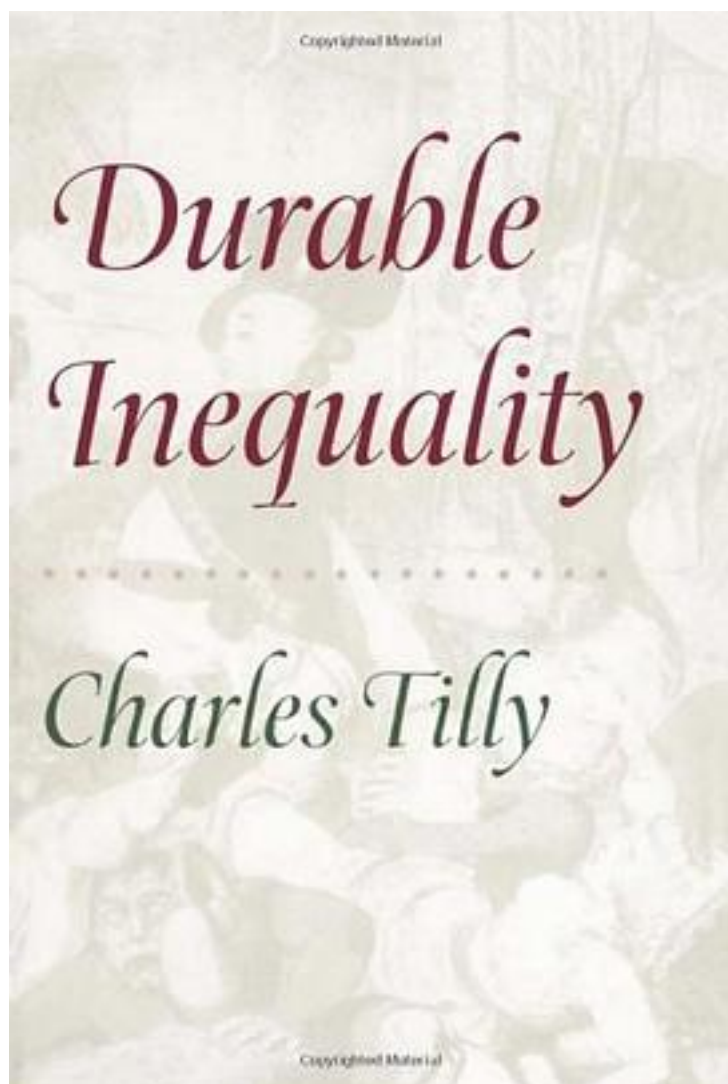


Durable Inequality



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Review

"An important approach to social inequality."--M. M. Denny, "Choice

Product Description

Charles Tilly, in this eloquent manifesto, presents a powerful new approach to the study of persistent social inequality. How, he asks, do long-lasting, systematic inequalities in life chances arise, and how do they come to distinguish members of different socially defined categories of persons? Exploring representative paired and unequal categories, such as male/female, black/white, and citizen/noncitizen, Tilly argues that the basic causes of these and similar inequalities greatly resemble one another. In contrast to contemporary analyses that explain inequality case by case, this account is one of process. Categorical distinctions arise, Tilly says, because they offer a solution to pressing organizational problems. Whatever the "organization" is--as small as a household or as large as a government--the resulting relationship of inequality persists because parties on both sides of the categorical divide come to depend on that solution, despite its drawbacks. Tilly illustrates the social mechanisms that create and maintain paired and unequal categories with a rich variety of cases, mapping out fertile territories for future relational study of durable inequality.

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评论

本书提出的是包罗各种不平等现象的一般理论。持续的不平等来自社会组织为解决迫切的组织问题，通过划定范围定义类别（category）垄断资源而创立的种种社会闭合、拒斥和控制的系统。Categories运转起来产生不平等的机制有：精英获取剩余价值分配回报的exploitation, 个体试图利用网络获取进入路径的opportunities hoarding, 类似组织被不断模仿从而得以扩张的emulation及这一系统不断在现实中运转从而被实践被承认的adaptation。第七章讲不平等的政治联系起了作者长久研究社会运动的背景，国家用类别来统治，社会运动动员和改变类别。第四章讲西方人如何在南非构建类别生产不平等来进行剥削有点意思。也可以从这本书里揣摩怎么样从若干个运动、经验里构筑起一般的社会理论。

An appealing alternative to explain social inequality based on categorical traits than the distribution of human capital. The problem next is that the mechanism through which those categorical differences are successfully maintained by organizations.

失望。对再生产不平等的行为的分类，是很有启发性的洞见。但是这整本书在此之外的部分，都是在以本体论上很可疑的方法去延伸这些洞见来阐释各种例子，令人失望。

没想到读Tilly竟然读的第一本是这个…而且还是在社会流动课上…Tilly就是Tilly，写作的视野很不错，但强烈怀疑大佬们写作是不是写完不修改……强烈建议这边学习一下海明威站着写作…

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