



Studies in Comparative Social Science

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Contributions may be made by sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, and other social scientists. Below are some suggested topics, but proposals on other topics are welcomed and encouraged.

- *Comparative Stratification Systems*
- *Comparative Ethnic Relations*
- *Comparative State Regimes*
- *Comparative Welfare States*
- *Democratization in Comparative Perspective*
- *Postsocialist Societies*
- *Comparative Educational Systems*
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- *Comparative Family Systems*
- *Culture in Comparative Perspective*
- *Comparative World-Systems*
- *Science and Technology in Comparative Perspective*
- *World Immigration*
- *Sociology of Latin America*
- *Sociology of East Asia*
- *Sociology of South Asia*
- *Sociology of Africa*

Published

- Stephen K. Sanderson, ***Revolutions: A Worldwide Introduction to Political and Social Change***, 2005.
- Robert Bates Graber, ***Plunging to Leviathan? Exploring the World's Political Future***, 2005.
- Albert J. Bergesen, ***The Depth of Shallow Culture: The High Art of Shoes, Movies, Novels, Monsters, and Toys***, 2006.
- Lawrence A. Kuznar and Stephen K. Sanderson, eds., ***Studying Societies and Cultures: Marvin Harris's Cultural Materialism and Its Legacy***, 2007.
- Lyle Steadman and Craig T. Palmer, ***The Supernatural and Natural Selection: The Evolution of Religion***, 2008.
- Randall Collins, ***Conflict Sociology: A Sociological Classic Updated***. Abridged and updated by Stephen K. Sanderson, 2008.

Forthcoming

- Rick Goldberg, ed., ***Judaism in Biological Perspective: Biblical Lore and Judaic Practices***, December 2008.
- Khaldoun Samman, ***Clash of Civilizations in the Middle East: The Making and Unmaking of the "New" Jew, Arab, Iranian, and Turk***, 2009.

Under consideration

- Marvin Harris, ***Patterns of Race in the Americas***. Revised edition. With an Introduction and Afterword by Stephen K. Sanderson.

The series can accommodate approximately 2-3 books a year and proposals will be judged competitively with this consideration in mind. Proposals of approximately 3-5 pages, including a chapter-by-chapter outline, along with the author's CV, should be sent to Stephen K. Sanderson, Institute for Research on World-Systems, 1221 Watkins Hall, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521.