

July 2026

SSSP book publications with Policy Press

Policy Press and SSSP began a partnership in 2015 leading to the first publication together of the *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2016* in time for the annual meeting in 2016. Below is a summary of the titles followed by the latest sales figures.

Publishing with a purpose

[Policy Press](#) publishes work that seeks to understand social problems, promote social change and inform policy and practice. Our core aim is to improve the day-to-day lives of people who need it most. Policy Press has its roots in social policy and social justice, and is committed to progressive social change.

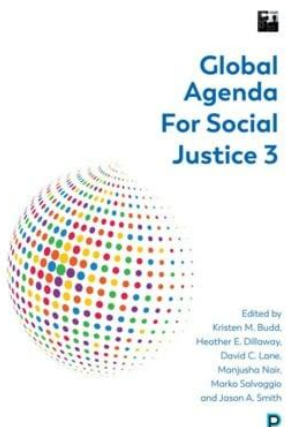
This year we are celebrating **30 years since Policy Press was established** and 10 years since the creation of Bristol University Press. You can view a [timeline of our history](#) here. You can also read information about our 30th anniversary here:

<https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/anniversary>

SSSP Agendas for Social Justice

Written by highly respected teams of authors brought together by the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), the agendas offer recommendations for action by elected officials, policy makers, and the public around key issues for social justice. The books will be of interest to scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in public sociology and the study of social problems.

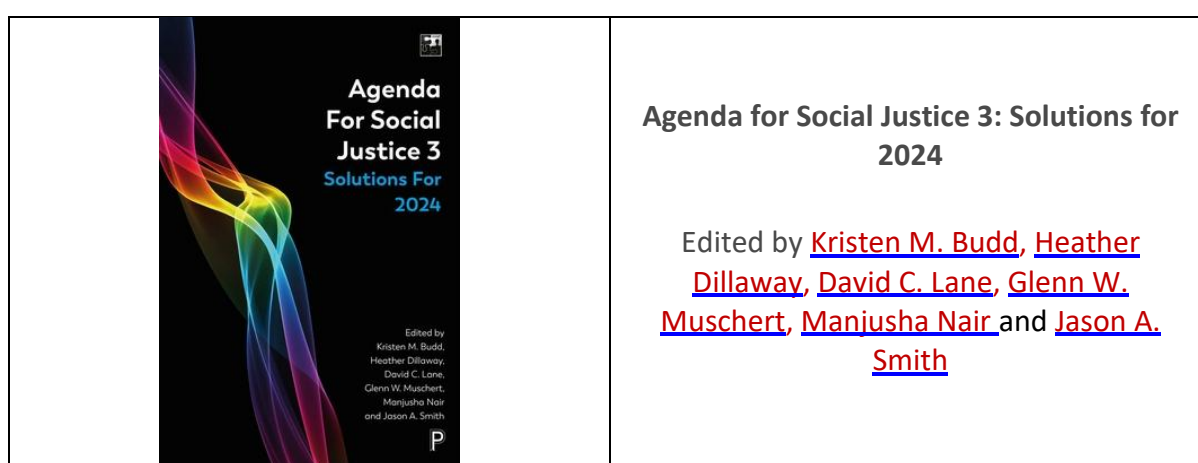
Recent 'Agenda' titles

	 Global Agenda For Social Justice 3 Edited by Kristen M. Budd, Heather E. Dillaway, David C. Lane, Manjusha Nair, Marko Salvaggio and Jason A. Smith P		Global Agenda for Social Justice 3 Edited by Kristen M. Budd, Heather E. Dillaway, David C. Lane, Manjusha Nair, Marko Salvaggio and Jason A. Smith
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The book will be of interest to scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in public sociology, the study of social problems, and the pursuit of social justice.

Publication date: July 2026



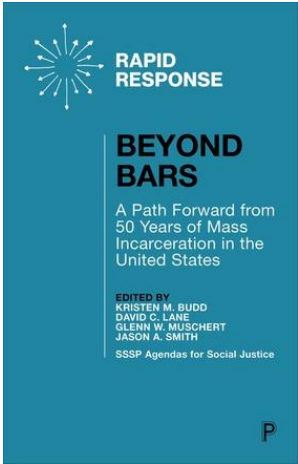
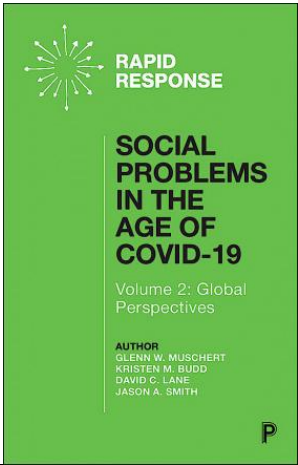
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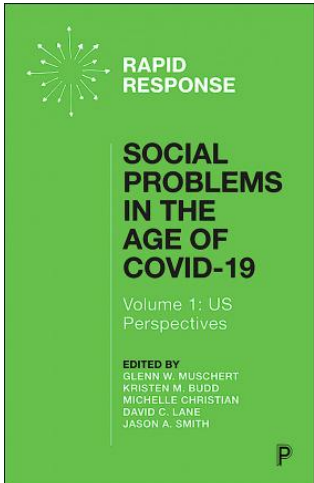
Publication date: August 2024

We were thrilled that the *Agenda for Social Justice 3* won a ‘Choice Outstanding Academic Title’ award in 2025! This prestigious list reflects the best in scholarly titles, both print and digital, reviewed by Choice during the previous year and brings with it the extraordinary recognition of the academic library community. Well done to all involved!

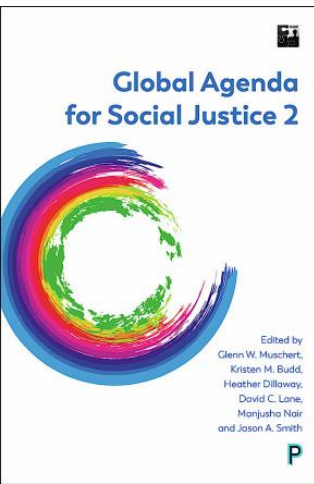
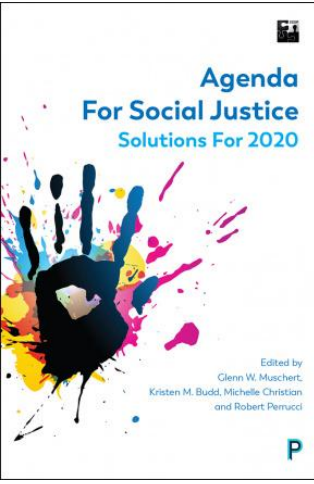
Rapid Responses

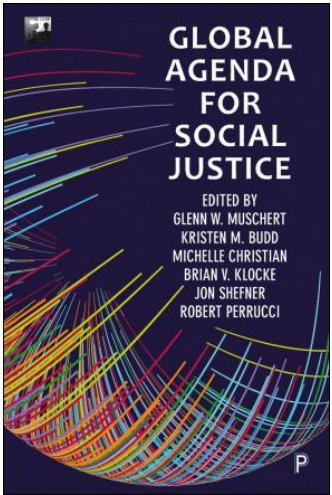
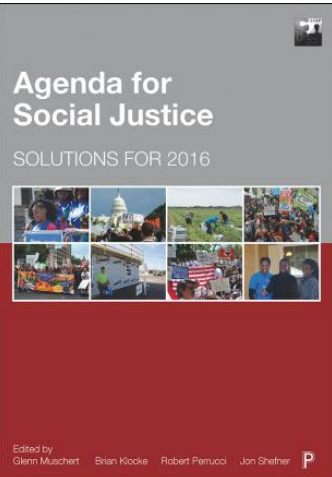
[Rapid Responses](#) were 20-40k words long, digital-only and published just seven weeks from submission - allowing authors to make a timely impact and influence thinking on current affairs.

	Beyond Bars: A Path Forward from 50 Years of Mass Incarceration in the United States Edited by Kristen Budd, David Lane, Glenn W. Muschert and Jason Smith
	Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 Vol 2 Edited by Glenn W. Muschert, Kristen M. Budd, David C. Lane and Jason A. Smith

	Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 Vol 1 Edited by <u>Glenn W. Muschert</u>, <u>Kristen M. Budd</u>, <u>Michelle Christian</u>, <u>David C. Lane</u> and <u>Jason A. Smith</u>
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Previous 'Agendas'

	Global Agenda for Social Justice 2 Edited by <u>Glenn W. Muschert</u>, <u>Kristen M. Budd</u>, <u>Heather Dillaway</u>, <u>David C. Lane</u>, <u>Manjusha Nair</u> and <u>Jason A. Smith</u>
	Agenda For Social Justice: Solutions for 2020 Edited by <u>Glenn W. Muschert</u>, <u>Kristen M. Budd</u>, <u>Michelle Christian</u> and <u>Robert Perrucci</u>

	Global Agenda for Social Justice Edited by Glenn W. Muschert, Kristen M. Budd, Michelle Christian, Brian V. Klocke, Jon Shefner and Robert Perrucci
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Sales summary

Title	Publication date	Paperback sales	Digital consumer sales	Digital institutional sales	Total
Agenda for Social Justice 1: Solutions for 2016	Aug 2016	154	11	405	570
Global Agenda for Social Justice 1	Aug 2018	186	10	350	546
Agenda for Social Justice 2: Solutions for 2020	Aug 2020	132	-	457	589
Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 Vol 1 (US)	Aug 2020	-	49	602	651

Title	Publication date	Paperback sales	Digital consumer sales	Digital institutional sales	Total
Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 Vol 2 (Global)	Aug 2020	-	29	210	239
Global Agenda for Social Justice 2	Oct 2022	51	4	77	132
Beyond Bars	Aug 2023	-	OA	OA	n/a
Agenda for Social Justice 3	Aug 2024	81	0	83	164
Global Agenda for Social Justice 3	July 2026	(no sales data yet)	(no sales data yet)	(no sales data yet)	

It is interesting to see that the institutional sales were originally quite high which suggested good usage as these sales were to libraries and therefore multi-user. These are also ongoing sales, as interestingly, when I updated these sales for this annual report (2026), some of the older titles still have increased digital institutional sales, demonstrating that libraries continue to pick up the older versions of the Agendas, perhaps as part of bundle purchases. As the sales figures show, the institutional eBook generally outsells the paperback version, quite significantly. The exception to this is the two most recent Agendas, 2022 and 2024, where paperback sales and digital institutional sales are fairly balanced.

Overall though, sales of the most recent two Agendas prior to the new one this year (2022 and 2024) have dropped off significantly – this could be in part because the volume wasn't available in time for the conference, however, given all SSSP members can access the content online for free anyway, this shouldn't have had too great an impact on actual sales.

We will monitor sales for the new 2026 edition over the next year, prior to signing the contract for the 2028 Agenda. Unfortunately, if sales continue to be this low then it isn't really a sustainable publishing model for us without a subvention to support publication. Some of the options here would be:

- 1. A subvention from SSSP to enable us to continue producing a print version (this could be raised by marginally raising membership fees, to continue being able to offer the book free of charge to members – in effect, they would be paying SSSP for the book as part of their membership, with SSSP then transferring the “book funds” to us). I can look into exact figures and put some costings together if this is a viable option for SSSP.**
- 2. A switch to eBook only, thus continuing the digital option for individuals and libraries who wish to purchase the eBook, but removing the print costs entirely.**
- 3. Removing the ‘free access’ for SSSP members as part of their membership fee, but offering them a significant discount to enable them to purchase the new Agenda every other year (e.g. \$9.99) should they wish to access the content. (The hope being that your many hundreds of members would therefore purchase the book, as currently they are the prime market but can access it for free!)**
- 4. SSSP paying a Book Processing Charge to Policy Press every other year to publish each new Agenda fully Open Access – we would then produce a paperback for**

anyone who still wished to purchase a print copy, but the eBook would be available for free to all SSSP members and indeed anyone who wished to download and read the content. This would aid additional dissemination (on average, open access books are read 7 times more than standard non-OA books). The BPC depends on the length of the book, but on average is in the region of \$13,000 (plus VAT if applicable) for books of 60,000 words.

NB: As per recent discussions with Elroi J. Windsor, I hope to discuss these options (and/or any other suggestions from SSSP) with the J21 Committee over the course of the next few months.

Beyond Bars was published as a Rapid Response (eBook only) Open Access title, which means it is free to download. It has now been downloaded **over 15,000 times** (thus demonstrating my point about broader dissemination in Option 4, above).

Marketing and Publicity

The *Agenda for Social Justice 3* (published in 2024) was promoted to the BUP Sociology mailing list as part of a “New titles in our Sociology series” email campaign. The book was also promoted in the SSSP 2025 email to members. Although BUP was unable to attend the SSSP conference in Chicago in 2025, we sent emails to our Sociology members advising them to contact us if they had any book ideas they wished to discuss, and letting them know of our continued support of SSSP.

The *Global Agenda for Social Justice 3* (published July 2026) is scheduled to be included in our monthly marketing email outreach in August, as a follow up to the SSSP conference. We also have various social media posts scheduled to appear during the conference itself, highlighting our relationship with SSSP, offering a discount on the print copy, and reminding SSSP members that they can access the book online free of charge via their dedicated SSSP members area on the SSSP website. The book has also already been included in our Sociology emails this year in advance of publication, as well as appearing in our 2026 catalogue. It will also be on display at the ESA conference in Warsaw at the end of August.

We opened up (made the chapter open access) Chapter 6 from the 2024 Agenda as part of our ‘Racism in the US’ collection: ***Caught in the crossfire: K-12 education and anti-CRT measures***. The collection has been advertised to listservs and lecturers of race and ethnicity – as a result the chapter was **viewed 971 times** and **downloaded 495 times**.

We also opened up Chapter 3 from the 2022 Global Agenda as part of our ‘Elimination of Violence Against Women’ campaign: ***From the streets to social policy: how to end gender-based violence against women***. As a result the chapter was **viewed 704 times** and **downloaded 342 times**.

Inclusion of previous agenda chapters in various [Transforming Society](#) blog pieces:

[Police Homicides: The Terror of “American Exceptionalism”](#)
[Anti-harassment, anti-racism and policy reform in academia](#)
[Educational violence, police ferocity and the erasure of Black girls](#)

[Protecting disability rights and supporting people with disabilities during COVID-19](#)
[From Zoom to the courtroom: The ongoing struggle for women's rights in Turkey: Özlem Altıok](#)
[A brief feminist analysis of Turkey's elections](#)
[Climate change, migration and language endangerment in the Pacific](#)
[Climate crisis or social crisis?](#)
[Confronting digital poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)
[#MahsaAmini: Gender-based violence against women in Iran and beyond](#)
[On World Mental Health Day, let's end fatphobia](#)
[Bridging the divide between academia and real-world problems](#)

Our Marketing team will ask the editors and contributors of the new 2026 Global Agenda whether they wish to contribute any blog pieces to *Transforming Society* to help further promote the book.

In Applied Worldwide:

[Fatphobia and a Global Agenda for Social Justice](#)
[Gender-based Violence and a Global Agenda for Social Justice](#)

Individual chapters have been featured in the following eBook collections on Bristol University Press Digital collections, which have been shared across our mailing lists, to librarians, to lecturers in relevant areas both on our mailing list and to researched lists, and to listservs:

- Chapter of *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19* included in [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking collection](#)
- Chapter of *Beyond Bars* in [Human Rights collection](#)
- Chapter of *Global Agenda for Social Justice 2* in [Climate change, energy and sustainability collection](#)
- *Beyond Bars*, *Global Agenda for Social Justice 2*, *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 Vol 1 and 2* and *Agenda for Social Justice* all in [COVID-19 Collection](#)
- Rapid Responses all in [Bristol University Press and Policy Press complete eBook collection](#)

Subject collections:

- *Beyond Bars* in Criminology, Criminal Justice, Policing and Law Collection (bristoluniversitypressdigital.com)
- *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19 Vol 1 and Vol 2* and *Agenda for Social Justice* in [Sociology Collection \(bristoluniversitypressdigital.com\)](#)

All books have also been included in relevant email campaigns to our subscriber database in subject area campaigns, themed campaigns and campaigns to librarians and textbook campaigns to lecturers.

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The Introductions of three books were opened up for free access for a limited time, as part of various promotional collections (*Social Problems in the Age of Covid-19, Volumes I and II*, and *Global Agenda for Social Justice 2*) – altogether these chapters were viewed **over 1,300 times** on BUP Digital, raising awareness of the books and driving more traffic to them overall.