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Introduction to Policy Press

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We have high quality standards and peer review all of our proposals and draft manuscripts. We also work closely and collaboratively with our authors and offer short production schedules.

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“Policy Press took me just as seriously when I was a beginning academic as they do today. I hope and plan to be a Policy Press author for the rest of my career.” Salvatore Babones, University of Sydney

“Working with Policy Press is a delight. The team at Policy is efficient, helpful, and ready to understand authors' little (and big) problems and dramas. Most of all they are a team, and to be part of that collaborative working is a real pleasure.” Ann Oakley

“If I had the money, I'd establish a press like this in every part of America. Major houses are great, but it's places like these that publish the work that matters most.” Linda Tirado, author of *Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America*

Partnership with SSSP

Agenda for Social Justice

Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2016

Policy Press has partnered with the SSSP for the first time to publish the *Agenda for Social Justice* in 2016. Details of the publication are shown below.

In order to publish the book in time for the annual meeting, Policy Press arranged a short production schedule and organised for copies to be shipped directly to be included in the delegate's packs for the event. These copies have been provided free of charge for the SSSP to give away to conference attendees in order to provide greater exposure for the publication and to highlight the partnership with Policy Press. As well as bearing the production costs (proofreading, typesetting, printing). Policy Press is also undertaking the marketing and distribution of the book worldwide.



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<http://policypress.co.uk/agenda-for-social-justice>

<http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/A/bo25295186.html>

The *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2016* provides accessible insights into some of the most pressing social problems in the United States and proposes public policy responses to those problems. Written by a highly respected team of authors brought together by the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), it offers recommendations for action by elected officials, policy makers, and the public around key issues for social justice, including a discussion of the role of key issues of sustainability and technology in the development and timbre of future social problems. It will be of interest to scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in public sociology and the study of social problems.

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Future Agenda for Social Justice publications

Policy Press is interested in continuing to collaborate in relation to this publication and we would like to discuss the possibility of expanding it into a longer book. We would also be open to the option of increasing the frequency and to be involved at an earlier stage when the content is being planned. Decisions in relation to future Agendas would be subject to approval by the Policy Press team and it is unlikely that an agreement would include the number of free copies provided for the 2016 Agenda.

Other opportunities for collaboration

Policy Press are interested in working with the SSSP on other projects given our similar aims and focus on social justice. This could include but is not limited to:

- A new book series on social justice/social problems (this could be a research monograph series or a series of shorter books on key topics)
- A new social justice journal (we realise this would need to be significantly different from the existing Social Problems journal, potentially focusing on inequality, social justice, social movements and public sociology)
- An annual edited collection related to the theme of the conference