

**SELECTED READINGS ON IDENTITIES,  
ESPECIALLY POLITICAL IDENTITIES**

**COMPILED AND ANNOTATED**

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## 1. KNOWLEDGE IN HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Axel, Brian Keith (2002): ed., *From the Margins. Historical Anthropology and Its Futures*. Durham: Duke University Press. Students of the colonial past and the post-colonial present reflect anxiously about the nature of the knowledge they encounter, acquire, challenge, and promulgate.

Barnes, Barry (1995): *The Elements of Social Theory*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Individualism, functionalism, and interactionism as ways of explaining such phenomena as social classes and social movements; a superior textbook.

Bates, Robert H. et al. (1998): *Analytical Narratives*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. The et al. are Avner Greif, Margaret Levi, Jean-Laurent Rosenthal and Barry Weingast, all of whom use rational choice formalisms to frame complex accounts of political and economic processes.

Becker, Howard S. (1998): *Tricks of the Trade. How to Think About Your Research While You're Doing It*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Wise trickster Becker chats about social science imagery, sampling, concepts, and logic.

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Bhargava, Rajeev (1992): *Individualism in Social Science. Forms and Limits of a Methodology*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Finally methodological individualism's philosophical foundations and ambiguities get the professional scrutiny they deserve.

Blute, Marion (1997): "History Versus Science: The Evolutionary Solution," *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 22: 345-364.

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Collins, Randall (1999): *Macro History. Essays in Sociology of the Long Run*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. An ingenious, knowledgeable, talented synthesizer looks at history through Weberian spectacles.

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Darrow, David (2001): "From Commune to Household: Statistics and the Social Construction of Chaianov's Theory of Peasant Economy," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 43: 788-818.

Déloye, Yves (1996): *Sociologie historique du politique*. Paris: La Découverte. Compact, no-nonsense introduction to political processes as comparative history.

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Desrosières, Alain (1998): *The Politics of Large Numbers. A History of Statistical Reasoning*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. The production and analysis of statistics entails making uniform, or at least comparable, and therefore rests on the power to impose grids.

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Emirbayer, Mustafa & Jeff Goodwin (1994): "Network Analysis, Culture, and the Problem of Agency," *American Journal of Sociology* 99: 1411-1454.

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Evans, Richard J. (2001): *Lying about Hitler. History, Holocaust, and the David Irving Trial*. New York: Basic Books. A German historian called as an expert witness tells what happens when Holocaust denial goes to court in an author's suit for defamation.

Fabian, Johannes (2000): *Out of Our Minds. Reason and Madness in the Exploration of Central Africa*. Berkeley: University of California Press. An experienced African ethnographer raises serious questions about how (and whether) early ethnographers of Africa acquired reliable knowledge.

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Statistical Tools for the Quantitative Study of Historical Events," *International Review of Social History* 43, Supplement 6: New Methods for Social History, 81-104. (2004): *From Words to Numbers. A Journey in the Methodology of Social Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. The logic of formalizing representations of verbal material, as seen in one creative scholar's own research.

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## 2. GENERAL APPROACHES TO IDENTITY

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### 3. IDENTITY PROCESSES AND MECHANISMS

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