

Pierre Bourdieu

French Sociologist
1930-2002

Bourdieu was influenced by many different social thinkers, including Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Freud.

Introduced the concepts of cultural capital, habitus, field and symbolic violence into the study of social class

Highly influential in contemporary European sociology, influencing Archer, Reay, Savage and Giddens

Most notable work was *Distinction* (1979) an analysis of French society, from which concepts of field, habitus and capital were identified as being ways individuals sorted themselves socially.

