Social Theory at Work

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Book Description

Work is fundamental to human society and modern organizations, and consequently has been central to the thinking of major social theorists and social science disciplines. This book offers a ‘one-stop-shop’ guide to classical and contemporary perspectives of work written by leading international experts. Schools covered include: Weberian, Marxian, Durkeimian, feminist, neo-classical economics, institutional economics, ethics, Foucauldian, postmodernist, organizational sociology and economic sociology.

Each chapter traces the origins of the theoretical school, reviews seminal contributions and considers major criticisms of the approach. In addition, the book features a section on key aspects of work-professions, technology, identity and globalization-to which these theories have been applied.

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