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From the Secretary

This is the first issue after the interim conference in Torun and I'd like to use the opportunity to say thanks to the local organizer, Janusz Mucha. He and his team did a great job, as everyone present will corroborate.

This is most probably the first newsletter in the history of the RCHS with photos. Not the best from the standpoint of a book designer or typesetter but they provide visual impressions from the interim conference in Torun at least. I'd like to thank Grazyna Kubica (Krakow) and Maarten Mentzel (Delft) who not only took the photos but also were kind enough to send copies to me and agreed to publish them here.

Those who will find their names listed on page 21f. are strongly requested to renew their membership. Only those who will pay their dues before December 31, 2000 will get the next newsletter, scheduled for January 2001.

Please check also your address in the updated directory of members and send me corrections or addenda. I would also appreciate to receive notes about ongoing research projects, recently published papers, chapters, books etc. Comments, articles, or any other communication are welcomed for the next issues.

In the next newsletter you will find a preliminary report on archival resources, especially holdings of unpublished material from and about sociologists accessible through the Internet, as proposed during the business meeting in Torun.

Finally I'd like to mention that RCHS received a special grant from ISA for the newsletter. Due to this benefit we will have a chance to overcome the increasing costs for sending the newsletter by regular postal service.

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Letter from the President, No. 6

From Torun to Brisbane...

by Dirk Kaesler

Not only the Olympic Games are over, - the "Interim Conference" of the RCHS in Torun early June has become history (not only of sociology) as well. In this beautiful university town more than some 30 scholars from 12 countries met for three days. We listened to a substantial number of really good papers in the Institute of Sociology of Nicholas Copernicus University in Mickiewicza Street and we had heated and fruitful discussions about our common interests in the history of sociology. We furthermore had a good time in the splendid university building in Zeglarska Street, from the first welcome evening to the splendid farewell dinner. In general, we had a good time in this impressive city lead by hospitable guides to its manifold treasures!

And all of this, of course, was very much the merit of our local hosts, Janusz Mucha and his team. And of our Secretary, Christian Fleck, who had put together a good and well-composed programme. All those RCHS-members who could/did not attend are to be pitied: they have missed something!

But do not despair. The substantial part of the papers produced for and/or presented in Torun you will have the opportunity to read next year, because there will a volume that shall come out of this conference! Here again, Janusz Mucha and our colleague Włodzimierz Winclawski, have taken the initiative to collect and edit a book with these Essays in the History of Sociology (a more juicy head-title will have to be found: if you have suggestions, please, share them with us!). The book as a whole, to be published by Nicholas Copernicus University Press in co-operation with the RCHS, shall document not only the work of the RCHS in Torun, but also the state of the art in the history of sociology. And it shall document that our Research Committee not only is one of the older ones of the ISA, but also one of the productive ones.

With this look-back our views and plans as of now may be directed to our next conference, in Brisbane! Not knowing what the Secretary shall actually include in this Newsletter I assume that he will provide some information about the Brisbane World Congress which will be held from Monday, July 8 to Saturday, July 13, 2002. The general theme of the congress is The Social World in the Twenty First Century: Ambivalent legacies and rising challenges. There should be enough space and opportunity for us to show that we, as the RCHS, have something to say about these themes!

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The RCHS Interim Conference in Torun, Poland, June 1-4, 2000: A Sociological Trip

by Dirk Raith, Graz

Joseph Koljaiczek was born in Torun. The town was somewhere halfway between Warszawa and Gdansk, and it would take me 15 hours to get there. At the moment I’m writing that piece, I could also tell you that Nicolaus Copernicus, of course, was born there as well, that Torun is an old Hanseatic town worth seeing, and that they got a nicely located and well-
staffed institute of sociology there that looks back on a short but agitated history which could make some of us rethink what we used to hold true about the „Eastern bloc“ and the kind of „sociology“ they produced over there. Well, on that painfully early morning when I made myself at home in a second-class smoking compartment of the PBB, I didn’t know all that, too.

I won’t trouble you with the details of that journey, which I spent most of the time sleeping, trying to prepare the presentation I was supposed to give, and questioning those people, intellectuals, who allegedly get all kinds of things done on a train. The travelers I joined at Vienna Ostbahnhof - a girl from Slovakia who studies in Vienna, an elderly Viennese couple visiting old friends, post-89 remigrants to Warszawa, and a Pole who works in Vienna on his monthly way home to Katowice - were sociable people and interesting enough, though none of them intellectual or able to tell me any more about Torun. I heard and observed some things about Poland and „the East“, however, which were of equal importance to the committed sociologist. I will occasionally get back to that later.

Those 15 hours later, the sun was about to set, the train entered Torun Glowny station. Seasoned as I was from our stop in Warszawa, I made straight for one of the kiosks, bought a ticket, a few minutes later the bus set over the long metal bridge spanning the Wisła. Koljaiczek drowned in there, I remembered, a few miles down-stream, near what was then Dirschau (this I did look up at home).

At least they thought so, that is. A former arsonist by calling and an ardent Polish nationalist (he used to light only Prussian Junkers’ estates), Koljaiczek - to tell you the whole story - had disappeared by adopting a drowned rafter’s identity. Turning into Joseph Wranka, he had also become an upright, law-abiding citizen and actually voluntary fireman -- until, in the summer of 1913, that very same day the „Columbus“ was launched at Schichau, he got unmasked and hunted down by the Prussian police. Again fiery Koljaiczek, he jumped into the water, disappeared under a tightly woven carpet of rafts, and was never seen again. He did not drown, however, so the family myth (in one version at least) had it, but escaped, on the „Columbus“, to the States, where he made a fortune in matches.

It would still be a nice beginning, but I’m not exactly telling you this story because Koljaiczek was a Toruner or simply because it is so thrilling. By the way, it is not even true. Joseph Koljaiczek is fiction, a sub-plot hero from Günther Grass’ Tin Drum. His story stuck in my mind for its sheer allegoric, mythical quality. A Polish arsonist-thought-dead-turned-match-producing-
millionaire in the US. Certainly I should know better from Thomas and Znaniecki or Upton Sinclair. However, there is more to that story than a witty variation on the dishwasher theme.

I do not claim to understand what Grass - or little Oskar Matzerath's tin drum, if you prefer - exactly wanted to tell us with Koljaiczek's story. Grass probably had as much fun telling it as Oskar (or his drum) while drumming Koljaiczek's second metamorphosis into Joe Colchic, the synthesis, as it were, which he explicitly chose for good fit. Yet, it is the very irony (you may call it „dialectical“) within the story itself where its fascination - to those susceptible - seems to stem from. You could possibly stuff all kinds of stories into the same plot. Like, e.g., the biography of another well-known Toruner (as I learnt that first evening in town, when I stumbled over his monument), Nicolaus Copernicus: a man of the church whose heretical findings, kept secret for thirty years and published only after his death, lay the ground for the erosion of Christian cosmology and everything in its wake, you name it.

With good reason, you may still wonder what all this has to do with the history of sociology, let alone with our meeting. Well, for one, the story of sociology isn't without any irony, if you search for it. The very child of the Enlightenment, as is well known, its early history is written in subliminal biblical allegories (the German case), quasi-religious exaltation (the French case) and semi-secularized social gospels (the American case), to put it very strongly. However, virtually all of them were in some way inspired by the idea of an earthly Garden Eden, which we would finally enter again with the help of „sociology“. But the very notion of irony itself, in its tragically form as well as - if less often so - in the fashion of a quasi-Hegelian List der Vernunft, ironically, seems to have exerted an irresistible fascination to exactly those sociologists of the following, classical generation - notably the Germans - who tried to think „historically“, i.e.: generally, to show that history was a man-made thing, without any law or meaning within itself, yet not entirely unstructured, and that capitalism in particular was not the end, but itself historical.

A number of historians of sociology (cf. e.g. Lenk 1964; Mitzman 1966, 1973; Liebersohn 1988) have pointed to the „tragical conscience“ that was behind many of these endeavors round about the (still) last turn of the century. Max Weber, e.g., seems to have believed just as much into the inescapable Entzauberung der Welt as Comte, e.g., did belief in his law of three stages or Marx in the historically necessary Umschlag from necessity into freedom. The fact that, ironically (even if idealtically spoken), it was the very religious will to salvation which stood at the beginning of capitalism, may well have accounted for the strength of Weber's conviction.
Open dissatisfaction with the way history actually entered into the new century, or with their own implicit believes (hopes or fears) about it, however, let some others take refuge with a markedly agnostic, sometimes cynical or fascist look at history. Next to Robert Michels, the case of Werner Sombart is probably the most bizarre and instructive one in this respect: after his hopes for r/evolution according to the Marxian „comical plot“ (as Hayden White calls it) had vanished and the worker’s movement turned out not to be the new Gemeinschaft, he saw no other solution but to break out of that whole rotten story, intellectually and in praxe, by projecting - already in 1915 - the Nietzschean super-historical hero type to the „German people“, for him the „last protective dam against the mud flow of commercialism“.

I’m not trying here to poke fun at these sociologists or to deny the substantial contributions some of them have no doubt made to the heritage of sociology, don’t get me wrong. Only few of them were taken in by the Sirens’ song of poetic fallacy, overemplotting history according to the reified „theory“ they had about which things and how they were to be looked at. Certainly all of them were in some way trying to understand their times and find their place within history.

However, the actual reason why I initially embarked on that whole „irony“ thing, I think, was the introductory speech that Dirk Kaesler, in his capacity as president of our committee, had given on that first early morning of our To-run conference. The range of topics Mr. Kaesler touched in this very committed presentation entitled „Solidarity and sociology? Is there still a place for [the discussion about -- as he promised to change it after the discussion; D.R.] sociology as a Moral Science?“ was extensive, and those who couldn’t be there I can only refer to the „Letter from the President, No.1“ and its postscripts, which appeared in the past volumes of this newsletter, and to the projected proceedings volume which I hope you will find some more information about within the pages of the present volume. I’m not going to deal exactly with questions regarding the approach, the rationale or the mission of (history of) sociology on the threshold into the new millennium, topics which mark the core of Dirk Kaesler’s commitment to our field of study, and which Sven Eliaeson, Charles Crothers and recently Sam Whimster and many others have already commented on in the newsletter and at the conference.

Except for justified scruples, as I believe, that were uttered - notably by our younger and Polish colleagues - against such an ambitious project, modeled on the original 19th century mission of sociology and on Christian morality, what really stuck in my mind was the underlying, indeed very attractive figure of thought that sociology, ironically, had degenerated from a „science of crisis“ into a „science in crisis“ (I chose „science“ for fit of argument). And this - that’s the other irony - at the very moment in history when the solution of its age-old project seemed to lie just around the corner. Dirk Kaesler adopted Robert K. Merton’s concept „obliteration by incorporation“ to come to grips with that phenomenon, because - as he wrote earlier, in our Newsletter 3/99 - „I think that this is the type of fate much of sociology’s contribution to human wisdom is facing right now. The more sociological findings, terms and concepts are incorporated into common human knowledge, [...], the more urgent the question of the necessity of sociology seems to become.“ (Cf. Letter from the President No. 3, Newsletter 2/99, p. 2).
meant to end it. Hans Freyer, one of those who has probably given most thought to the concept of sociology as a „science of crisis“, thought that, with historical necessity, it had to disappear as soon as - under National Socialism - state and civil society (those old rivals) were finally synthesized into the total of Volk, Führer und Vaterland. A very sophisticated argument indeed for the Selbst-Gleichschaltung of German sociology and its professional association that drew from the best of modern social philosophy in order to close that project. And „crisis“, in these crypto-Marxist terms, was essentially an ironical concept, either the last consequence of its tragic form, or then again the cathartic starting-point of a brand new era. Certainly, in the „post-ideological era“ after World War II, without any crisis to compare, but with a load of „social problems“ to solve, sociology was able to attain that competence and reputation which today makes us look back at that episode as its Golden Age, as a specialized academic subject.

Well, to cut a long story short, I fully agree that, even after communism, history and the modern, sociology doesn’t have to disappear, eaten up by its children, this time. I don’t know if it is that important to make it known who had first given the names to the things we may nowadays also talk about in private, like „globalization“, „rationalization“, or „society“ in the first place, you name it. I rather think that, even as historians of the subject, we should better redirect our narcissistic grudge into doing what sociology, true to its roots in the Enlightenment, has always done, i.e.: address the problems where we see them, with our remaining social reputation as sociologists, and use our concepts and instruments in an accountable and effective manner enough to regain some of the very competence to publicly define what may count as a problem or even as a „crisis“ in the first place, and to state clear that it is actually possible to do something about it -- before we are asked why we didn’t say or do anything before it „actually“ set in.

A historical perspective, not least on sociology, should be of great value for such an endeavor. The privileged historical distance from which we do research about whatever may be our topics, and the detached understanding for the earthly limits of human knowledge that comes with it, may not only make us somewhat more modest in our claims, but also help us to get a more distanced and critical view at our present as well. Maybe even somewhat of an a-historical perspective, which is not exactly the opposite of fatalism, but still a good precondition to be critical historians of sociology as well as critical sociologists.

Well, I haven’t said anything about the other presentations I had the opportunity to attend to. The conference was no bigger than the small share of professional or amateur historians within the guild of sociologists would allow for, contrary to the talk of an unduly self-occupation our subject is even confronted with from within. Those of you who couldn’t be in Torun probably studied the program presented in the last newsletter, which tells you that there had been 39 presentations planned in 11 different sections. Some of the scheduled speakers - in my records it was 6 - cancelled their presentations, but still it wasn’t possible for me to be everywhere at the same time, of course. I will refrain from trying to give you one-sentence summaries of the papers I heard. I hope most of them will appear in the volume that’s bound to be published at the end of this year.

Certainly, and this was the great plus of being in private, besides giving papers and attentively listening to and discussing what the others did tell us, we could also go on after work and find somebody who was indeed interested in the topics we work on or could at least imagine the importance of the problems and findings we encountered in our research. But it wasn’t all work. When sitting in the patio of that little Pizzeria at Reja and Broniewskiego Street, or dining and drinking beer in front of one of the restaurants around the Old Town Hall, we did also behave and talk like ordinary people. Of course - and I’m always talking about the people sitting right next to me, to keep up with some of the methodological standards here - there was talk about „the present situation in Austria“, e.g.. Then, was the incidence of being aggressively approached by prostitutes in a hotel lobby an apt indicator for Poland still not having caught up with the West, still in transition? What did it tell us about Poland when you ordered some cotlet and got chicken instead? And how was the omni-presence of these „kiosks“ to be interpreted: post-socialist ephemeral, the Polish way to capitalism, a neo-liberal model, or everything at the same time?

From these informal gatherings, which were usually prolonged inside, in one of the bars, I learnt that sociologists are ordinary, sociable people, maybe with a slight disposition in private to epagoge, however theoretically informed, from every little evidence they can get. Obviously, I can’t exempt myself from that judgment.
On my way back over the bridge, this time I walked, I had to think about Koljaiczek again. What a nice story, I thought; you could even make it into a history of sociology.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of RCHS

Held in Torun on 3 June 2000. Present: The President, Secretary, and 20 other members.

Secretary’s Report

RCHS now has about 220 members, of whom about 150 are also ISA members in good standing; the number of ISA members determines the number of slots we shall receive for the forthcoming World Congress.

There is reason to believe that some members’ addresses are out of date, perhaps especially their e-mail numbers, so everyone is urged to ensure that the Secretary has the full up-to-date address. Members were also urged to send information for the Newsletter. The possibility of reducing costs by distributing the Newsletter by e-mail was discussed; enthusiasm for this varied. It was agreed that anyone who was willing to receive it via e-mail should inform the Secretary, so members are now invited to do this.

It had been agreed at the last business meeting to draw up proposals for the reform of our Statutes, which are out of date and do not cover some appropriate topics. No steps had yet been taken, but this will be set in motion in time for proposals to be made to the next business meeting.

RCHS’s financial situation is healthy, and will be improved by the receipt of a newsletter grant from the ISA. In the past money not needed for immediate administrative costs has been made available to provide modest financial assistance to speakers at the World Congress who might otherwise not have been able to get there; for the Brisbane congress, travel costs are likely to be sufficiently great for the amount available to be of little practical use. The Secretary proposed, therefore, that alternative uses should be considered, and suggested that some creative intellectual use might be found. The uses suggested were to do with the collection and dissemination of material about archival sources: perhaps paying a graduate student to collate initial information on the location of archival material for the history of sociology, or setting in motion the provision of guidelines for archival deposits. A majority of those present agreed that such use would be better than the payment of minor travel costs, and it was agreed to initiate an attempt to start a listing.

Chall Fellowship

It was agreed that the time was now appropriate for some renewal of the membership of the sub-committee for making recommendations on this fellowship. It was agreed, with due attention to the range of materials which might be submitted, that the new sub-committee should be Dirk Kae Sl er, Jennifer Platt and (subject to his consent) Charles Crothers.

World Congress Programme

The following proposals were made for potential session topics:
1. The history of the relations between economics and sociology (Hans Ludwig Ay)
2. The connection between sociology and history (Helena Z. Lopata)
3. Utility versus the interpretation of the classics (Sven Eliaesson)
4. History of mainstream sociology in non-Western societies (Irmela Gorges)
5. The history of Australian sociology (Jennifer Platt, to approach Australian association)
6. Collective biographical moments and their relevance to the history of scholarly work (Dirk Kae sl er)
7. The history of empirical social research (Irmela Gorges)
8. Continuities and discontinuities in the history of sociology (Sergej Flere)

There was also some discussion of the possibility of joint sessions with other RCs, though past experience suggested that these could be hard to arrange.

Torun Conference Proceedings

Janusz Mucha raised the possibility of publication of the proceedings of the conference, or some of them, by the Nicolaus Copernicus University Press. After some discussion of the desirability of this it was agreed that Janusz Mucha and Wlodzimierz Winclawski should submit a short proposal, which would go to the Executive Council for decision; if they approved it, JM and WW would proceed with it and take responsibility for the detailed editorial decisions.

Jennifer Platt
RCHS Members: Some Statistics

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ASA’s Newly Established Section on History of Sociology

Note: RCHS Terry Clark asked to include the following notes about the formation of ASA’s section on history of sociology.

Council Members,

Before reading over the minutes, please take some time to think of and recruit your friends and associates to join our History of Sociology Section. Our most recent count is 221 as of September 6 and we need at least 300 members by September 30 to maintain our present status. Remember new section members must be ASA members. Ask those willing or interested to send a check for $5 (students) or $10 (all others) to Membership Services, American Sociological Association, Suite 700, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005-4701 with a note indicating the section they are adding to their ASA membership. We really need to work on this!

Kathleen Slobin

ASA History of Sociology Section, Business Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2000, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

MINUTES

Interim organizers Patricia Lengermann and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley opened the first business meeting of the ASA History of Sociology Section with 31 members in attendance.

1. Agreement on the agenda. The Agenda was submitted by J. Niebrugge and accepted by those attending.

2. Introduction of new officers. J. Niebrugge distributed a list of elected

Section officers:

Chair         Helena Znaniecki Lopata
Chair-Elect   Michael Hill
Secretary-Treasurer Kathleen Slobin
3-yr Council Members Mary Jo Deegan
Susan Hoecker-Drysdale
2-yr Council Members Terry Nichols Clark
Edward Tiryakian
1-yr Council Members Brenda Hoke
Eleanor Townsley
Student Member Robert Woodberry

3. Health of the Section. P. Lengermann presented the history of the Section's formation since 1996 and its current condition.
   b. Section status achieved October 1, 1999.
   c. Web site established and three newsletters were distributed to members.
   d. Slate of candidates developed by the nominating committee for the first election.
   e. Program developed for ASA Meeting consisting of a session of roundtable presentations and two other sessions (i.e., History of Sociology: Outside the Academy; and Images of Sociology, 1800-2000).
   f. Of the $1500 ASA allocation for section development, $900 was returned and then added to this year's allocation.
   g. As of August 1, the Section has 217 members.
      A Section membership goal of 300 plus members would represent a healthy condition and keep the Section from being audited by the ASA.

4. Section Needs. The need to increase membership from the present 217 members to a minimum of 300 members, to comply with the new ASA standards for section good standing, was the major focus of this report. Niebrugge also directed attention to other Section needs.
   a. Newsletter editor: Linda Rynbrandt, Ph.D. Grand Valley State University, volunteered.
   b. Web and List-serve editor: Eleanor Townsley, Ph.D. Mount Holyoke College volunteered.
   c. Awards: To be considered at later date.
   d. Membership recruitment: J. Porter suggested that everyone present should reach out to friends and students to increase membership.
   e. Schedule of Council Meetings: To be determined at a later date.
   f. Additional Issues from members:
      1) Development of a collection of visual materials related to the discipline was suggested by Mel W. Barber. Jack Nusan Porter suggested obtaining documentaries like the one on refugee scholars.
      2) A possible liaison between this Section and the ISA History of Sociology Section was proposed by Jan Fritz.
      3) A journal of the history of sociology was proposed. Criteria for a journal would need to be developed. Some present believed that there was considerable interest among publishers.

5. Plans for the 2001 Annual Meeting. The following suggestions were taken from those in attendance.
   a. E. Tiryakian suggested a mini conference to provide a program focus and translate into a journal and readership for year 2000. Theme: History of sociology on a comparative basis; e.g., Networks in Sociology as an Institution.
      1) E. Townsley said that a mini-conference can be put into play with e-mail.
      2) U. Gerhardt suggested a mini conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of T. Parsons’s The Social System (1951)
      3) Another suggested the theme of sociology in organizational settings
   b. B. Woodberry suggested creating liaisons with other sections. He noted that the Sociology of Religion section would be interested in such an arrangement.


ASA History of Sociology Council
Working Lunch Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2000, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

NOTES

This was a luncheon meeting at which the following were present: H. Lopata, M.J. Deegan, M. Hill, S. Hoecker-Drysdale, P. Lengermann, J. Niebrugge-Brantley, L. Rynbrandt, K. Slobin, E. Tiryakian, E. Townsley, and R. Woodberry.

The following topics were discussed and decisions made. H. Lopata, Chair, presided over the meeting.

1. Next Year's Program.
   a. Co-sponsor a session next year with Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR). R. Woodberry will talk to Tony Blasi, President of ASR about co-sponsoring a session.
   b. Round tables. Most agreed that round table presentations were important for a new sec-
tion and could provide opportunities for students.

c. Possible Future Sessions. E. Townsley suggested a mini conference or session on the legacy of the 1960s. Others supported that idea.

d. For next year's meeting, it was generally agreed that there would be one open session organized by Linda Rynbrandt and Mary Jo Deegan, a session with round tables, and depending on the outcome of negotiations with ASR, a session on a theme combining the history of sociology and religion.

e. H. Z. Lopata said that she would like to ask members via e-mail about their ideas for next year's program.

2. Next Year's Reception. M. Hill will look into the costs of a reception with a cash bar.

3. Film on refugee scholars. M. Hill said that he would look into obtaining a copy of the film and finding out how to insert it into the regular ASA documentary series.

4. Membership
   H. Lopata will contact Michael Keen at University of Indiana, South Bend to obtain a list of lapsed members.
   K. Slobin will contact P. Lengermann and J. Niebrugge-Brantley for the Council e-mail list and circulate it to members of the council.
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Jahrbuch für Soziologieggeschichte 1996) with chapters from several members of the RCHS: Kurt H. Wolff, Die beiden geheimen Dichter, 145-148; Éva Karádi, Mannheims Vorlesung im Zusammenhang der Diskussion um Ideologie und Utopie, 149-160; Éva Gábor, Karl Mannheim als multidisziplinärer Denker, 161-170; Carsten Klingemann, Zur Rezeption von Karl Mannheim im Kontext der Debatte um Soziologie und Nationalsozialismus, 213-237; Christian Fleck, Die Vorlesung von 1930 -- ein Beitrag zur Gegenwartsdiagnostik?, 241-262; David Kettler, „Can we master the global tensions or must we suffer shipwreck on our own history?“, 293-310; Martin Endreß, Soziologie als methodischer Relationismus. Karl Mannheims Auseinandersetzung mit der Relativismusproblematik als Kern seiner wissenssoziologischen Analyse der Moderne, 329-352.

Christian Fleck


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The book is carefully structured to facilitate understanding of potentially challenging ideas. In the first half of the book the author focuses on introducing the core traditions od American social and political thought - Exceptionalism, Political Theology, Republicanism, Liberalism and Pragmatism. The second half of the book applies these traditions to a broad range of twentieth-century conditions and issues - power and Democracy, Justice and Injustice, Multiculturalism and Pluralism, Civil Society, Social Theory and Intellectuals. The work of some of the most influential figures in the field, such as de Tocqueville, Lipset, Arendt, Sklalr, Hartz, Pocock, Dewey, Moore, Rawls, Walzer, Rorty and Sandel, are drawn upon to illustrate the theories and issues being discussed.

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We would like to thank Ulf Himmelstrand, Mike Keen, Ivan Light and Barbara Misztal for sending the texts in the standard we request, without even knowing what we wanted. Our “Preface” is also done.

This is the alphabetic list of the contributions. This is therefore NOT the table of contents but the raw material for the table of contents.

Reinhard Blomert, Irmela Gorges and Juliana Lutz expressed their interest but have never sent us the title.

Bruun Hans Henrik, “Weber on Rickert: The problem of values and value relation”

Deegan Mary Jo and Ana Maria Wahl, “Arts and crafts in Chicago and Britain: The sociology of Ellen Gates Starr at Hull-House”

Eliaeson Sven, “Gunnar Myrdal: Theorist of modernity”

Fleck Christian and Dirk Raith, “Emigre social scientists from Austria: A prosopography”

Fournier Marcel, “Marcel Mauss revisited”

Gerhardt Uta, “An unknown classic: What the use of the Harvard University Archives Parsons papers has added to the understanding of Parsons’ sociology”

Halas Elżbieta, “Sociology and sociologists from the autobiographical perspective: Theodore Abel’s ‘Journal of Thoughts and Events”

Hill Michael R., “Of time, space, and the history of sociology: Methodological rules in archives and archival research”

Himmelstrand Ulf, “Surviving intellectually in a totalitarian society. Three faces in Russian sociology”

Kaesler Dirk, “Introduction”

Kaesler Dirk, “Solidarity and sociology? Is there still a place for sociology as a ‘moral science’?”

Kaesler Dirk, “How to write a socio-biography of Max Weber?”

Keen Mike F. and Janusz Mucha, “History in the making: Sociology and the transformation of Eastern and Central Europe”

Kettler David, “Karl Mannheim and the legacy of Max Weber: Sociology as political education”

Lal Barbara, “From individualism to essentialism: The uncertain legacy of the Chicago School on theories of race and ethnicity in cities”

Light Ivan, “The Chicago School and the ethnic economy”

Lyon, Stina E., “The Myrdals and the Thomases 1930-1940: The trials and tribulations of a cross-national research collaboration”

Misztal, Barbara A., “Durkheim: the desirability of normal”

Mucha Janusz and Wlodzimierz Winclawski, “Preface”

Platt Jennifer, “National needs for the sociological archives – and the British situation”

Segre Sandro, “Stratification theory and research in Weimar’s Germany”

Vannier Patricia, “Autobiographies by French sociologists after World War II: Their impact on the interpretation of the history of French sociology”

Whimster Sam, “Marianne Weber’s Childhood”

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