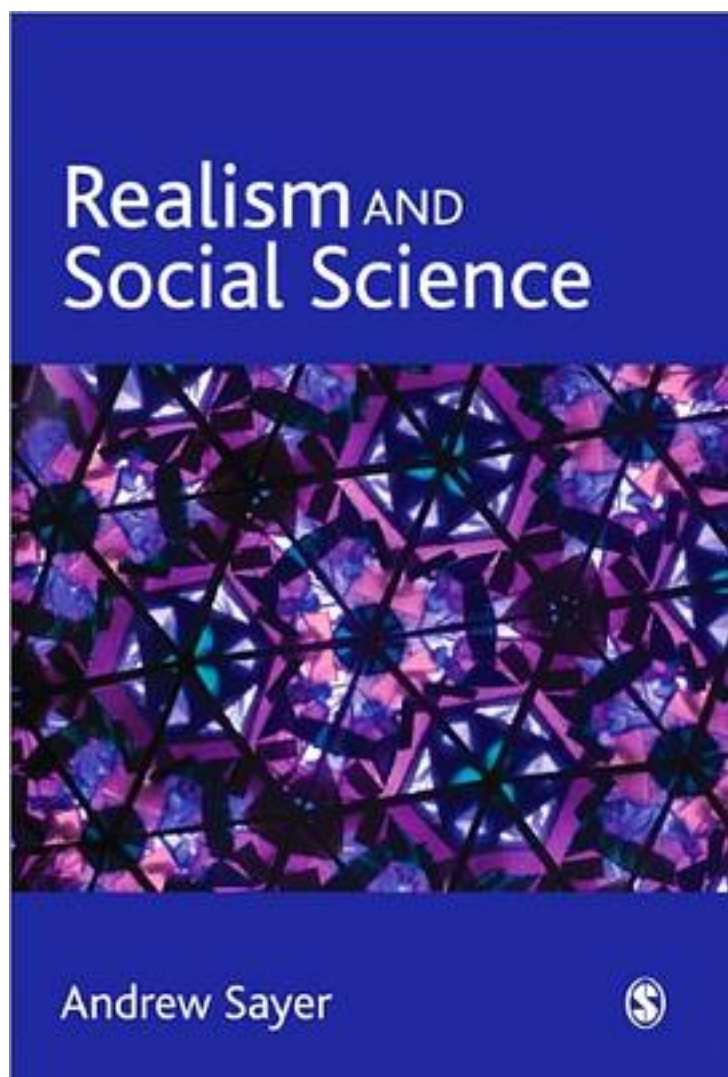


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回應建構論與實在論的挑戰，將社會本體建構為封閉的分層本體。將實在界分為empirical、actual、real三層。人之認知則由signifier-signified-referent三角形成。

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