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**DESCRIPTION**

Tackling issues relevant to family life today, this authoritative *Companion* shows why studying social change in families is fundamental for understanding the transformations in individual and social life, across the globe.

- Contains original essays by expert contributors on a wide range of topics relating to the sociology of families.
- Includes coverage of social inequality, parenting practices, children’s work, the changing patterns of citizenship, and multi-cultural families.
- Gives special attention to European and North American examples.
- Discusses previously neglected groups, including immigrant families and gays and lesbians.
- Explores how revolutionary changes in aging, longevity, and sexual behavior have radically affected the experience of different generations, and the relationships between them.
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FEATURES

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