

# Guiding distinctions of social science | An online brainstorming

The purpose of this online brainstorming is to gather as complete a collection of guiding distinctions of social sciences as possible.

By guiding distinctions we mean dichotomies or dualisms, such as economy/society, action/behaviour, market/hierarchy, micro/macro, or male/female, that have been or still are at the heart of the debates in our fields of social sciences (anthropology, economics, management, sociology, and many more).

Just point and click on the "Add idea" field and enter your favourite guiding distinction(s). Contributions may be posted in English, Spanish, French, and German language (no login mail required).

Needless to mention that there will be a hall of fame for the best contributors here and elsewhere. The results of the brainstorming will be made available on <http://derroth.com> (<http://derroth.com>) and contribute to ongoing research on the digital transformation of social theory (<https://wp.me/pv007-1kH>) (<https://wp.me/pv007-1kH>).

If you have any questions or would like additional information on this brainstorming, please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Steffen Roth, La Rochelle Business School, France, or Yerevan State University, Armenia, at <https://wp.me/pv007-1jQ> (<https://wp.me/pv007-1jQ>).

[Please note that, as the number of ideas is growing, ideas occasionally appear in a random rather than ordered sequence. This shuffling is intentional and serves a good purpose]

24. Apr 2019 16:24

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**Digital Occurance**  
**„Weltvergessen - Vergessenswelt“**  
[Data gathering] | [- Machine mind] | [Interface oblivion]

#488 - by L. Schreiber  
15. Jun 16:30



**Explanatory, analytical or discriptive dichotomies**  
Center/margin; center/periphery; inside/outside (and insiders/outside); top town/bottom up; individuals at the top/those at the bottom; north/south; west/east; city/countryside; inclusion/exclusion; men/women; black/white; excellent/poor; average/non average; subject/object; structure/agency; left/right; part/whole; homo-sexual/hetero-sexual; direct/indirect; visible/invisible or latent; higher classes/lower classes; flow or liquid/crystallisation; aristocracy/mass; elite/common.

#483 - by Vasiliki Kantzara  
1. Jun 15:42



**Risk Analysis**  
Social Acceptance / - Social Acceptability

#477 - by osservazione  
26. May 16:07



**Weber's Ideal Type Model of Patrimonialism**  
prebendal versus - feudal

#487 - by Johannes I. (Hans) Bakker  
9. Jun 02:57



**surveillance capitalism**  
transparency (the - people) / opacity (the technologies, the shadow text)

#481 - by andreas mix  
31. May 12:56



**Medien[theorie]vers**

**Form/content**

#486  
7. Jun 12:29



**formality- and informality**

#484 - by SİBEL KALAYCIOGLU  
1. Jun 23:49



**Alltagstrivialität / Ritualtrivialität**

#480 - by @pschwede  
28. May 09:12



**Character Assassination**  
Agency vs. Structure  
Social Influence Process vs. Structural Limitations

#485 - by Sergei A. Samoilenko  
3. Jun 23:03



**Disability Studies**  
Medical/individual - versus Social model

#482 - by Deborah Chinn  
1. Jun 12:37



**Alltag / Ritual**

#479 - by @pschwede  
28. May 09:11

