

Social Theory I (Classical Sociologists)

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The course examines the basic tenets of the work of Comte, Marx and Durkheim, who are considered among the founding theorists of sociology. The three classical sociologists attempted to answer questions related to what society is or how humans differ from other species and what the nature of social relations is. The answers given by the classical sociologists have founded the discipline of sociology and influenced other social sciences as to the way society, social phenomena and social relations are perceived and studied today.

The course aims at familiarising students with the basic tenets of the work of the founding sociologists, so that the students are able to discern the distinguishing characteristics of the theories examined during the course.