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The first *Handbook of Political Sociology* started out as a project in the Section on Political Sociology of the American Sociological Association (ASA). A section session organized by Thomas Janoski asked whether political sociology was in crisis. Opinions on the question varied but were hugely generative. Then Thomas Janoski, Robert Alford, Alexander Hicks, and Mildred Schwartz edited *The Handbook of Political Sociology* (2005). *The New Handbook* started with the Cambridge politics editor Robert Dressen suggesting that Janoski assemble a team to edit a new handbook as a follow-up to the successful first edition. Perhaps in this edition, Dressen added, the focus could be on new voices and directions with well-known senior scholars contributing heft in certain areas. Without Robert's suggestion, this volume might never have been written. In a number of informal ways, *The New Handbook* was also developed when Isaac Martin and Thomas Janoski were chairs, and Cedric de Leon was secretary-treasurer of the ASA Political Sociology Section. The eventual result is 110 scholars contributing to the writing and reviewing of this *New Handbook of Political Sociology*.

While the first handbook was unique in the field of political sociology, by 2017 there were other handbooks or companions on politics or political sociology. In contrast to these other works, which tend to be descriptions of areas of inquiry within political sociology, *The New Handbook* asks authors to present their own angle on the field (i.e., their evaluation of where the field is and should be going). The chapters thus have an edge to them that chapters in other handbooks do not typically have. The *Handbook of Political Sociology* (2005) had 32 chapters that were 18 to 24 pages long with references at the end of the book, making them appear shorter than they actually were. The intent of each chapter was to cover developments in the field sometimes going back to the classics. *The New Handbook* has 41 chapters (more than the two previous handbooks and companions) but maintains the longer chapters of about 20 to

30 pages.¹ Authors appraise developments in their fields from 2000 onward, making only passing allusions to the canon. As such, the *New Handbook* is somewhat of a complementary addition to the first venture.

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