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Q3(a)

What are the shortfalls of positivist philosophy that gave rise to the non-positivist methods of studying social reality ?

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Founded a positivist programme of social laws and scientific hierarchy.

Weber

Required interpretative understanding of intended meaning as the object of sociology.

Habermas

Criticised positivism for reducing knowledge to technical control of objects.

Harding

Argued that unexamined standpoint is a scientific failure, not a guarantee of objectivity.

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