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Q8(c)**Discuss the significance and limitations of 'intersectionality' in social research**

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Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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Kimberlé Crenshaw

Coined the term intersectionality in 1989 to describe how Black women experience overlapping racial and gender discrimination.

Patricia Hill Collins

Expanded intersectionality through Black feminist thought, emphasising the matrix of domination in sociological research.

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