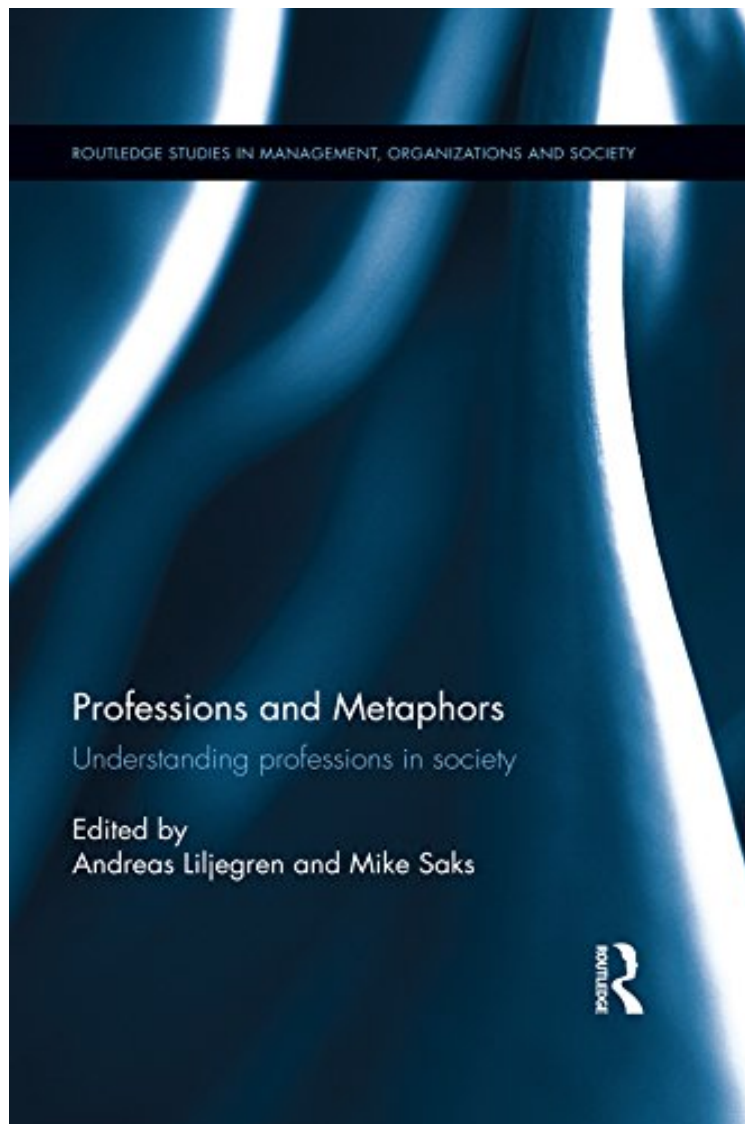


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- Professor Jonathan Gabe, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

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