

Adorno's Legacy for Sociology: on the relation between empirical social research and philosophy

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My argument is that while Adorno's main legacy is in philosophy and aesthetics, there is some value in re-visiting his attempt to link philosophy with sociology (empirical social research). While much of this was not successful and his social theory tended towards cultural criticism, his attempt to develop critical social research was innovative. One of the best examples was his contribution to the Studies in Prejudice programme, and especially the path-breaking *Authoritarian Personality*. A new look at this work reveals some important lessons for our time.