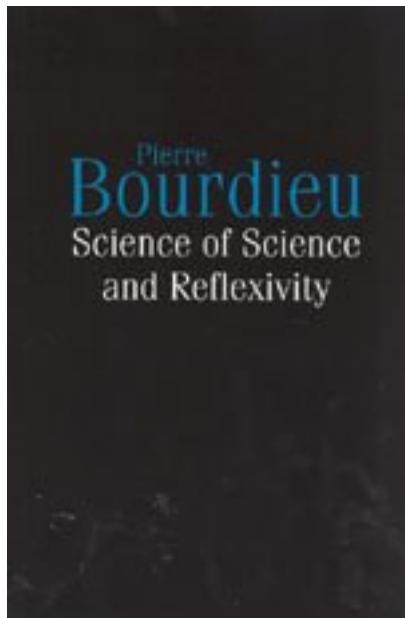


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Over the last four decades, the French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu produced one of the most imaginative and subtle bodies of social theory of the postwar era. When he died two years ago, he was considered to be a thinker on a par with Foucault, Barthes, and Lacan--a public intellectual as influential to his generation as Sartre was to his.

"Science of Science and Reflexivity" will be welcomed as a companion volume to Bourdieu's now seminal "An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology." In this posthumous work, Bourdieu declares that science is in danger of becoming a handmaiden to biotechnology, medicine, genetic engineering, and military research--that it risks falling under the control of industrial corporations that seek to exploit it for monopolies and profit.

Science thus endangered can become detrimental to mankind. The line between pure and applied science, therefore, must be subjected to intense theoretical scrutiny. Bourdieu's goals in "Science of Science and Reflexivity" are to identify the social conditions in which science develops in order to reclaim its objectivity and to rescue it from relativism and the forces that might exploit it. In the grand tradition of scientific reflections on science, Bourdieu provides a sociological analysis of the discipline as something capable of producing transhistorical truths; he presents an incisive critique of the main currents in the study of science throughout the past half century; and he offers a spirited defense of science against encroaching political and economic forces.

A masterful summation of the principles underlying Bourdieu's oeuvre and a memoir of his own scientific journey, "Science of Science and Reflexivity" is a capstone to one of the most important and prodigious careers in the field of sociology.

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评论

我觉得Bourdieu和Latour之间的辩论有很多都建立于他们对对方的误解之上。这书我草草翻过去的，但还是很喜欢它里面提出的很多问题，比如怎样把科学的研究的实践放在社会和历史的维度中来观察，但同时又不陷入相对主义；再比如在认识到科学实践在多个层面受外力影响的前提下如何理解这个场域相对于其他场域的独立性。我仍然不知道通过“反思”使社会学变得更科学且更有自主性是否可能，但我近来也常常去想如何在“后现代”的威胁之下去“拯救”科学的问题，所以很大程度上我们的关切还是一致的。

法兰西学院最后一年的讲座，读起来没什么快感。

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