

Sociological Theory in South Korea : A Stranger's View

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Abstract

In this short paper, I will review the main points in the history of Korean sociological theory. Some Korean sociologists began, in fact, to reflect upon the urgent necessity of inventing their own sociological theory, since the early 1970s. A brief presentation of these reflections is the aim of this paper. I'll take the stranger's view in the Simmelian sense of the word to introduce significant theoretical efforts of the some Korean sociologists.