



Risk in Social Science

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The book discusses the basic issues in risk research, paying attention to the contributions from different academic disciplines and reviewing debates in the recent literature. It then moves on to examine work on risk across the main areas of activity, discussing recent research and identifying the themes that are currently subject to debate.

The areas covered in substantive chapters are: Crime; the Environment; Everyday Life & Leisure Time; Family & Partnership; Health & Illness; Life Course, Youth and Old Age; Risk Regulation and Management; Social Inequality (covering gender, ethnicity, disability, and social class); Media; Social and Public Policy; as well as theoretical foundations and current issues in research.

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