

Sociological Theory and Human Being: The unavoidable extension of a kind of naturalistic ontology. The cases of Jürgen Habermas and Niklas Luhmann

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Abstract:

One of the elements that seem to be assured with the emergence of sociology refers to the clear possibility to evade the human being as study object, while the deposit of a countless semantic production is inexorably bound to the ontological metaphysical procedure. Nevertheless, could theoretical sociology be conceived as silent for the purposes of referring the human being? About the illustrative example which constitutes the treatment of this object that has been developed by the tradition of seventeenth-century natural law, and based on the analysis of Jürgen Habermas and Niklas Luhmann sociological works, in this article it is intended to call into question the theoretical sociology ambition of evading the subject matter human being, in order to defend a contrary thesis, which would be pushed (therefore it is called centripetal universalism) to deploy naturalistic and ontological pre-understandings of it, from the moment it is thrown into conceptualize the social.

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