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Is Weber's idea of bureaucracy a product of the historical experiences of Europe? Comment

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Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle; Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society; Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism; Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables; Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups; Mead - Self and identity.

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Legal-rational domination

Weber's type of authority based on enacted rules and impersonal office.

Prussian civil service

A principal historical reference for trained, salaried, hierarchical administration.

Office versus person

The rule that the job is not family property, central to the ideal type.

Merton's dysfunctions

Trained incapacity and goal displacement inside bureaucratic organisation.

Indian Civil Service

Imperial and then national career bureaucracy that installed file government in India.

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