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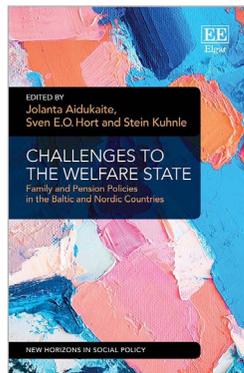
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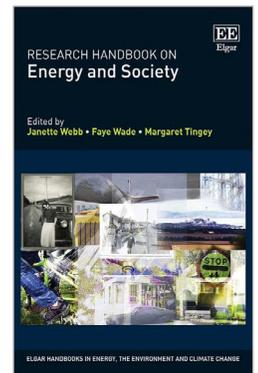
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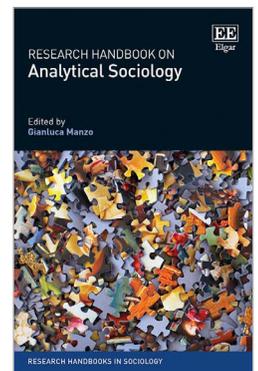
Edited by Gianluca Manzo, Sorbonne University, France

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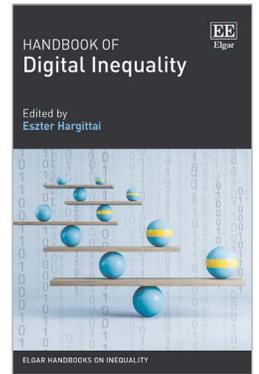
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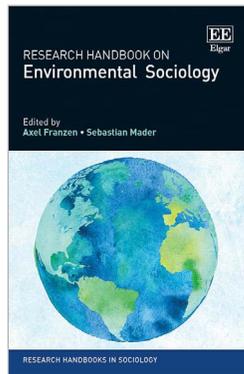
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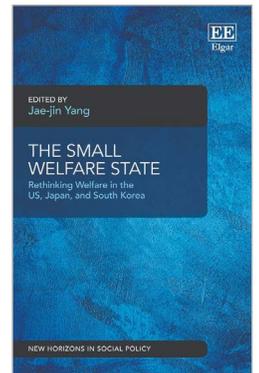
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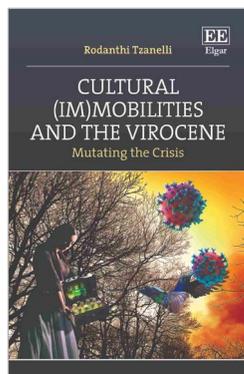
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Rodanthi Tzanelli, University of Leeds, UK

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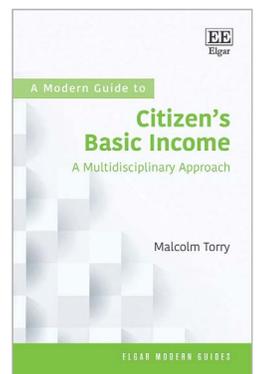
A Multidisciplinary Approach

Malcolm Torry, Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) and University of Bath, UK

*'Malcolm Torry's A Modern Guide to Citizen's Basic Income is a welcome addition for any student of this concept. Torry maintains an objective balance in analysing the merits of the concept and he addresses many of the critiques levelled against it throughout the book. One of the truly refreshing aspects of this book is the heterodox treatment applied in attempting to understand and critique the idea of CBI.'*

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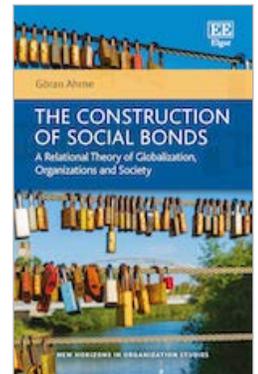
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