

ABSTRACTS

The work of Max Weber and the contribution of P. Terlexis

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The three-volume book by Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Thessaly, P. Terlexis, presents the theoretical work of Max Weber. As far as we know, this is a unique project not only in Greek but also in international literature. Professor Terlexis succeeded in totally reassessing Weber's substantial contribution to the explanation of the social reality of the capitalist system and, on the other hand, to emphasize the depth of his message today.

Key words: *Max Weber, Capitalist system, Pantazis Terlexis*

The subjective rights to Max Weber.

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In the work of the German lawyer, economist and sociologist Max Weber (1864-1920) one finds an ambiguous, cautious assessment of the possibility of integrating the values of freedom, equality and solidarity within the potential of human rights and values. Weber's commitment to individual rights of freedom reflects his fundamental concern, the issue of man's freedom of action, so that his sociology at the post-theoretical, empirical and theoretical level is examined for his relation to human rights.

Key words: *subjective rights, human rights, justice, equality, freedom*

Emile Durkheim and Max Weber: For clarifying some misunderstandings concerning the conceptual history of sociology.

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By adopting tacitly a scholastic standpoint, the sociology was disorientated from the theoretical issues of its scientific basis. This paper, as a kind of anamnesis, focuses on the theoretical and methodological work of sociology pioneers, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber, and aiming to demonstrate the common and supplementary elements of their major contribution in the social science's constitution.

Keywords: *Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, sociological theory, methodology.*

Identities in the amphitheatre. Market, bureaucracy and intellect: Contribution to the discussion for the University Teacher starting from the work of Professor P. Terlexis.

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The purpose of this paper is to highlight the position that the discussion regarding the social dimension of Greek Higher Education Area concerns academic identities as an everyday procedure in classroom. In this endeavor, we will consider the importance of the field of academic identity within the complexity of daily lives of academic staff, in order to identify and highlight the important features of organizational culture as a vitale element of effective identities in contemporary university.

Keywords: *Higher education, crisis, academic identity.*

"An unceasing production of positivity": Thoughts on the "leukemia" of political rationalism.

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This paper will attempt to readdress the issue of the relationship between rationalism and irrationalism in politics. Taking into account the mutual accusations of the political and ideological opponents for the lack of the rational political behavior, we will put an effort to examine the structure of those complaints, their implicit conditions, their targeting, as well as the probability of such a non-rational behavior to ever exist. In the frame of this project we shall claim that the relationship between rationalism and irrationalism in general is rather a kind of a temporary rhetorical negotiation in favor of power and influence.

Keywords: *political rationalism, irrationalism, leukemia.*

The emergence of the concept of Human Rights, from the social representations of the pupils of Primary School's Sixth grade, to the context of the history subject.

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The paper attempts to highlight the ways by which students of the 6th Grade of Primary School make sense of the concept of "Human Rights, emerging from their social representations", in the subject of "History", as exemplified by their responses to questions concerning the Greek liberation struggle against the Ottoman Empire.

The theory of social representations of Moscovici argues that knowledge is not a private possession but rather a public construct expressing the ways that the collective understands and signifies the world, as well as the content of this

signification. The social representation of the students, in this case, signify the level of their “political socialization” relevant to their age and the specific historical issue.

Through the texts composed by the students in response to the questions posed in the framework of an action research project in 6th Grade History, their social representations of specific aspects of the Greek liberation struggle are traced, categorized and analyzed. The paper also formulates proposals towards proofing, rationalizing and recontextualizing these social representations into historical thinking and historical knowledge.

Keywords: *Human rights, social representations, History, Political Socialization.*

Government Efficiency in the Eurozone Countries during the World Economic Crisis, 2007-2016.

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The article examines the evolution of government effectiveness in the member states of the Euro-zone and its determinants over the period from the outbreak of the global financial crisis up to the declaration of the European Commission that the sovereign debt crisis in the European Union came to the end. The analysis of statistics is carried out by applying regression through the Fixed Effects method, and by developing a dynamic panel data analysis model using the Generalized Method of Moments. The central thesis put forth is that that government effectiveness is rather determined by such factors as the rule of law and the political stability and absence of violence than the economic situation.

Keywords: *Euro, Government Efficiency, Economic Crisis, Political Stability, Rule of Law, Corruption.*

Anatomy of a lasting mistake. A brief assessment of the misconduct around the Cyprus issue on the basis of the classic book by Pantazis Terlexis, Diplomacy and Cyprus Policy. Anatomy of an error

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Discussing the well-known book written by Pantazis Terlexis on the Cyprus Problem (Anatomy of a Mistake), the article tries review briefly the cardinal mistakes made by the Greek-Cypriot and Greek Side towards the Cyprus Issue from the 1950s until today, hampering the achievement of a viable solution in the problem. It also attempts to evaluate the policy of the foreign powers that have been involved in the problem over the last decades, towards the Cyprus Conflict.

Key words: *Cyprus, Anatomy of an Error, Pantazis Terlexis*