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The inaugural edition of Working Notes introduces some of the varied contexts in which sociology is applied in everyday practice. This includes the use of quantitative methods on real life social problems, such as carrying out large-scale surveys to determine which services a local government might need to enhance, or developing quantitative measures in order to evaluate research and community programs. There is also a spotlight on sociologists who work in the provision of health and community services, as well as those working on teaching and educational policies. Some of our contributors discuss their work within government departments and with decision-makers, while others work as activists or liaisons for private industry. One contributor also discusses career management issues facing sociology students who might consider working outside academia.

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The second edition of Working Notes focuses on the sociological methods and theoretical frameworks used by applied sociologists in their everyday work. Some of our contributors discuss how sociological principles are implicit in the way in which they approach a problem, such as in managing government organisations and in the development of community service policies. Two authors discuss how they apply sociological methodologies in the evaluation of health and educational programs. One postgraduate author introduces her blog, which charts

her PhD research on sustainable migration to regional areas. Two further papers discuss how theoretical frameworks and scholarly activities have been introduced into the not-for-profit sector.

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