The Sociology of Education and Work

Description: The Sociology of Education and Work is a clear and engaging study of the links between schooling and the workplace in modern society. It explains, in accessible and lively prose, how these links have developed over time, what broad social trends are transforming them now, and offers some empirically–based projections about how these relationships are likely to develop in the future. This book adopts a distinctly sociological perspective on these issues, while drawing on the disciplines of history, economics, demography, and policy analysis. It builds equally on the sociology of education and the sociology of work.

Using a series of concepts and models including meritocracy, credentialism, postindustrial society, and the permanently new economy, this book encourages students to think about these issues sociologically. To bring life into these concepts, case examples are included to show the ways in which school and work come together in contemporary society. This book has brought together a wide body of literature for students studying education and work throughout the curriculum.

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