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* Shows how local processes coincide with the global patterning of variation with class, gender and age.

* Uncovers the nature of social meaning and the dynamics of influence in variation.