

NOTE ON THE TEXT

There are, in some chapters, boxed texts outlining different Scenes of Habit associated with the positions taken by some of the most influential writers on the subject.

A good deal of the historical literature on habit that I discuss speaks of “man” as a generalized stand-in for the human without registering any differentiation of gender. I have retained this usage as part and parcel of the discourses under discussion rather than correcting it in the light of current critiques.

When I italicize passages in quoted texts I am, in all cases, following the original.

When quoting consecutive passages from the same source, I usually only give the author and date of the source following the first quotation and, thereafter, only the relevant page number. Where I quote a number of such passages from the same page, I give the page number after the last passage quoted.

Where I draw on earlier work I have published on habit, I indicate this in an endnote.