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Q3(c)

Examine epistemological foundation of qualitative methods of social research

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Research Methods and Analysis

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Verstehen

Weber's epistemological requirement of meaning-adequacy.

Schutz

Life-world as the ground of social knowledge.

Blumer

Meanings are made in interaction; methods must be exploratory enough to catch them.

Oakley

The interview is a social relation; epistemology includes that power.

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