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This is a genuinely useful tool for researchers setting out on their first impact journey (Jacqueline Aldridge, University of Kent, UK *European Political Science* 2014-10-31)

Anyone interested in defending the role of the social sciences should read this book. It is the most sophisticated analysis of their role in contemporary Britain. (*Sir Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter, UK*)

Challenging, important, timely, and critical, *The Public Value of the Social Sciences* is a must read for anyone concerned with the future of humanity (*Michael Burawoy, University of California, Berkeley, USA*)

An excellent book that I found both important and engaging. (*John Scott, Plymouth University, UK*)

John Brewer asks the right questions: What is the public value of social science and when does it have the most public value. His approach is neither defensive nor celebratory, nor is this yet another complaint about underfunding. Brewer is appropriately critical and also clear that social science can achieve its full potential only if it changes. His perspective is thoughtful, historically informed, and attentive to the specificities of Britain. Not all will agree, but all should think about the questions. (*Craig Calhoun, Director, London School of Economics, UK*)

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