

Some Useful Sources

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The literature on vulnerability is growing, with various disciplinary traditions contributing in different ways, generating the beginnings of an interdisciplinary debate about how vulnerability might be understood and addressed. In particular, there are sources which critique application of the concept in policy and practice, and more robust theorisations which seek to offer alternatives to ‘common sense’ approaches often seen in policy, and which develop understanding of conditions and lived experiences of vulnerability. The list below offers a brief overview of some of the main resources on vulnerability that map a number of the key strands within vulnerability scholarship (outlined further in the review article). This list aims to provide an initial point of departure for interested academics and researchers and therefore includes both papers that critique the problematic use of vulnerability in policy and practice and a number of the key theoretical literatures that deconstruct or develop its underlying dimensions. As many of the articles in the themed section illustrate, these literatures inter-relate and overlap, but for ease of accessibility we have selected some key themes which may be useful for research or teaching purposes.

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