Plausible Prejudice
Plausible Prejudice

Everyday experiences and social images of nation, culture and race

Marianne Gullestad

UNIVERSITETSFORLAGET
For Gabriella, Benjamin, Oskar, Hanna and Viktoria
Table of contents

Preface 9

Acknowledgements 19

CHAPTER I
Introduction: the social production of conventional wisdom 23

CHAPTER II
Individualization: from obedience to negotiation in families and workplaces 68

CHAPTER III
Everyday practices and social imaginaries: home, local community and nation 93

CHAPTER IV
Boundaries of belonging: children’s everyday lives and national identification 126

CHAPTER V
Mainstream and alternative models of family life 152

CHAPTER VI
Invisible fences: reinventing sameness and difference 168

CHAPTER VII
A public dispute about a racial term 193
CHAPTER VIII
Anthropologists debating ‘culture’ and ‘race’ 221

CHAPTER IX
Tales of descent and consent: young people struggling for a sustainable self-image 248

CHAPTER X
“They had a plan” discrimination and the formation of ‘sleepers’ 276

CHAPTER XI
Imagined kinship and the rearticulation of political ethno-nationalism 298

CHAPTER XII
The dignity of the scholar 320

Postscript: Decolonizing anthropological knowledge 345

Appendix: List of publications on which the chapters are based 348

Bibliography 350