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- A chronology places the cultural sociology of mental illness in historical context.
- 150 photos bring concepts to life.

The range and scope of this Encyclopedia is vivid testimony to the intellectual vitality of the field and will make a useful contribution to the next generation of sociological research on the cultural sociology of mental illness.

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