

# Life Exposed

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**Life**  
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*Biological Citizens  
after Chernobyl*



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On April 26, 1986, Unit Four of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor exploded in then Soviet Ukraine. More than 3.5 million people in Ukraine alone, not to mention many citizens of surrounding countries, are still suffering the effects. "Life Exposed" is the first book to comprehensively examine the vexed political, scientific, and social circumstances that followed the disaster. Tracing the story from an initial lack of disclosure to post-Soviet democratizing attempts to compensate sufferers, Adriana Petryna uses anthropological tools to take us into a world whose social realities are far more immediate and stark than those described by policymakers and scientists. She asks: What happens to politics when state officials fail to inform their fellow citizens of real threats to life? What are the moral and political consequences of remedies available in the wake of technological disasters? Through extensive research in state institutions,

clinics, laboratories, and with affected families and workers of the so-called Zone, Petryna illustrates how the event and its aftermath have not only shaped the course of an independent nation but have made health a negotiated realm of entitlement. She tracks the emergence of a "biological citizenship" in which assaults on health become the coinage through which sufferers stake claims for biomedical resources, social equity, and human rights. "Life Exposed" provides an anthropological framework for understanding the politics of emergent democracies, the nature of citizenship claims, and everyday forms of survival as they are interwoven with the profound changes that accompanied the collapse of the Soviet Union.

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## 评论

切尔诺贝利核事故的灾难人类学研究

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作业赶得我要哭晕过去了T-T

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第一本monograph就能写到这个程度！基于Rabinow's biosociality, continuing individualize the bio-power, 提出来之后热了十年的bio-citizenship. 写得散归散，但是理论架得好，医学人类学的新经典

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叙事细致，深入，动人。理论深刻。

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民族志真的很难啃...mark一下。

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There could be no better time to reading this piece than during the 14-day mandatory quarantine. I hope to read a book about how does COVID19 reconfigure our sociopolitical systems and reverse the tide of globalisation soon.

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虽然我一直觉得写的一板一眼的民族志没有美感，但是这种散文化、信息量又大的文风也看着头疼。。。。。

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和HBO的新剧切尔诺贝利搭配使用。

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这真的是读过最hopeless的required reading啦，反正福柯我至今没看懂过。

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