

A Level Sociolog Resource Pack

Below is a collection of curriculum specific broadcast material, sorted by exam board and then study theme. The document will be updated as new content is added and old content is removed.

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Introducing Socialisation, Culture and Identity - what is culture? What is socialisation? What is identity? Families and Relationships - how diverse are modern families? To what extent are roles and relationships within families and households changing? Youth subcultures - how and why are youth culture and subcultures formed? Why do young people participate in deviant subcultures? Media - how are different social groups represented in the media? What effect do the media have on audiences?

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03jw0rz> - BBC World Service – What is Civil Society? - Culture
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00548x7> - BBC Radio 4 – In Our Time – Youth
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00sv6g4> - BBC Radio 4 – Thinking Allowed – Subcultures
- <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/grayson-perry-who-are-you> - Channel 4 - Grayson Perry: Who Are You?
- <https://www.my5.tv/rivers-of-blood-50-years-on/season-1> - Channel 5 - Rivers of Blood: 50 Years On

Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities - what is the relationship between theory and methods? What are the main stages of the research process? Which methods are used in sociological research? What are the main patterns and trends in social inequality and difference? How can patterns and trends in social inequality and difference be explained?

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03j4lkz> - BBC World Service – Development Dreams – Inequality

Debates in Contemporary Society - what is the relationship between globalisation and digital forms of communication? What is the impact of digital forms of communication in a global context? How are crimes and deviance defined and measures? What are the patterns and trends in crime? How can crime and deviance be explained? How can crime and deviance be reduced? Education - what is the role of education in society? What are the patterns and trends of educational inequalities? How can differential educational achievement be explained? How has the UK education system changed? Religion, belief and faith - How are religion, belief and faith defined and measured? What is the role of religion, belief and faith? What are the patterns and trends of religion, belief and faith? Is secularisation occurring?

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03l8dsb> - BBC World Service – Global Shakeout – What is Globalisation?
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p033k46m> - BBC World Service – Weekend, From the BBC World Service Archive – Advertising Branding and Globalisation
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03jvyh1> - BBC World Service – The Communications Revolution

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03mn5ld> - BBC World Service – Network Europe – European Education Systems
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03njxcm> - BBC World Service – The Learning World – Changing Education Systems: The USA

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Education - role and functions of the education system.

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- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03njxcm> - BBC World Service – The Learning World – Changing Education Systems: The USA

Theory and Methods of research

Culture and Identity - different concepts of culture, including subculture, mass culture etc; the socialisation process; the self, identity and differences as both socially caused and socially constructed; the relationship of identity to age, disability, ethnicity, gender, nationality, sexuality and social class; relationship of identity to production, consumption and globalisation.

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- <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/professor-green-working-class-white-men> - Channel 4 - Professor Green: Working Class White Men
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Families and Households - Relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies; changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and the life course; gender role, domestic labour and power relationships; demographic trends in the UK since 1900.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03jrxbv> - BBC World Service – Discovery – Gender Roles
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09xjx34> - BBC Radio 4 – The Trans Revolution
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b084thp9> - BBC Radio 4 – Womans Hour – Grayson Perry on the Descent of Man
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05strvl> - BBC Radio 4 – Thinking Allowed – Division of Domestic Labour – Gentrification and Working Class Residents

Health - the social construction of health, illness, disability and the body; the unequal distribution of health changes in the UK by social class, gender, ethnicity and religion; inequalities in the provision of access to healthcare; the nature and social distribution of mental illness; the role of medicine.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03j0szv> - BBC News - Hardtalk – Ruby Wax talks about mental illness

Work, Poverty and Welfare - the nature, existence and persistence of poverty in contemporary society; the distribution of poverty, wealth and income between different social groups; responses and solutions to poverty by the state and by private, voluntary and informal welfare providers in contemporary society; organisation and control of the labour process; the significance of work and worklessness for people's lives and life chances

Beliefs in Society - ideology, science and religion; religious organisation; the relationship between different social groups and religious organisations and movements; the significance of religion in the contemporary world.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p005479y> - BBC Radio 4 – IN Our Time – Science and Religion
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03770rj> - BBC World Service – Words of Faith – Science Versus Religion
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03jry0x> - BBC World Service – Sacred Showdown – The Science of Belief
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Global Development - Development, underdevelopment and global inequality; globalisation; the role of transnational companies; development in relation to aid and trade; employment, education, health demographic change.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03j4lkz> - BBC World Service – Development Dreams – Inequality
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p049cl35> - BBC World Service – Business Daily – Is Globalisation Wilting or Blooming?
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03l8dsb> - BBC World Service – Global Shakeout – What is Globalisation?

The Media - the new media and their significance for an understanding of the role of the media; the relationship between ownership and control of the media; the media, globalisation and popular culture; the processes of selection and presentation of the content of the news; media representation of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability; the relationship between the media, their content and presentation.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p033dqhy> - BBC World Service – Media Magnates
- <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/professor-green-working-class-white-men> - Channel 4 - Professor Green: Working Class White Men

Stratification and Differentiation - dimensions of inequality; the problems of defining and measuring social class; changes in structures of inequality; the nature, extent and significance of patterns of social mobility.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03j4lkz> - BBC World Service – Development Dreams – Inequality

Crime and Deviance - social order and social control; the social distribution of crime and deviance; globalisation and crime in contemporary society; crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment.

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Acquiring Culture - The social construction of culture; the process and agencies of socialisation; examples of the influence of socialisation on identity; families and households; youth cultures.

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Understanding Society and Methods of Sociological Enquiry - Primary quantitative and qualitative research methods with reference to Welsh examples where applicable; methodological approaches to research; secondary methods and data with reference to Welsh examples where applicable; sampling; ethical issues; practical issues; theories of research; education; media; religion.

Power and Control - Crime and deviance; health and disability; politics; world sociology; social inequality and applied methods of sociological enquiry - research design; evidence and examples of areas of inequality related to social class, gender, ethnicity and age in contemporary society with reference to Wales where data is available; theories and explanation for inequality and stratification related to social class, gender, ethnicity, age and nation

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- <https://www.my5.tv/why-do-men-earn-more-than-women/season-1> - Channel 5 - Why do Men Earn More than Women?