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This SAGE Handbook integrates basic research on social dimensions of aging. It presents programmatic applications of research in areas not often seen in Handbooks including imprisonment, technology and aging, urban society aged, and elderly migration. The authors constitute a Who's Who of international gerontology, and the focus on globalization and aging is unique among Handbooks today. This Handbook should be in the library of every social gerontologist. (Vern L. Bengtson)

This handbook is an impressive testimony to the vibrancy of social gerontology today. It documents the growing range of themes and disciplinary approaches in the study of societal aging. The two editors – one American, one European – have used their experience and reputation to assemble an outstanding cast of contributors who address the issues of aging societies in a truly global perspective. (Martin Kohli)

Not only are the topics in this volume multidisciplinary but also the authors of the chapters come from all over the world and are acknowledged experts... All in all this is a very useful new contribution to the literature, and the editors are to be congratulated on bringing together a distinguished group of authors on such an interesting number of relevant topics. (Anthea Tinker)

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