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Preface

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We find it difficult to locate the sources of our ideas, but we are conscious that we have been influenced by writings of Miliband, Poulantzas, Carchedi, Cliff, and Urry – although often our conclusions diverge radically from those of these authors.

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