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The volume includes discussions of politics and sociology in the thought of Max Weber, together with analyses of Durkheim's political sociology and his interpretation of individualism and solidarity in modern societies. Various more contemporary figures are also subjected to critical dissection and appraisal, most notably Habermas, Foucault, Marcuse, Garfinkel and Popper.

A number of unifying themes associated with Giddens's standpoint run through each of the chapters: the methodological reconstruction of social investigation, the re-interpretation of modernity and the reformulation of a critical theory of politics.

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