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"This smart collection of important essays reminds us how profoundly identity questions infuse the politics of the everyday. An eminently useful reader!" *John Kuo Wei Tchen, New York University, author of New York Before Chinatown: The Shaping of American Orientalism, 1776–1882*

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This anthology marks the first time that the key essays in the long tradition of philosophical debate surrounding identity categories have been brought together in one volume.

Identities comprises the essays that have shaped discussions of identity across disciplines, including selections from Hegel, Marx, Freud, Du Bois, de Beauvoir, Lukács, Fanon, Hall, Guha, Hobsbawm, Wittig, Butler, Halperin, Robertson, Said, and Laclau. It focuses both on general analyses of the genesis, contours, and political effects of social identities and also on specific analyses of particular identity categories such as race/ethnicity, gender/sexuality, class, and nationality. The breadth and depth of analysis provide a comparative study of identities through multiple theoretical frameworks, making this a perfect classroom text and resource for theorists.

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