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#### BROWN

HOW MIGHT SOCIAL THEORY PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE AND SCIENCE POLICY BEST INFORM ONE ANOTHER WHAT HAVE BEEN THE KEY FEATURES OF SCIENCE SOCIETY RELATIONS IN THE MODERN WORLD HOW ARE WE TO RE THINK SCIENCE SOCIETY RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION HYBRIDITY AND CHANGING PATTERNS OF GOVERNANCE THIS TOPICAL AND UNIQUE BOOK DRAWS TOGETHER THE THREE KEY PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE SOCIETY RELATIONS PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE SCIENTIFIC AND PUBLIC GOVERNANCE AND SOCIAL THEORY THE BOOK PRESENTS A SERIES OF CASE STUDIES INCLUDING THE DEBATES ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS AND THE AIDS MOVEMENT IN THE USA TO DISCUSS CRITICALLY THE WAYS IN WHICH SOCIAL THEORISTS SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND SCIENCE POLICY MAKERS DEAL WITH SCIENCE SOCIETY RELATIONS SCIENCE AND SOCIETY COMBINE IN MANY COMPLEX WAYS CONCEPTS SUCH AS CITIZENSHIP EXPERTISE GOVERNANCE DEMOCRACY AND THE PUBLIC NEED TO BE RE THOUGHT IN THE CONTEXT OF CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS WITH GLOBALIZATION AND HYBRIDITY A RADICAL NEW APPROACH IS DEVELOPED AND THE NOTION OF ETHNO EPISTEMIC ASSEMBLAGE IS USED TO ARTICULATE A NEW SERIES OF QUESTIONS FOR THE THEORIZATION EMPIRICAL STUDY AND POLITICS OF SCIENCE SOCIETY RELATIONS

THIS VOLUME OFFERS SELECTED PAPERS EXPLORING ISSUES ARISING FROM SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IT FEATURES A RANGE OF DISCIPLINES INCLUDING BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES COMPUTER SCIENCE FINANCE AND STATISTICS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PHILOSOPHY THE FIRST OF THE THREE PARTS EXAMINES METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY CHAPTERS INVESTIGATE THE NATURE OF CAUSAL ANALYSIS PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES AROUND SCALE DEVELOPMENT IN BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IMAGINATION IN SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC PRACTICE AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PARADIGMS OF INQUIRY AND SCIENTIFIC FRAUD THE NEXT PART CONSIDERS THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE DISCOVERY CHAPTERS DISCUSS THE LACK OF GENUINE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN FINANCE WHERE HYPOTHESES CONCERN THE CHEAPNESS OF SECURITIES THE LOGIC OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN MACROECONOMICS AND THE NATURE OF THAT WHAT DISCOVERY WITH THE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT AS A CASE STUDY THE FINAL PART COVERS FORMALISING THEORIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE CHAPTERS ANALYSE THE ABSTRACT MODEL THEORY OF INSTITUTIONS AS A WAY OF REPRESENTING THE STRUCTURE OF SCIENTIFIC THEORIES THE SEMI

AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE THEORIES AND COMPUTATIONAL PROCESS MODELS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES THE VOLUME OFFERS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IT WILL ENGAGE SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS WITH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTEREST IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

NEW APPROACH DEMONSTRATING HOW SOCIAL SCIENCE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL FOCUSING ON CONTEXT VALUES AND POWER

JOHN BREWER EXPLORES THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE WAYS IN WHICH NOTIONS OF IMPACT AND VALUE COULD BE REFRAMED TO GENERATE A MORE PRODUCTIVE DEBATE AROUND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOOD OF SOCIETY

TO DEVELOP THEORIES AND RESEARCH DESIGNS REQUIRES CONCEPTS GARY GOERTZ PROVIDES ADVICE ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE CONCEPTS AND THEIR USE IN CASE SELECTION AND THEORIES HE ALSO CITES EXAMPLES FROM POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY TO ILLUSTRATE THE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES OF CONCEPT CONSTRUCTION AND USE

ROBERT K MERTON IS UNARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SOCIOLOGISTS OF HIS TIME A FIGURE WHOSE WIDE RANGING THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BECOME FUNDAMENTAL TO THE FIELD MERTON IS BEST KNOWN FOR INTRODUCING SUCH CONCEPTS AND PROCEDURES AS UNANTICIPATED CONSEQUENCES SELF FULFILLING PROPHECIES FOCUSED GROUP INTERVIEWS MIDDLE RANGE THEORY OPPORTUNITY STRUCTURE AND ANALYTIC PARADIGMS THIS DEFINITIVE COMPILATION ENCOMPASSES THE BREADTH AND BRILLIANCE OF HIS WORKS FROM THE EARLIEST TO THE MOST RECENT MERTON S FOUNDATIONAL WRITINGS ON SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND PROCESS ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE AND ON THE DISCIPLINE AND TRAJECTORY OF SOCIOLOGY ITSELF ARE ALL POWERFULLY REPRESENTED AS ARE HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL INSIGHTS IN A FASCINATING CODA ANCHORED BY PIOTR SZTOMPKA S CONTEXTUALIZING INTRODUCTION MERTON S VAST OEUVRE EMERGES AS A DYNAMIC AND PROFOUNDLY COHERENT SYSTEM OF THOUGHT A CONSTANT SOURCE OF VITALITY AND RENEWAL FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE SOCIOLOGY

GEORGE C HOMANS ADDRESSES A NUMBER OF CONTROVERSIAL IDEAS TO HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AS HE SETS ABOUT TO ASK HOW SCIENTIFIC THESE SCIENCES ARE AND TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS HE BELIEVES IN FACT THAT THEY FORM A SINGLE SCIENCE SHARING THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER AND EMPLOYING THE SAME BODY OF GENERAL EXPLANATORY PRINCIPLES AND CONTRARY TO THE OPINION OF MOST SCHOLARS HE ARGUES THAT THEY DO NOT DIFFER RADICALLY FROM THE PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND SHOULD BECOME EVEN MORE LIKE THEM PARTICULARLY IN THEIR EXPLANATIONS OR THEORIES FOR ALTHOUGH THE FINDINGS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES ARE FREQUENTLY EXCITING THE WORK OF ORGANIZING THESE FINDINGS REMAINS LARGELY UNDONE THIS URBANE CLEAR EYED BOOK IS A CHALLENGE TO ACCEPTED VIEWS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND A RALLYING CALL TO ITS VARIOUS BRANCHES FOR GREATER INTELLECTUAL UNITY

ACCORDING TO THEIR CRITICS SOCIAL SCIENTISTS RARELY ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND CANNOT PROVIDE SATISFACTORY ANSWERS EVEN TO THE QUESTIONS THEY ASK THEMSELVES SOCIAL SCIENTISTS OFTEN DISCUSS THE NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR FIELDS WITH A NOTABLE LACK OF CLARITY EXPLANATION AND EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE BY ROBERT BROWN DISPELS THE CONFUSION WITH COGENCY AND WIT IT IS A SYSTEMATIC SENSIBLE AND LUCID ANALYSIS OF THE NATURE OF THE EXPLANATIONS PUT FORWARD BY SOCIAL SCIENTISTS EXPLANATION MAKING IS FIRST DISTINGUISHED FROM DESCRIBING AND REPORTING AND THEN CLASSIFIED INTO DIFFERENT TYPES BASED ON DIFFERENT KINDS OF INFORMATION USED THE GREATER PART OF THE BOOK CONSISTS IN DISCUSSION AND EXAMINATION OF THESE TYPES OF EXPLANATION AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS IN WHICH THE USEFULNESS AND LIMITATIONS OF EACH ARE ASSESSED AN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY OF EXAMPLES FROM CONTEMPORARY WORK IN ALL THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IS USED INCLUDING THE FIELDS OF SOCIOLOGY ANTHROPOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY HISTORY DEMOGRAPHY POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS THE AUTHOR MAKES IT CLEAR THAT GOOD SOCIAL EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL GOOD SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION EXPLANATION AND EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE IS OF INTEREST TO THE PRACTICING SCIENTIST IN FACT IT IS A MUST HAVE FOR ANY PERSONAL OR PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH COLLECTIONS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES MOST STUDIES IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCIENCES NATURAL AND SOCIAL FALL INTO TWO DISTINCT GROUPS THOSE WRITTEN BY PHILOSOPHERS FOR OTHER PHILOSOPHERS AND THOSE PRODUCED BY SCIENTISTS FOR THEIR FELLOW SCIENTISTS THE AIM OF THIS

BOOK IS TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF PHILOSOPHICAL INTEREST AS THEY COME TO BE IMBEDDED IN THE

WORK OF SOCIAL SCIENTISTS

SOCIAL SCIENCE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF SOCIETY 16E APPROACHES SOCIAL SCIENCE FROM A COMMON SENSE PERSPECTIVE RATHER THAN FROM A CONVENTIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE ANGLE READERS WILL SEE HOW SEEMINGLY DIVERSE DISCIPLINES INTERMINGLE ANTHROPOLOGY AND ECONOMICS FOR EXAMPLE THE GOAL OF THE BOOK IS TO TEACH STUDENTS CRITICAL THOUGHT AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO APPROACH SOCIAL ISSUES IN AN UNBIASED MANNER NEW TO THIS EDITION ARE SIGNIFICANT UPDATES ON RACE AND THE POLICE MORE COMPARISON CONTRASTS OF DEVIANCE AND CRIMINALITY ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEW TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS SELF DRIVING CARS GAY MARRIAGE AMERICAN POLITICAL DYNASTIES REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN EUROPE GLOBALLY AMERICAN POLITICAL DYNASTIES CHINA S GROWING POWER NEW TRADE INITIATIVES STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL EXPANDED WEB BASED ANCILLARIES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

IS SOCIAL SCIENCE REALLY A SCIENCE AT ALL AND IF SO IN WHAT SENSE THIS IS THE FIRST QUESTION THAT ANY COURSE ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES MUST TACKLE IN THIS BRIEF INTRODUCTION MALCOLM WILLIAMS GIVES STUDENTS THE GROUNDING THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES INVOLVED WITH CONFIDENCE HE LOOKS AT THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND ITS DISTINCTIVE METHODOLOGY THE CASE IN FAVOUR OF AN OBJECTIVE SCIENCE OF THE SOCIAL WHICH FOLLOWS THE SAME RULES THE ARGUMENTS OF SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISTS INTERPRETATIVE SOCIOLOGISTS AND OTHERS AGAINST OBJECTIVITY AND EVEN SCIENCE ITSELF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NATURAL SCIENCE FOR INSTANCE THE RISE OF COMPLEXITY THEORY AND THE INCREASED QUESTIONING OF POSITIVISM WHICH BRING IT CLOSER TO SOME OF THE KEY ARGUMENTS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE THROUGHOUT THE BOOK IS ILLUSTRATED WITH SHORT CLEAR EXAMPLES TAKEN FROM THE ACTUAL PRACTICE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND FROM POPULAR WORKS OF NATURAL SCIENCE WHICH WILL ILLUMINATE THE DEBATE FOR ALL STUDENTS WHATEVER THEIR BACKGROUND

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WHAT IS SOCIAL SCIENCE DOES SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE DIFFER FROM OTHER KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE SUCH AS THE NATURAL SCIENCES AND COMMON SENSE WHAT IS THE RELATION BETWEEN METHOD AND KNOWLEDGE THIS CONCISE AND ACCESSIBLE BOOK PROVIDES A CRITICAL DISCUSSION AND COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THE MAJOR PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATES ON THE METHODOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES FROM ITS ORIGINS IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY WHEN A NEW SYSTEM OF KNOWLEDGE WAS CREATED AROUND THE IDEA OF MODERNITY THE AUTHOR SHOWS HOW THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE DEVELOPED AS A REFLECTION ON SOME OF THE CENTRAL QUESTIONS IN MODERNITY VISIONS OF MODERNITY HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN THE SELF UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES FROM THE POSITIVIST DISPUTE ON EXPLANATION VS UNDERSTANDING TO CONTROVERSIES ABOUT STANDPOINT TO DEBATES ABOUT CONSTRUCTIVISM AND REALISM DELANTY OUTLINES THE MAJOR SHIFTS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE HE ARGUES THAT SOCIAL SCIENCE IS AN INTELLECTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SOCIAL WORLD THE NEW EDITION IS UPDATED AND EXPANDED THROUGHOUT WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD INCLUDING A NEW CHAPTER ON FEMINIST STANDPOINT EPISTEMOLOGY AND ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON NEO POSITIVISM PRAGMATISM AND REFLEXIVITY THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND WIDE RANGING TEXTS IN RECENT YEARS ON DEBATES ON METHOD AND THE CONTEMPORARY SITUATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE IT IS OF INTEREST TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTGRADUATES AS WELL AS TO PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL THEORY

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