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Q2(a)

Is non-positivist methodology scientific? Illustrate.

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Sociology as Science: Science, scientific method and critique; Major theoretical strands of research methodology; Positivism and its critique; Fact value and objectivity; Non-positivist methodologies.

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Weber

Science of meaning with ideal types and causal adequacy.

Popper

Falsifiability as a mark that interpretative claims can still meet.

Geertz

Thick description as a public, contestable reading of symbols.

Oakley

Qualitative work that exposed a bias in official labour measurement.

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