not to Be a Believer ? On Truth, Belief and Faith
[Peut-on ne pas croire ? Sur la vérité, la croyance et la foi]

Published : 19/01/2007 - French price : 24.00 euros - 288 pages - ISBN : 978-2-7489-0068-2

What does « the need to believe » mean ? Is it rational to have beliefs that we can't explain ? Are all the religious beliefs respectable on the ground that we believe in them ? Discussions about belief and truth, faith and reason, science and religion are better than the contemporary generalisations and mixtures. To rediscover their complexity and actual boundaries, Jacques Bouveresse discusses very seriously in this book with Nietzsche, Renan, James, Russell, Freud and others.

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The Way Nicolas Sarkozy Writes French History
[Comment Nicolas Sarkozy écrit l'histoire de France]

Published : 18/04/2008 - French price : 15.00 euros - 208 pages - ISBN : 978-2-7489-0093-4

Nicolas Sarkozy is making an intensive use of historical references and quotes : bombastic performances and filiation speeches designed to draw the outlines of a mythical France and to rebuild some « National Identity »... How can we understand the interference of references at both great figures of the left and great figures of the right ? What are the political stakes and effects of such constructions ? Presented as a dictionary, this book helps to understand the mechanics at work.

Alèssi Dell'Umbria

Universal History of Marseilles
[Histoire universelle de Marseille]

Published : 15/09/2006 - French price : 28.00 euros - 792 pages - ISBN : 2-7489-0061-8

The medieval city, with its rich experience of emancipation, took all those who saw it as an evidence that democracy doesn't come from the top, from the State, but from the base, the « commune ».

If we look at the world from the specific space we call the town, we can understand where and how the domination mechanisms are at work.

Now that the town is undergoing disintegration, how can we proceed to start from the local to reach the universal ? This analysis of the contradictory relationships of a town with the State, then with the globalisation, is a contribution to this question.

Gilles Labarthe

Togo, from Slavery to Mafia Liberalism
[Togo, de l'esclavagisme au libéralisme mafieux]

Published : 12/04/2005 - French price : 11.00 euros - 208 pages - ISBN : 2-7489-0041-3

Rich in raw materials, subject to development programs then to wild privatization imposed by the World Bank, Togo is the hostage of networks plundering natural resources. This book discloses the main mechanisms and the foreign influences which contribute to ruin the economic and social balance of a young nation. It also turns into pieces the neocolonial myth of an economic stagnation being the responsibility of Africans themselves.

Gilles Labarthe

African Gold. Plundering, Traffic and International Trade
[L'Or africain. Pillages, trafics & commerce international]

Published : 12/10/2007 - French price : 12.00 euros - 224 pages - ISBN : 2-7489-0075-0

A handful of western corporate firms held up by the World Bank deals with 80 % of African gold and changes the way of life of local populations regardless of human and environmental security. Linked to arms dealers, Bush family, CIA or nuclear lobby, they sometimes support some armed forces. Their powers are such that the UN gave up in punishing them. Benefits are exported in tax havens while African countries grow poorer in spite of their gold.

Gérard Noiriel

The Uses of National Identity
[À quoi sert l'identité nationale]

Published : 26/10/2007 - French price : 12.00 euros - 156 pages - ISBN : 978-2-7489-0080-4

Nicolas Sarkozy brought back at the center of the political actuality the question of « National Identity » popularized in 1980 by Jean-Marie Le Pen. Since he became President, Sarkozy has set up a « Ministry of Immigration and National Identity ». Carefully scrutating the uses of this phrase, Gérard Noiriel provides some keys to understand the new strategies at work on the political stage today.

Jann-Marc Rouillan

Rememberings (volume number 1 – In the Aftermath of 1968)
[De mémoire. Volume n°1 - Les jours du début, un automne 1970 à Toulouse]

Published : 16/03/2007 - French price : 14.00 euros - 208 pages - ISBN : 978-2-7489-0069-9

In this first volume, Jann-Marc Rouillan remembers the end of his teenage years in Toulouse, 1970. The first friends and loves, then the first weapons. But this is also the occasion to describe a town, a period, mores and ideals that were the determining factors for a man who would soon go underground to fight the Spanish dictatorship and later convicted on the ground of his activities with Action Directe group.

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including 1 DVD: *Art Security Service*, by Bernard Mulliez (1h29) and *Les Indésirables*, by Patrick Taliercio (1h13)

Published : 23/05/2008 - French price : 30.00 euros - 320 pages - ISBN : 978-2-7489-0071-2

Gentrification has turned into a global project of social cleaning. In Brussels, Bangalore, Ougadougou, Marseilles, Beijing the local elites are legitimating a war against the poors in the name of progress, economic development and global economy. Real estate may then take over (and destroy) the cities hiding behind the ideological mist of sustainable development, citizenship and even art.