

A Handbook

for Social Science Field Research

"This volume brings scholars of many stripes into dialogue, with experts guiding those from other fields over methodological borders into the new and hopefully fertile territory. Read this book!"

—Michele R. Gamburd, *Portland State University*

Containing essays that focus on everything from ethnography to ethics to surveys, **A Handbook for Social Science Field Research: Essays & Bibliographic Sources on Research Design and Methods** offers original "tales from the field" by renowned scholars across various disciplines. This refreshing text provides both novice and experienced scholars with valuable insights on a select list of critical texts pertaining to a wide array of social science methods useful when doing fieldwork.

Key Features:

- **Offers Real-Life Guidance:** Personal examples by renowned social science scholars show how fieldwork requires adaptation, adoption, and flexibility with regard to methodological approaches. In addition, thoughtful commentaries on how to conduct research and pursue a research career in the social sciences provide students with the guidance they need to make difficult research and career choices.
- **Highlights Vital Bibliographic References:** Bibliographies of critical texts help guide researchers as they broaden their methodological approaches and develop their research skills. This is not your ordinary reference list, but a compilation of the top classics and current, soon-to-be classics in the field of social science research.
- **Addresses Ethical Concerns:** Discussions of ethical concerns are presented throughout the collection, as well as in a stand-alone essay on ethical considerations in field-based research. Explicit attention throughout the collection to ethical concerns is rare among methodology texts, but required as fieldwork becomes more complex and concerns about human subjects' safety grow.

Intended Audience:

This text is designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate social science methods courses, where there is a growing demand for multiple methods or mixed methods training. In addition, it is perfect as a handbook for all researchers and professionals interested in having a comprehensive collection of bibliographic information for social science research.

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