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Innovations in control and in penal policy are increasingly dominated by the theme of public protection, motivated by the aim of controlling risk rather than the aim of enhancing social justice.

In **Justice in the Risk Society**, Barbara Hudson outlines traditional liberal perspectives on justice, risk and security, as well as addressing some key concerns, including:

- the challenges to justice: the politics of risk and safety
- communitarian and feminist political and ethical theories
- how to use current theories and perspectives such as Habermas's discourse ethics and postmodern perspectives on justice
- how to develop new methods of re-affirming and reconstructing theories and institutions of justice

The book concludes with analysis of two of the most important elements of justice for late-modernity: discursiveness and human rights.

Justice in the Risk Society provides theoretical analysis with a discussion of policies, and arguments are illustrated by cases and examples.

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