Abstract

This research paper is focused on discussing different types of social science paradigms and theories. The purpose of the paper is to describe and analyze key frames and models that are used by researchers in order to think over the world around them in the context of sociological paradigms. The current research is based on a review of the recent studies in the field of sociology which are directly related to the problem of using different paradigms in order to analyze processes, describe phenomena, and interpret interactions of people within any society. The analysis of the literature has indicated that, in their work, many researchers usually refer to several social science paradigms, such as the conflict paradigm developed by Karl Marx, symbolic interactionism, and structural functionalism. These paradigms allow for discussing social events and processes from a range of theoretical perspectives.

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