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**Routledge** Huff provides a rare, full-scale study of the origins and development of Max Weber's methodology, which focuses on Weber's neglected early methodological essays that were not translated into English until the 1970s. He explores Weber's writings in light of developments in postempiricist philosophy of science, and shows that Weber was well aware of the epistemological foundations of the descriptive psychology school, whose intellectual heir was Husserl. This volume will help scholars and students understand in the broadest sense the issues central to the logic of social scientific explanation, and will appeal to philosophers, sociologists, political scientists, as well as scholars of Weber.

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### THE SEARCH FOR A METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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### DURKHEIM, WEBER, AND THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY PROBLEM OF CAUSE, PROBABILITY, AND ACTION

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**Springer Science & Business Media** Stephen Turner has explored the origins of social science in this pioneering study of two nineteenth century themes: the search for laws of human social behavior, and the accumulation and analysis of the facts of such behavior through statistical inquiry. The disputes were vigorously argued; they were over questions of method, criteria of explanation, interpretations of probability, understandings of causation as such and of historical causation in particular, and time and again over the ways of using a natural science model. From his careful elucidation of John Stuart Mill's proposals for the methodology of the social sciences on to his original analysis of the methodological claims and practices of Emile Durkheim and Max Weber, Turner has beautifully traced the conflict between statistical sociology and a science of factual description on the one side, and causal laws and a science of nomological explanation on the other. We see the works of Comte and Quetelet, the critical observations of Herschel, Buckle, Venn and Whewell, and the tough scepticism of Pearson, all of these as essential to the works of the classical founders of sociology. With Durkheim's essay on Suicide and Weber's monograph on The Protestant Ethic, Turner provides both philosophical analysis to demonstrate the continuing puzzles over cause and probability and also a perceptive and wry account of just how the puzzles of our late twentieth century are of a piece with theirs. The terms are still familiar: reasons vs.

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### MAX WEBER'S PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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### A MODERN CRITIQUE

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### MAX WEBER ON THE METHODOLOGY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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## **METHODOLOGY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, ETHICS, AND ECONOMICS IN THE NEWER HISTORICAL SCHOOL**

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### **FROM MAX WEBER AND RICKERT TO SOMBART AND ROTHACKER**

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**Springer Science & Business Media** The volume at hand gives an exposition of the tradition of the Historical School of Economics and of the Geisteswissenschaften or human sciences, the latter in their development within the Historical School as well as in Neo-Kantianism and the sociology of knowledge. It continues the discussion started in the year 1994 on the Older Historical School of Economics and the 19th century German contribution to an ethical theory of economics with the Newer Historical School of the 20th century. Economists, social scientists, and philosophers examine the contribution of this tradition and its impact for present theory. The schools of thought and their approaches to economics as well as to the cultural and social sciences are examined here not as much for their historical interest as for their potential systematic contribution to the contemporary debates on economic ethics, economics, sociology, and philosophy. The volume at hand contains the proceedings of the Fourth Annual SEEP-Conference on Economic Ethics and Philosophy in 1996, "Economics and Ethics in the Historical School. Part B: Max Weber, Heinrich Rickert, Max Scheler, Werner Sombart, Arthur Spiethoff, John Commons, Alfred Marshall, and Others", held at Marienrode Monastery near Hannover, Germany, on March 27-30th, 1996, together with several additional invited papers.

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## **A CRITIQUE OF MAX WEBER'S PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

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### **MAX WEBER**

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#### **COLLECTED METHODOLOGICAL WRITINGS**

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**Routledge** Weber's methodological writings form the bedrock of key ideas across the social sciences. His discussion of value freedom and value commitment, causality, understanding and explanation, theory building and ideal types have been of fundamental importance, and their impact remains undiminished today. These ideas influence the current research practice of sociologists, historians, economists and political scientists and are central to debates in the philosophy of social science. But, until now, Weber's extensive writings on methodology have lacked a comprehensive publication. Edited by two of the world's leading Weber scholars, *Collected Methodological Writings* will provide a completely new, accurate and reliable translation of Weber's extensive output, including previously untranslated letters. Accompanying editorial commentary explains the context of, and interconnections between, all these writings, and additional useful features include a glossary of German terms and an English key, endnotes, bibliography, and person and subject indexes.

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## **THE VOCATION OF REASON**

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### **STUDIES IN CRITICAL THEORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE IN THE AGE OF MAX WEBER**

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**BRILL** This book addresses, and at the same time reflects, the impact of Max Weber on both the social sciences and on critical theory's critique of the social sciences. Weber's conception of 'vocation' is a guiding thread unifying concerns about the nature, scope and limits of theoretical thinking among social scientists, whether supportive or critical of Weber. Not surprisingly, the source of many of these concerns, whether intended or unintended, biographical or situational, is the ambiguous legacy of Weber himself. Wilson's interrogation of Weber's thought in articles and essays over the past 30 years, supplemented by Kemple's insights, makes a strong case for the claim that we do indeed live in 'the age of Weber'.

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## **LIBERAL DEMOCRACY 3.0**

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### **CIVIL SOCIETY IN AN AGE OF EXPERTS**

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**SAGE** This is a very fine text, a powerful piece of work that deserves to be read widely. The analysis is truly panoramic. It ranges across central concerns in the fields of social theory, political theory, and science studies and engages with and/or draws upon the ideas of key classical and contemporary thinkers, including Tocqueville, Weber, Schumpeter, Polyani, Habermas, Foucault, Schmitt and Beck' -

Barry Smart, Professor of Sociology, University of Portsmouth What are the political implications of 'expert' knowledge and especially scientific knowledge for liberal democracy? If knowledge is not evenly distributed upon what basis can the philosophy of equal rights be sustained? This important book points to the crisis in knowledge in liberal democracies. This crisis, simply put, is that most citizens cannot understand, much less judge, the claims scientists make. One response is the appointment of public commissions to provide conclusions for policy-makers to act upon. There are also 'commissions from below', such as grass roots associations that quiz the limits of expert knowledge and power and make rival knowledge claims. Do these commissions represent a new stage in the development of liberal democracy? Or is it merely a pragmatic device of no political consequence. The central argument of the book is that in a 'knowledge society' in which specialized knowledge is increasingly important to politics, more has to be delegated because democratic discussion can't handle it. This limitation in the scope of liberal democracy threatens its fundamental character. The book will be required reading in the fields of social theory, political theory and science studies.

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## MAX WEBER

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**Prentice Hall** "For much of his life he was no more than a private scholar suffering from a paralyzing neurosis. His political aspirations were never realized. His massive work remains highly incomplete. He died before he was sixty. Yet so profound and penetrating was the work of Max Weber that, in the editor's words, he truly "deserves to be called the last universal genius of the social sciences". In this volume, such noted authorities as Peter M. Blau, Talcott Parsons, Wolfgang Mommsen, Karl Loewith and many others reveal the full impact of Weber's thought on modern social science. Editor Dennis H. Wrong, in a comprehensive introduction, examines Weber himself, his sociological method, and the extent of his influence, while other leading scholars comment on more specific aspects of his work -- including the sociology of religion and his philosophy of history. Varied and penetrating, the selections in this book offer a complete portrait of the genius whose seminal insights set the stage for current sociological research and theory"--back cover.

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## THE IDEA OF A SOCIAL SCIENCE AND ITS RELATION TO PHILOSOPHY

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In the fiftieth anniversary of this book's first release, Winch's argument remains as crucial as ever. Originally published in 1958, *The Idea of a Social Science and Its Relation to Philosophy* was a landmark exploration of the social sciences, written at a time when that field was still young and had not yet joined the Humanities and the Natural Sciences as the third great domain of the Academy. A passionate defender of the importance of philosophy to a full understanding of 'society' against those who would deem it an irrelevant 'ivory towers' pursuit, Winch draws from the works of such thinkers as Ludwig Wittgenstein, J.S. Mill and Max Weber to make his case. In so doing he addresses the possibility and practice of a comprehensive 'science of society'.

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## MAX WEBER AND THE NEW CENTURY

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**Routledge** "The most profound and enduring social theorist of sociology's classical period, Max Weber speaks as cogently to concerns of the new century as he did to those of the past. Over the past seventy years, those special ideas that have become identified as ""Weberian"" have become especially pertinent to those who would analyze today's socioeconomic and cultural life. They offer the possibility of a more acute understanding of our immediate future than reliance on the ideas of any other social theorist in the pantheon. Alan Sica demonstrates Weber's preeminent position and lasting vitality within social theory by applying them to topics of contemporary concern. The result will appeal to experts and novices alike. *Max Weber and the New Century* documents the continuing usefulness of Weber's unrivalled social thought. Sica offers a series of linked studies that treat Weber's concept of rationalization as expressed in different cultural forms, the role of Weberian ideas in contemporary historiography, the uses of Weber's image in the popular imagination, the rhetorical structure of *Economy and Society*, and Weber's relationship to modern philosophical thought. Conceptually and practically, this volume is a companion piece to the author's forthcoming *Max Weber: A Comprehensive Bibliography*--a 3,600-item bibliography of works by and about Weber in English--which, for the first time, will allow scholars to explore the universe of Weberian analysis. *Max Weber and the New Century* is a valuable addition to the library of social scientists, historians, philosophers, economists, and students of intellectual history. It shows that Weber--the scholar as much as his ideas--continues to inspire fruitful social and cultural analyses."

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## METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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**Routledge** Max Weber wrote these methodological essays in the closest intimacy with actual research and against a background of constant and intensive meditation on substantive problems in the theory and strategy of the social sciences. They were written between 1903 and 1917, the most productive of Max Weber's life, when he was working on his studies in the sociology of religion and *Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft*. Weber had done important work in economic and legal history and had taught economic theory. On the basis of original investigations, he had acquired a specialist's

knowledge of the details of German economic and social structure. His always vital concern for the political prosperity of Germany among the nations thrust him deeply into discussion of political ideals and programs. Weber's methodology still holds interest for us. Some of its shortcomings, from the contemporary viewpoint, may be attributed to the fact that some of the methodological problems that he treated could not be satisfactorily resolved prior to certain actual developments in research technique. These few qualifications aside, the work remains a pioneering work in large scale social research, from one of the field's masters.

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### MAX WEBER'S CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIAL THEORY

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A study of the work of German sociologist, Max Weber, including a brief biography and an exploration in Weberian social theory.

### MAX WEBER'S 'OBJECTIVITY' RECONSIDERED

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**German and European Studies** The German sociologist Max Weber is one of the founders of modern social science. This work explores the fragmented reception of Weber's work and the legacies of his methodological writings for contemporary social science, offering their appraisals of Weber's successes and failures in laying the groundwork for an 'objective' social science.

### ON THE LOGIC OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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**John Wiley & Sons** In this wide-ranging work, now available in paperback, Habermas presents his views on the nature of the social sciences and their distinctive methodology and concerns. He examines, among other things, the traditional division between the natural sciences and the social sciences; the characteristics of social action and the implications of theories of language for social enquiry; and the nature, tasks and limitations of hermeneutics. Habermas' analysis of these and other themes is, as always, rigorous, perceptive and constructive. This brilliant study succeeds in highlighting the distinctive characteristics of the social sciences and in outlining the nature of, and prospects for, critical theory today.

### THE IDEA OF A SOCIAL SCIENCE AND ITS RELATION TO PHILOSOPHY

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**Routledge** Winch addresses the possibility and practice of a comprehensive 'science of society', drawing from the works of such thinkers as Ludwig Wittgenstein, J.S. Mill and Max Weber to make his case.

### VERSTEHEN

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### THE USES OF UNDERSTANDING IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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**Routledge** In late nineteenth-century German academic circles, the term verstehen (literally, understanding, or comprehension) came to be associated with the view that social phenomena must be understood from the point of view of the social actor. Advocates of this approach were opposed by positivists who stressed the unity of method between the social and natural sciences and an external, experimental, and quantitative knowledge. Although modified over time, the dispute between positivists and antipositivists--nowadays called naturalists and antinaturalists--has persisted and still defines many debates in the field of philosophy of social sciences. In this volume, Michael Martin offers a critical appraisal of verstehen as a method of verification and discovery as well as a necessary condition for understanding. In its strongest forms, verstehen entails subjectively reliving the experience of the social actor or at least rethinking his or her thoughts, while in its weaker forms it only involves reconstructing the rationale for acting. Martin's opening chapter offers a reconsideration of the debate between the classical verstehen theorists--Wilhelm Dilthey, Max Weber, R.G. Collingwood--and the positivists. Chapters 2 and 3 deal with positivist critiques of verstehen as a method of social scientific verification and understanding. In the subsequent chapters Martin considers contemporary varieties of the verstehen position and argues that they like the classical positions, they conflict with the pluralistic nature of social science. Chapter 4 discusses Peter Winch's and William Dray's variants of verstehen, while chapters 5 through 9 consider recent theorists--Karl Popper, Charles Taylor, Clifford Geertz--whose work can be characterized in verstehenist terms: In his conclusion Martin defines the limitations of the classical and recent verstehen positions and proposes a methodological pluralism in which verstehen is justified pragmatically in terms of the purposes and contexts of inquiry. This volume is the only comprehensive and sustained critique of verstehen theory currently available. It will be of interest to sociologists, philosophers, political scientists, and anthropologists.

### OBJECTIVITY AND THE SILENCE OF REASON

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## WEBER, HABERMAS AND THE METHODOLOGICAL DISPUTES IN GERMAN SOCIOLOGY

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**Routledge** Issues important to the philosophy of social science are widely discussed in the American academy today. Some social scientists resist the very idea of a debate on general issues. They continue to focus on behaviorist and positivist criteria, and the concepts, methods, and theories appropriate to a particular and narrow form of scientific inquiry. McCarthy argues that a new and valuable perspective may be gained on these questions through a return to philosophical debates surrounding the origins and development of nineteenth- and twentieth-century German sociology. In *Objectivity and the Silence of Reason* he focuses on two key figures, Max Weber and Jurrgen Habermas, reopening the vibrant and rich intellectual dispute about knowledge and truth in epistemology and concept formation, logic of analysis, and methodology in the social sciences. He uses this debate to explore the forms of objectivity in everyday experience and science, and the relations between science, ethics, and politics. McCarthy analyzes the tension in Weber's work between his early methodological writings with their emphasis on interpretive science, subjective intentionality, cultural and historical meaning and the later works that emphasize issues of explanatory science, natural causality, social prediction, and nomological law. While arguing for a value-free science, Weber was highly critical of the disenchanting and meaningless world of technical reason and rejected positivist objectivity. McCarthy shows how Habermas attempted to resolve tensions in Weber's work by clarifying the relationship between the methods of subjective interpretation and objective causality. Habermas believes that social science cannot be silent in the face of alienation, false consciousness, and the oppression of technological and administrative rationality and must adopt methodologies connected to the broader ethical and political questions of the day. Drawing deeply on the Kantian and neo-Kantian tradition that contributed to the development of Weber's method, *Objectivity and the Silence of Reason* demonstrates the crucial integration of philosophy and sociology in German intellectual culture. It elucidates the complexities of the development of modern social science. The book will be of interest to sociologists, philosophers, and intellectual historians.

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## THE ROUTLEDGE INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK ON MAX WEBER

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**Taylor & Francis** This book explores the latest thinking about Max Weber and his continuing influence on theoretical and empirical interests today. Bringing together the work of leading scholars from a variety of disciplines, it illuminates Weber's thought in a number of key areas, including the methodology and philosophy of social science, comparative religion, the rationalization process, political sociology, the sociology of law, and the Protestant ethic and the development of capitalism. An international collection that demonstrates the enduring importance of Weber's thought to contemporary sociology and the discipline's major concerns, *The Routledge International Handbook on Max Weber* will appeal to scholars in a range of disciplines, including sociology, social theory, politics, philosophy, law, and international relations.

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## THE GENESIS OF MAX WEBER'S PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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## THE NATURE OF CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL DISCOURSE

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## MAX WEBER AND CHARLES PEIRCE

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## AT THE CROSSROADS OF SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, AND CULTURE

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**Lexington Books** This book marks the first time that the leading European social scientist Max Weber has been brought into conversation with the leading American philosopher Charles Peirce. This conversation helps us to better understand the challenges that are facing global modernity in the 21st century and also points to creative ways to redress them.

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## THE IMPOSSIBLE SCIENCE

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## AN INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS OF AMERICAN SOCIOLOGY

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**SAGE Publications, Incorporated** What accounts for American sociology's diversity, its broad and eclectic research agenda, its lack of unifying paradigms, and its overall weakness as an institutional force in both academia and the policy arena? Stephen Park Turner and Jonathan H. Turner critically examine the discipline, tracing its historical roots back to the Civil War. In their comprehensive analysis, the authors point out the "accidents" in the history of the discipline and the role of political decisions and strategies in shaping it: particularly the attempts to reform sociology, and the equivocal, often contradictory missions that these reforms have prescribed for sociologists. They highlight the variable nature of the human, financial, and intellectual resources available to the profession and show how fundamentally this has affected the fashions and factionalism of sociology. Finally, Turner and Turner explore the current state of the discipline, based on this history, and reflect on the future of sociology. *The Impossible Science* is a radical revision of the conventional history of American sociology. It rejects both "triumphalism" and the "successful institutionalization" model, as well as the conventional

"Chicago-centered" image of its early history. They show the extent to which the choices of the discipline today are limited, and the systematic reasons behind the failure of past disciplinary reforms. This controversial and pessimistic appraisal deserves immediate attention from all professionals and all upper-division students in the field. "In fewer than 200 pages of text Turner and Turner have produced a remarkably fair and evenhanded account of the development of American sociology. . . . The Impossible Science is well worth the attention of readers of this journal."

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### **MAX WEBER AND THE DISPUTE OVER REASON AND VALUE**

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**Routledge** The problem of the nature of values and the relation between values and rationality is one of the defining issues of twentieth-century thought and Max Weber was one of the defining figures in the debate. In this book, Turner and Factor consider the development of the dispute over Max Weber's contribution to this discourse, by showing how Weber's views have been used, revised and adapted in new contexts. The story of the dispute is itself fascinating, for it cuts across the major political and intellectual currents of the twentieth century, from positivism, pragmatism and value-free social science, through the philosophy of Jaspers and Heidegger, to Critical Theory and the revival of Natural Right and Natural Law. As Weber's ideas were imported to Britain and America, they found new formulations and new adherents and critics and became absorbed into different traditions and new issues. This book was first published in 1984.

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### **THE SAGE HANDBOOK OF SOCIAL SCIENCE METHODOLOGY**

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**SAGE Publications Limited** This is a jewel among methods handbooks, bringing together a formidable collection of international contributors to comment on every aspect of the various central issues, complications, and controversies in the core methodological traditions. It is designed to meet the needs of those disciplinary and nondisciplinary problem-oriented social inquirers for a comprehensive overview of the methodological literature.

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### **MAX WEBER'S VISION OF HISTORY**

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#### **ETHICS AND METHODS**

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**Berkeley : University of California Press**

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### **KARL JASPERS ON MAX WEBER**

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**Paragon House Publishers** What Sigmund Freud is to psychoanalysis, Max Weber is to sociology: the founding father, the primary source of idea, invention, and organization upon which the modern practice of the science is based. Karl Jaspers occupies an equally high place in the existentialist movement in philosophy. For many years, these two intellectual giants were close associates. These brilliant and eminently readable essays were written between 1920 and 1962, originally in German. Here they are available in English. Jaspers divides Weber's work into three broad categories--philosophical, scientific, and political. He examines Weber's passionate devotion to the goal of purifying science of all passion, and specifically of making the social sciences an objective, value-free inquiry. He explores Weber's notion of the role of political leadership, and of the crisis of contemporary civilization as experienced in Germany. When one towering intellect writes about another, we enjoy insights into the minds of both. On Max Weber speaks to the philosopher, the sociologist, the political scientist, and the scholar, while it broadens the intellectual horizons of everyone concerned with deeper questions of mind, society, and the human condition.--From publisher description.

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### **CONCEPT FORMATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCE (ROUTLEDGE REVIVALS)**

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**Routledge** First published in 1983, this book examines the problems of concept formation in the social sciences, and in particular sociology, from the standpoint of a realistic philosophy of science. Beginning with a discussion of positivistic, hermeneutic, rationalist and realistic philosophies of science, Dr Outhwaite argues that realism is best able to furnish rational criteria for the choice and specification of social scientific concepts. A realistic philosophy of science therefore acts as his reference point for the dialectical presentation of alternative accounts.

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### **WEBER, IRRATIONALITY, AND SOCIAL ORDER**

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**Univ of California Press**

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### **RESPONSIBILITY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

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## ELEMENTS OF A SOCIAL THEORY

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**Springer** The present volume elucidates the scope of responsibility in science and technology governance by way of assimilating insights gleaned from sociological theory and STS and by investigating the ways in which responsibility unfolds in social processes. Drawing on these theoretical perspectives, the volume goes on to review a 'heuristic model' of responsibility. Such a model provides a simple, tentative, though no less coherent analytical framework for further examining the idea of responsibility, its transformations, configurations and contradictions.

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## SOCIAL SCIENCE

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**IntroBooks** The economic, political and cultural changes in the West from the eighteenth century, as the Industrial Revolutions and French, showed significant changes in society on its past forms, mainly based on traditions. Thus arises the Sociology in the eighteenth century, with the first social research and the general ideas of the Enlightenment, as a way to understand and explain these social changes. Therefore, sociology is a science historically dated and that its emergence is linked to the consolidation of modern capitalism. This discipline marks a change in the way of thinking about social reality if detaching it from transcendental concerns and differing progressively from other sciences as a rational and systematic way of understanding society.

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## MAX WEBER'S 'SCIENCE AS A VOCATION' (RLE SOCIAL THEORY)

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Max Weber's lecture 'Science as a Vocation' is a classic of social thought, in which central questions are posed about the nature of social and political thought and action. The lecture has often taken to be a summation of Weber's thought. It can also be argued that, together with the responses of its admirers and critics, it provides a focus for discussion of the nature of modernity and its political consequences, and of the philosophical and political implications of the social or human sciences. This volume provides a full, clear, revised translation of the lecture, together with translations from the German of key contributions to the lively debate that followed its publication. The book concludes with a substantial essay on the current significance of the lecture, which discusses its relevance to the debates about the nature of science as a cultural phenomenon; the disjunction between science and nature; Weber's conception of the disenchantment of the world; the division of scientific labour; and the fundamental nature and place of sociology.

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## MAX WEBER IN AMERICA

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**Princeton University Press** Lawrence Scaff provides new details about Weber's visit to the United States--what he did, what he saw, whom he met and why and how these experiences profoundly influenced Weber's thought an immigration, capitalism, science and culture, Romanticism, race diversity, Protestantism, and modernity. Scaff traces Weber's impact on the development of the social sciences in the United States following his death in 1920, examining how Weber's ideas were interpreted, translated, and disseminated by American scholars such as Talcott Parsons and Frank Knight, and how the Weberian canon, codified in America, was reintroduced into Europe after World War II. --

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## SCIENCE, VALUES AND POLITICS IN MAX WEBER'S METHODOLOGY

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### NEW EXPANDED EDITION

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**Routledge** First published in 1972, this book on Weber's methodological writings is today regarded as a modern classic in its field. In this new expanded edition, the author has revised and updated the original text, and translated the numerous German quotations into English. He has also added a new introduction, where he discusses major issues raised in the relevant secondary literature since 1972. The author traces the relationship between values and science in Max Weber's methodology of its central aspects: value freedom, value relation (Wertbeziehung), value analysis, the ideal type and the special problems which pertain to the sphere of politics. Weber's thought is presented and discussed on the basis of a meticulous analysis of all available, published or unpublished, original material. The book is indispensable for all serious Weber scholars and provides the general student with a clear, accessible and authoritative exposition of major aspects of Weber's methodology.

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## MAX WEBER

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### THE LAWYER AS SOCIAL THINKER

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**Routledge** First published in 2004. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

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**MAX WEBER'S METHODOLOGIES**

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**INTERPRETATION AND CRITIQUE**

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**Polity** Max Weber is widely regarded as the most important and influential figure in the history of the social sciences. Among other things, he wrote extensively on the methodology of the social sciences, but his writings on methodology are complex and are the subject of many conflicting interpretations. In this authoritative new book, Sven Eliaeson provides a comprehensive introduction to Weber's methodology and to the various ways it has been interpreted by subsequent scholars in Europe and the United States. Eliaeson shows how the vested interests of scholars have resulted in biased interpretations of Weber's work. Weber was preoccupied with the intellectual problems of his time and not with our current disciplinary crises. By placing Weber's thought and methodology in its historical context, Eliaeson is able to provide a masterly reconstruction of his central concerns while at the same time exploring the enduring relevance of Weber's work for sociology today. This book will be recognized as a definitive work on Weber's methodology and will be an indispensable text for students and scholars in sociology and the social sciences.