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HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

Origins

Eighteenth-century social thought (Vico, Montesquieu, Smith, Ferguson, Rousseau)

The development of nineteenth-century sociological positivism (Comte), sociological evolutionism (Spencer) and Marxism (Marx and Engels)



Classical Sociology

Weber, Simmel, Pareto
(the tradition of *verstehen*
sociology and critique of
positivism and evolutionism)

Durkheim's critique of the
positivist tradition

The development of Marxism after Marx involving a critique of materialism and evolutionism: Labriola, Gramsci, Sorel, Lukács



Modern Sociology

Phenomenological Sociology (Schutz)
Freud, Mead, Mannheim

Functionalism
Systems Theory and Action Theory
(Parsons)
Structuralism