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Radcliffe-Brown

Defined social structure as a network of actually existing relations of person to person, studied in the Andamans and Australia.

Status and role

Borrowed from a legal-sociological idiom and made the units of structural-functional analysis.

Institution

A standardised pattern, such as marriage or totemic rite, that regulates roles.

Nadel

The Theory of Social Structure developed role sets beyond Radcliffe-Brown's sketch.

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