

## ***The Theoretical Circularity of Practical Sense in the Perspective of Bourdieu***

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### ***Abstract:***

*This article analyzes the proposal of Bourdieu on the problem of meaning, from the study of his concept of “practical sense”. In his theory, the game metaphor allows him to take distance from the opposition between “subjectivism” and “objectivism”: practical sense as “feel of the game” explains the decisive characteristics of social practices. Thus, the generative condition and guiding options of practical sense are linked to the logic of practice, its temporality, the strategies of individuals and the objective conditions of certain social spaces. However, his view of the central role of the concepts of habitus and hexis involves a “subsumption” of the problem of meaning to corporality and social domination. From this theoretical operation, we can understand how the social game is “failed”, by reproducing and legitimizing the relations of social domination. Such “failures” can be found also in sociology itself, both in the positions near to agent's perspective as in those which sustain a “panoramic” outlook. Thus, Bourdieu elaborates a “theoretical circularity” with claims a strong reflexivity, but implies a theoretical “reduction” of the problem of meaning.*

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