

THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES IN SOCIOLOGY

This provides the knowledge about different sociological theories and how theories analyse social phenomenon. It is a basic paper therefore, its knowledge is absolutely essential.

1. Introduction

- a) The Meaning and Nature of Sociological Theory
- b) Levels of theorization in Sociology
- c) Sociological Theory and Empirical Research - Reciprocal Bearings

2. Structural Theory

- a) Origin and Development: Anthropological and Sociological Traditions
- b) Structuralism: Peter Blau
- c) Microstructuralism: Randall Collins
- d) Theory of structuration - Anthony Giddens

3. Functional Theory

- a) Origin and Development: Anthropological and Sociological Traditions
- b) Analytical functionalism: Talcott Parsons
- c) Empirical Functionalism - R K Merton

4. Conflict Theory

- a) Origin and Development
- b) Dialectical Conflict Theory - R. Dahrendrop
- c) Conflict Functionalism - L. Coser

5. Symbolic Interaction

- a) Origin and Development - W.I. Thomas
- b) C. H. Colley,
- c) G. H. Mead
- d) E. Goffman

6. Sociological Phenomenology

- a) Origin and Development
- b) Edmund Husserl
- c) Alfred Schutz

7. Ethno-methodology

- a) Origin and Development
- b) Harold Garfinkel

8. Exchange Theory

- a) Early forms of Exchange Theory
- b) Deductive Exchange Theory - C. G. Homans
- c) Modern Exchange Theory - Peter Blau's Use of Exchange Theory

9. Critical Theory

- a) Emergence of Frankfurt School
- b) The Weakness of Critical theory
- c) T. B. Bottomore's Contributions

d) Renewal of the Theory – Jurgin Habermas

10. Sociological Theory: Recent Development - Gouldner, Collins

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