The Art of Life - Zygmunt Bauman

Right here, we have countless ebook the art of life Zygmunt Bauman and collections to check out. We additionally offer variant types and furthermore type of the books to browse. The suitable book, fiction, history, novel, scientific research, as well as various new sorts of books are readily reachable here.

The Art of Life - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-20 In our individualized society we are all artists of life - whether we know it or not, we try not to reject it or not, and thereby create our own society. This book reflects our self-awareness of this process of identity building, the production and use of knowledge, and value preferences. The invasion and colonization of the web of human relations by the worldviews and scientific explanations of liquid modernity may have altered the way we think about contemporary world. This short book explores the sources of the endemic uncertainty which shapes our lives today and, in so doing, provides the reader with a brief and accessible introduction to his highly original account, developed at greater length in his previous books, of life in our liquid modern times.

Liquid Morality - Zygmunt Bauman 2012-07-10 In this new book, Bauman examines how we have moved away from a 'heavy' and 'solid', hardware-focused modernity to a 'light' and 'liquid', software-based modernity. This passage, he argues, has brought profound change to all aspects of the human condition. The new remoteness and unreachability of the global system has created a new space for individual actions, and the individual is now the main actor in this new, global space.

Wasted Lives - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-20 The production of human 'waste' - or more precisely, wasted lives, the 'superfluous' populations of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - is an inevitable outcome of modernization. It is an unavoidable side-effect of economic progress and the quest for order which is characteristic of modernity. As long as large parts of the world remained wholly or partly unaffected by modernization, they were treated by modernizing societies as lands that were able to absorb the excess population of the 'developed countries'. Global solutions were sought, and temporary, often locally produced solutions were considered. In this new book, Bauman challenges this view by looking at the consequences of the global spread of liquid modernity.

Consuming Life - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-08 With the advent of liquid modernity, the society of producers is transformed into a society of consumers. In this new book, Bauman examines how this transformation has occurred and what its implications are for us all. He argues that in a liquid modern society, individuals are encouraged to consume, to spend money, and to be happy. This is not just a new way of life, but a new way of thinking about ourselves and our place in the world.

Materialism - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-20 This is a new book by one of the most original social thinkers writing today - it is a new book dev.endedhomelessness.org on December 7, 2021 by guest

Losing Out - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-17 The passage from 'solid' to 'liquid' modernity has created a new and unprecedented setting for individual life pursuits, and our attempts to adapt to it threaten to fail. Our political and economic institutions were created for an earlier age, and our cultural production is an anachronism. In this book, Bauman challenges the traditional view of modernity and offers a new perspective on the problems of our time.

Consuming Life - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-08 The production of 'human waste' - or more precisely, wasted lives, the 'superfluous' populations of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - is an inevitable outcome of modernization. It is an unavoidable side-effect of economic progress and the quest for order which is characteristic of modernity. As long as large parts of the world remained wholly or partly unaffected by modernization, they were treated by modernizing societies as lands that were able to absorb the excess population of the 'developed countries'. Global solutions were sought, and temporary, often locally produced solutions were considered. In this new book, Bauman challenges this view by looking at the consequences of the global spread of liquid modernity.

Liquid Morality - Zygmunt Bauman 2012-07-10 In this new book, Bauman examines how we have moved away from a 'heavy' and 'solid', hardware-focused modernity to a 'light' and 'liquid', software-based modernity. This passage, he argues, has brought profound change to all aspects of the human condition. The new remoteness and unreachability of the global system has created a new space for individual actions, and the individual is now the main actor in this new, global space.

Wasted Lives - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-20 The production of human 'waste' - or more precisely, wasted lives, the 'superfluous' populations of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - is an inevitable outcome of modernization. It is an unavoidable side-effect of economic progress and the quest for order which is characteristic of modernity. As long as large parts of the world remained wholly or partly unaffected by modernization, they were treated by modernizing societies as lands that were able to absorb the excess population of the 'developed countries'. Global solutions were sought, and temporary, often locally produced solutions were considered. In this new book, Bauman challenges this view by looking at the consequences of the global spread of liquid modernity.

Consuming Life - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-08 With the advent of liquid modernity, the society of producers is transformed into a society of consumers. In this new book, Bauman examines how this transformation has occurred and what its implications are for us all. He argues that in a liquid modern society, individuals are encouraged to consume, to spend money, and to be happy. This is not just a new way of life, but a new way of thinking about ourselves and our place in the world.

Materialism - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-20 This is a new book by one of the most original social thinkers writing today - it is a new book dev.endedhomelessness.org on December 7, 2021 by guest

Losing Out - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-17 The passage from 'solid' to 'liquid' modernity has created a new and unprecedented setting for individual life pursuits, and our attempts to adapt to it threaten to fail. Our political and economic institutions were created for an earlier age, and our cultural production is an anachronism. In this book, Bauman challenges the traditional view of modernity and offers a new perspective on the problems of our time.

Consuming Life - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-08 The production of 'human waste' - or more precisely, wasted lives, the 'superfluous' populations of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - is an inevitable outcome of modernization. It is an unavoidable side-effect of economic progress and the quest for order which is characteristic of modernity. As long as large parts of the world remained wholly or partly unaffected by modernization, they were treated by modernizing societies as lands that were able to absorb the excess population of the 'developed countries'. Global solutions were sought, and temporary, often locally produced solutions were considered. In this new book, Bauman challenges this view by looking at the consequences of the global spread of liquid modernity.

Liquid Morality - Zygmunt Bauman 2012-07-10 In this new book, Bauman examines how we have moved away from a 'heavy' and 'solid', hardware-focused modernity to a 'light' and 'liquid', software-based modernity. This passage, he argues, has brought profound change to all aspects of the human condition. The new remoteness and unreachability of the global system has created a new space for individual actions, and the individual is now the main actor in this new, global space.

Wasted Lives - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-20 The production of human 'waste' - or more precisely, wasted lives, the 'superfluous' populations of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - is an inevitable outcome of modernization. It is an unavoidable side-effect of economic progress and the quest for order which is characteristic of modernity. As long as large parts of the world remained wholly or partly unaffected by modernization, they were treated by modernizing societies as lands that were able to absorb the excess population of the 'developed countries'. Global solutions were sought, and temporary, often locally produced solutions were considered. In this new book, Bauman challenges this view by looking at the consequences of the global spread of liquid modernity.

Consuming Life - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-08 With the advent of liquid modernity, the society of producers is transformed into a society of consumers. In this new book, Bauman examines how this transformation has occurred and what its implications are for us all. He argues that in a liquid modern society, individuals are encouraged to consume, to spend money, and to be happy. This is not just a new way of life, but a new way of thinking about ourselves and our place in the world.

Materialism - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-20 This is a new book by one of the most original social thinkers writing today - it is a new book dev.endedhomelessness.org on December 7, 2021 by guest

Losing Out - Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-17 The passage from 'solid' to 'liquid' modernity has created a new and unprecedented setting for individual life pursuits, and our attempts to adapt to it threaten to fail. Our political and economic institutions were created for an earlier age, and our cultural production is an anachronism. In this book, Bauman challenges the traditional view of modernity and offers a new perspective on the problems of our time.
Liquid Love-Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-03 This book is about the central figure of our contemporary, 'liquid modern' times - the man or woman with no bonds, and the social spaces that enable them. In a period in which social relations are becoming diffused across a multitude of sites and spaces, the deacer-
den of our liquid modern society must tie whatever bonds they can to engage with others, using their own skills, and skill and dedication. But these bonds of society are guaranteed to last. Moreover, they must be tied loosely so that they can be severed again, quickly and as effortlessly as possible, when circumstances change - as they surely will be in our liquid modern society, over and over again. The unchanging reality of human bonds, the feeling of insecurity that frustrates, and the conflicting
desires to tighten the bonds yet keep them loose, are the principal themes of this important new book by Zygmunt Bauman, one of the most original and influential analysts of our times. In Liquid Love, Bauman explores the social bases of our love and the social spaces that enable it to thrive.

Practices of Selfhood-Zygmunt Bauman 2015-10-19 Contemporary understanding of human subjectivity has come a long way since the Cartesian 'thinking thing' or Freytag's 'I' or Geertz's 'the doer' of action and practice. With the privatization of society, the ascendency of the market, and the globalization of social relations, the conness of human beings to the social, political, and cultural world has diminished. But it remains that human beings are constantly reinvented and reconceived in interaction with others and with its social and cultural environments. But the world in which we live today is one of connectivity: a world in which everyone is connected in some way or another and which is characterized by the rapid and continuous interactions that are of social and political consequences. This book approaches Bauman's ideas through a series of discussions that explore the nature of contemporary social inequality. The conversations illustrate the moral substance of Bauman's refusal to accept that the world is a series of disconnected and disconnected events, but rather that the world is a series of connected and interconnected events.

Memories of Class-James M. Miller 2009-10-28 A discussion of the mechanism of class formation and institutionalisation of class conflict. It traces the formation of a class society back to the patterns of 'surveillance power' and control, and shows how these patterns preceded and made possible the industrial system.

Conversations with Zygmunt Bauman-Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-31 Zygmunt Bauman, one of the leading figures in contemporary social thought, has his work range across issues of ethics, culture and politics. It never forgets that social thought ought to help men and women make sense of their lives and aspire towards something different. His books and essays always focus on the here and now: violence and moral indifference, globalisation, consumerism, politics and individualism. They cast light on the ways in which we can achieve our ends.

The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman's 'liquid sociology' confronts the awesome task of reminding individual men and women that an alternative way of living together is within our eminently capable abilities, if we only start to think differently about our world. The metaphor of 'liquidity', which has become such a popular way of understanding contemporary society, offers a new and refreshing perspective on the subject of sociology.

Liquid Love-Zygmunt Bauman 2016-10-20 In this new book, the sequel to their acclaimed work Moral Blindness Zygmunt Bauman and Leonidas Donskis guide the reader through this new terrain in which evil has become so banal that it is no longer a matter of history. It is an everyday phenomenon, a part of contemporary everyday life. They write about this phenomenon in a way that is accessible and engaging, and at times shocking.

Liquid Sociology-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman's 'liquid sociology' confronts the awesome task of reminding individual men and women that an alternative way of living together is within our eminently capable abilities, if we only start to think differently about our world. The metaphor of 'liquidity', which has become such a popular way of understanding contemporary society, offers a new and refreshing perspective on the subject of sociology.

The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman is one of the most inspirational and controversial thinkers on the scene of contemporary sociology. For several decades he has provided compelling analyses and diagnoses of a vast variety of aspects of modern and liquid modern living. This book considers the theoretical significance of his contribution to sociology, but also discusses and adopts a critical stance towards his work. The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman introduces and critically appraises some of the most significant as well as some of the lesser known of Bauman's contributions to contemporary sociology. An international team of scholars and differentiate how Bauman's treatment of these themes conventional wisdom in sociology, thereby revising and evaluating the Sociology as a special feature. The book introduces Bauman's striking reflections and conversations on his own life and intellectual trajectory, published here for the first time in English. In this postscript aptly entitled 'Pro Domino Saeu' (About Me), he describes his pulls and pushes that throughout the years have shaped his thinking.

Beyond Bauman-Michael Hviid Jacobsen 2016-10-26 Bringing together leading interpreters of Zygmunt Bauman's sociology, this volume thinks with and beyond Bauman's work in order to show its continued relevance as a theory in its own right, as an object of criticism and as a stepping stone towards a fuller understanding of contemporary social problems and absences in Bauman's thought. With chapters contributed by prominent social thinkers as well as chapters devoted to teasing out some problems and pitfalls in his work. Paying attention to central concepts and themes of Bauman's sociology, and to the different shifts and continuities that characterizes Bauman's thought over time, this volume expects to provide insights that are of benefit to scholars, teachers, and students.

Temper
ture-Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-03 For several decades he has provided compelling analyses and diagnoses of a vast variety of aspects of modern and liquid modern living. This book considers the theoretical significance of his contribution to sociology, but also discusses and adopts a critical stance towards his work. The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman introduces and critically appraises some of the most significant as well as some of the lesser known of Bauman's contributions to contemporary sociology. An international team of scholars and differentiate how Bauman's treatment of these themes conventional wisdom in sociology, thereby revising and evaluating the Sociology as a special feature. The book introduces Bauman's striking reflections and conversations on his own life and intellectual trajectory, published here for the first time in English. In this postscript aptly entitled 'Pro Domino Saeu' (About Me), he describes his pulls and pushes that throughout the years have shaped his thinking.

Liquid Love-Zygmunt Bauman 2016-10-20 In this new book, the sequel to their acclaimed work Moral Blindness Zygmunt Bauman and Leonidas Donskis guide the reader through this new terrain in which evil has become so banal that it is no longer a matter of history. It is an everyday phenomenon, a part of contemporary everyday life. They write about this phenomenon in a way that is accessible and engaging, and at times shocking.

Liquid Sociology-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman's 'liquid sociology' confronts the awesome task of reminding individual men and women that an alternative way of living together is within our eminently capable abilities, if we only start to think differently about our world. The metaphor of 'liquidity', which has become such a popular way of understanding contemporary society, offers a new and refreshing perspective on the subject of sociology.

The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman is one of the most inspirational and controversial thinkers on the scene of contemporary sociology. For several decades he has provided compelling analyses and diagnoses of a vast variety of aspects of modern and liquid modern living. This book considers the theoretical significance of his contribution to sociology, but also discusses and adopts a critical stance towards his work. The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman introduces and critically appraises some of the most significant as well as some of the lesser known of Bauman's contributions to contemporary sociology. An international team of scholars and differentiate how Bauman's treatment of these themes conventional wisdom in sociology, thereby revising and evaluating the Sociology as a special feature. The book introduces Bauman's striking reflections and conversations on his own life and intellectual trajectory, published here for the first time in English. In this postscript aptly entitled 'Pro Domino Saeu' (About Me), he describes his pulls and pushes that throughout the years have shaped his thinking.

Liquid Love-Zygmunt Bauman 2016-10-20 In this new book, the sequel to their acclaimed work Moral Blindness Zygmunt Bauman and Leonidas Donskis guide the reader through this new terrain in which evil has become so banal that it is no longer a matter of history. It is an everyday phenomenon, a part of contemporary everyday life. They write about this phenomenon in a way that is accessible and engaging, and at times shocking.

Liquid Sociology-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman's 'liquid sociology' confronts the awesome task of reminding individual men and women that an alternative way of living together is within our eminently capable abilities, if we only start to think differently about our world. The metaphor of 'liquidity', which has become such a popular way of understanding contemporary society, offers a new and refreshing perspective on the subject of sociology.

The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman-Mark Davis 2016-05-13 Zygmunt Bauman is one of the most inspirational and controversial thinkers on the scene of contemporary sociology. For several decades he has provided compelling analyses and diagnoses of a vast variety of aspects of modern and liquid modern living. This book considers the theoretical significance of his contribution to sociology, but also discusses and adopts a critical stance towards his work. The Sociology of Zygmunt Bauman introduces and critically appraises some of the most significant as well as some of the lesser known of Bauman's contributions to contemporary sociology. An international team of scholars and differentiate how Bauman's treatment of these themes conventional wisdom in sociology, thereby revising and evaluating the Sociology as a special feature. The book introduces Bauman's striking reflections and conversations on his own life and intellectual trajectory, published here for the first time in English. In this postscript aptly entitled 'Pro Domino Saeu' (About Me), he describes his pulls and pushes that throughout the years have shaped his thinking.
Moral Blindness—Zygmunt Bauman 2013-04-24 Evil is not confined to war or to circumstances in which people are acting under extreme duress. Today it more frequently reveals itself in the everyday insensitivity to the suffering of others, in the inability or refusal to understand and in the casual turning away of one's ethical gaze. Evil and moral blindness lurk in what we take as normality and in the triviality and banality of everyday life, and not just in the abnormal and exceptional cases. The distinctive kind of moral blindness that characterizes our societies is brilliantly analyzed by Zygmunt Bauman and Leonidas Donetsk through the concept of adelphopoeia: the absence of certain acts or categories of human beings outside of the universe of moral obligations and evaluations. Adelphopoeia implies an attitude of indifference to what is happening in the world—a moral numbness. In a life where rhythms are dictated by rating wars and box-office returns, where people are preoccupied with the latest gadgets and forms of gossip, in our “hurried life” where attention rarely has time to settle on any issue of importance, we are at serious risk of losing our sensitivity to the plight of the other. Only celebrities or media stars can expect to be noticed in a society stuffed with sensational, worthless information. This profound inquiry into the face of our moral sensibilities will be of great interest to anyone concerned with the most profound changes that are identity shaping the lives of everyone in our contemporary liquid-modern world.

Identity—Zygmunt Bauman 2013-05-06 This topical new book by Zygmunt Bauman explores the notion of identity in the modern world. As we grapple with the insecurity and uncertainty of liquid modernity, Bauman argues that our socio-political, cultural, professional, religious and sexual identities are undergoing a process of continual transformation. Identifies the world over have become more precarious than ever: we live in an era of constant change and disposability — whether it’s last season’s outfit, or car, or even partner — and our identities as a result have become transient and deeply elusive. In a world of rapid global change where national borders are increasingly eroded, our identities are in a state of continuous flux. Identity — a notion that by its very nature is elusive and ambivalent — has become a key concept for understanding the changing nature of social life and personal experience in our contemporary, liquid modern age. In this brief book, Zygmunt Bauman explains compellingly why this is so.

The Ethos of Reality—Zachary Bitner 2015-03-27 Even as the ethos of reality has stretched further in time and are producing long-lasting effects. This highly original analysis of our current predicament by two of the world’s leading social thinkers and fellow traveller Carlo Bordoni explore the social and political dimensions of the current crisis. While this crisis has been greatly exacerbated by the turmoil following the financial crisis of 2007-08, Bauman’s ideas have implications beyond sociology into criminology, political theory, cultural studies, leisure studies and so forth, and have also now penetrated outside the walls of the community, social control, consumption and waste, building a penetrating understanding of why these issues matter for this Key Sociologist. Bauman’s ideas have impacted beyond sociology into criminology, political theory, cultural studies, leisure studies and so forth, and have also now penetrated outside the walls of the academy into social policy, welfare reform, social work and politics. Making use of pedagogical features such as boxed sections, chapter summaries, an annotated bibliography and links to further reading, this well-written text assumes no prior familiarity with Bauman’s work and will appeal to anyone in any of these fields wishing to get acquainted with the ideas of one of the world’s most wide-ranging thinkers.

The End of History—Zygmunt Bauman 2015-01-28 This timely book provides the definitive concise introduction to the phenomenon of Zygmunt Bauman. After introducing the man, his major influences and his special way of ‘thinking sociologically’, author Blackshaw traces the development of Bauman’s project by identifying and explaining the major shifts of emphasis in his work—the break with Marxism and the postmodern turn, and the subsequent reformulation on ‘liquid modernity’—as well as offering a clear and accessible guide to the key conceptual hinges which move the reader on. This book, the only concise introduction to Bauman’s work on the market, goes on to explain the importance of the ‘full range of persistent themes concerning Bauman, dealing specifically with individualization, freedom, identity, community, social control, consumption and waste, building a penetrating understanding of why these issues matter for this Key Sociologist. Bauman’s ideas have impacted beyond sociology into criminology, political theory, cultural studies, leisure studies and so forth, and have also now penetrated outside the walls of the academy into social policy, welfare reform, social work and politics. Making use of pedagogical features such as boxed sections, chapter summaries, an annotated bibliography and links to further reading, this well-written text assumes no prior familiarity with Bauman’s work and will appeal to anyone in any of these fields wishing to get acquainted with the ideas of one of the world’s most wide-ranging thinkers.

The City of the Future—Zygmunt Bauman 2015-02-11 It is a bold and innovative reassessment of the early urban avant-garde movements that sought to re-imagine and reinvent the experiential life of the city. Constructing a ground-breaking theoretical analysis of the relationships between biological life, urban culture, and modern forms of hipstorial ‘experiential authority’, Julian Briggstrup traces the failed attempts of Parisian radicals to turn the ‘crisis of authority’ in late nineteenth-century Paris into an opportunity to re-invent new forms of urban commons. The most comprehensive account to date of the spatial politics of the literary, artistic and anarchist groups that settled in the Montmartre area of Paris after the suppression of the 1871 Paris Commune. The Life of the City analyses the reasons why laughter emerged as the unlikely tool through which Parisian bohemians attempted to forge a new, non-representational hipstorial sensibility. Ranging from the carnivalesque performances of artistic cabaretists such as the Chat Noir to the laughing violence of anarchist terrorism, The Life of the City is a timely analysis of the birth of a carnivalesque politics that remains highly influential in contemporary urban movements.

The Social Semiotics of Tattoos—Martin 2016-04-24 The Christian gospel compels humanity to embrace deeper ways of being human together that will overcome false divisions and exclusions in search of flourishing and geared communities. Presenting both short narratives emerging out of theological reflection on experience and analytical essays arising from engagement in scholarly conversation—Theology and the Experience of Disability is a conscious attempt to develop theology by and with people with disabilities instead of theology about people with disabilities. A mixture of academic, professional, practical, and/or lived experience is brought to the topic in search of constructive multi-disciplinary proposals for church and society. The result is an interdisciplinary engagement with the constructive possibilities that emerge from a distinctly Christian understanding of disability as lived experience.

Life in Fragments—Zygmunt Bauman 1995-06-12 Life in Fragments is a continuation of the themes and motifs explored in Zygmunt Bauman’s acclaimed study, Postmodern Ethics (Blackwell, 1993). Described by Richard Sennett as a major event in social theory. Postmodern Ethics subverted the postmodern distinction of movies which subversion which postmodern imagination, arguing for an ethic of being with the Other, beyond the fashionable imperative of anything goes or the deconstruction of identity through difference.

The Social Semiotics of Tattoos—Chris William Martin 2018-12-13 Why do people put indelible marks on their bodies in an era characterized by constant change? How do tattoos assematic resources convey meaning? What goes on behind the scenes in a tattoo studio? How do people negotiate the internal coerced of tattoo artist? The Social Semiotics of Tattoos is a study of tattoos and tattooing at a time when the practice is more artistic, culturally relevant, and common than ever before. By discussing shifts within the practices of tattooing over the past several decades, Martin chronicles the cultural turn in which tattooists have become known with a language of its own. Revealing the full range of meaning-making involved in the visual, written and spoken elements of the act, this volume frames tattoos and tattooing as a social performance, a performative space in which the body becomes a cultural arena.

Zygmunt Bauman Tony Blackshaw 2005-11-14 Tony Blackshaw presents not only concise introduction to Bauman’s work on the market, goes on to explain the importance of the ‘full range of persistent themes concerning Bauman, dealing specifically with individualization, freedom, identity, community, social control, consumption and waste, building a penetrating understanding of why these issues matter for this Key Sociologist. Bauman’s ideas have impacted beyond sociology into criminology, political theory, cultural studies, leisure studies and so forth, and have also now penetrated outside the walls of the academy into social policy, welfare reform, social work and politics. Making use of pedagogical features such as boxed sections, chapter summaries, an annotated bibliography and links to further reading, this well-written text assumes no prior familiarity with Bauman’s work and will appeal to anyone in any of these fields wishing to get acquainted with the ideas of one of the world’s most wide-ranging thinkers.

State of Crisis—Zygmunt Bauman 2014-01-17 Today we hear much talk of crisis and comparisons are often made with the Great Depression of the 1930s, but there is a crucial difference that sets our current malaise apart from the 1930s: today we no longer trust in the capacity of the state to resolve the crisis and to chart a new way forward. In our increasingly globalized world, states have been forced to choose the course of their power. Many of our problems are globally produced but the volume of power at the disposal of individual nation-states is simply not sufficient to cope with the problems they face. This divergence between power and politics produces a new kind of paralysis. It undermines the political agency that is needed to tackle the crisis and it saps citizens’ belief that governments can deliver on their promises. The impotence of governments goes hand in hand with the growing cynicism and distrust of citizens. Hence the current crisis is once a crisis of agency, a crisis of representative democracy and a crisis of the sovereignty of the state. In this book the world-renowned sociologist Zygmunt Bauman and fellow travel writer Carlo Bordoni explore the social and political dimensions of the current crisis. While this crisis has been greatly exacerbated by the turmoil following the financial crisis of 2007-08, Bauman and Bordoni argue that the crisis facing Western societies is rooted in a much more profound series of transformations that stretch back further in time and are producing long-lasting effects. This highly original analysis of our current predicament by two of the world’s leading social thinkers will be of interest to a wide readership.

Paris after the suppression of the 1871 Paris Commune, The Life of the City analyses the reasons why laughter emerged as the unlikely tool through which Parisian bohemians attempted to forge a new, non-representational hipstorial sensibility. Ranging from the carnivalesque performances of artistic cabaretists such as the Chat Noir to the laughing violence of anarchist terrorism, The Life of the City is a timely analysis of the birth of a carnivalesque politics that remains highly influential in contemporary urban movements.

The Christian gospel compels humanity to embrace deeper ways of being human together that will overcome false divisions and exclusions in search of flourishing and geared communities. Presenting both short narratives emerging out of theological reflection on experience and analytical essays arising from engagement in scholarly conversation—Theology and the Experience of Disability is a conscious attempt to develop theology by and with people with disabilities instead of theology about people with disabilities. A mixture of academic, professional, practical, and/or lived experience is brought to the topic in search of constructive multi-disciplinary proposals for church and society. The result is an interdisciplinary engagement with the constructive possibilities that emerge from a distinctly Christian understanding of disability as lived experience.