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ABOUT THIS BOOK

What defines the boundary between normality, deviance, and crime? This book provides a comprehensive sociological foundation, combining the discipline's major theoretical traditions with its core conceptual vocabulary to explore how societies construct and regulate non-conformity.

This analytical framework is applied to seven key phenomena: suicide, prostitution, addiction, predatory crime, economic crime, violent crime, and police deviance. Throughout the text, international sociological perspectives are brought into direct dialogue with the Italian context—drawing on legal frameworks, institutional data, and historical developments to reveal how societies define, control, and punish problematic behaviour.

At its core stands a simple but far-reaching proposition: deviance and crime cannot be understood solely through individual behaviour. They emerge from the interaction between individual agency and the social, institutional, and organisational conditions that shape the opportunities, meanings, and consequences of human action.

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