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Claude Lévi-Strauss

French anthropologist who founded the structural anthropology movement, emphasizing universal cognitive structures.

Elementary Structures of Kinship

Seminal 1949 work by Lévi-Strauss analyzing kinship systems through the lens of alliance and exchange.

Louis Dumont

Anthropologist who applied structuralist principles to analyze the Indian caste system in his work *Homo Hierarchicus*.

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