



"I deny this charge, madam. Whatever my personal standards might be, I do not seek to impose them upon S'uthlam. I merely took it upon myself to elucidate certain truth, and to make your population aware of certain cold, hard equations, the sum of which is assuredly disaster, and cannot be changed by beliefs, prayers, or melodramatic romances on your video-nets."

George R. R. Martin, *Tuf Voyaging*, 1986

SOCIOLOGICAL DAISY¹

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¹ Translated from the original, unpublished text in Spanish by Native English Academy and Carlos Allones Pérez

In this research note, I would like to report on a series of articles that I have published in Spanish and Galician Sociology journals throughout the 40 years of my academic career, as well as some others that have remained unpublished, and which we have now painstakingly translated into English, in order to deposited them at the Minerva Repository of my university (USC).

Just like the petals of a daisy are brought to life and held together by a common stem, these articles of mine, although diverse in their objectives, are all born of a single sociological *voice*, of the same sociological analysis method of my creation.

This method first came to light in my book *Familia y Capitalismo*, published in 1999 by the University of Santiago de Compostela, and re-edited in English online in 2019: *Family and Capitalism. A Linguistic and Political Study*:

https://libros.usc.gal/en/politics_and_sociology/304-family-and-capitalism-.html

This method originated in the study of Military Drill, the simplest of real social situations – which deprives the soldier of *any* freedom – which we studied as if it were a laboratory case, observing linguistic and political interactions between the soldiers and the Sergeant:

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Herein arose a theory of social action of universal scope: that is, able to analyse collective human behaviour, wherever and however it comes about, *regardless of its content*.

Although the first 51 pages of my 1999 [2019] book deal with the study of Military Drill, and with the development of the general social analysis method, in the rest of the book we apply the method to the study of two central institutions in our western societies: the family (or rather what is left of it) and capitalism.

Once again, all of these *English* texts, already deposited at Minerva, are but mere petals of a daisy that owe their lives to the sap flowing through their common stem, i.e. to this sociological method, of linguistic and political analysis, that I have been faithful to since 1982.

II

My (2019 [1999]) book, due to the originality and scope of its method, breaks through the academic frontiers of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Linguistics, Neurology, and Political Science, and can therefore be of interest to advanced students or researchers of all these disciplines. In fact, in its reasoning, it *uses* the most well-known contributions by Saussure, Darwin, Levy-Strauss, Freud, Marx, and Hobbes, introducing a means of connection and dialogue between them.

And the same thing happens with these English articles of mine, given that they all stem from this book, from this method.

Apart from that, they are independent articles, that can be understood individually, without having previously read either my 2019 book, or any other specific article; notwithstanding, however, they are articles for those who are used to reading social science essays.

III

Below, I have listed the articles in question -with their respective identification number at Minerva-, by their title and with a brief commentary:

SEMINAL BOOK

Summary of the book 'Family and Capitalism. A linguistic and political study' (2019)

[4 pages that summarise the contents and usefulness of my 1999 (2019) book]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/39760>

ON SOCIAL ACTION

Form and Content (2019)

[This is the first chapter of the 2019 book. The distinction between Form and Content is the cornerstone of my entire sociological work]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/39908>

Theory of Social Action: Proposal of a Method (2012)

[Likens my method of analysis to the method put forward by some classic social action theory authors: Durkheim, Weber, Simmel, George Herbert Mead]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/39968>

An outline of Social Action. Application to Soccer Rules (2015)

[Written after 40 years of experience with the method, this text shows the reader what the method consists of, how it builds its objective: that is, the

parts of collective human behaviour that it brings into relationship -just using soccer as an example to prove its analytical efficiency]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40004>

The value of statistical laws in Physics and the Social Sciences, by Ettore Majorana. Translation, biography, and sociological commentary (2004)

[The Italian physicist Ettore Majorana (1906-1938?), who collaborated with Enrico Fermi and Werner Heisenberg, did *not* collaborate in the building of the atomic bomb. Here we translate his posthumous article, outline his biography, make a sociological commentary regarding his proposal of a probabilistic calculation of collective human behaviour]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40032>

ON FAMILY AND CAPITALISM

The Family and capitalism (1988)

[Discusses the contemporary relationships between the prohibition of incest (Lévy-Strauss) and the sale of labour power (Marx)]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40123>

The prohibition of incest. Sociological, psychological, neurological aspects. (2024, unpublished)

[A deeper delve into my Darwinian reflection regarding incest. A description of the synergies and symbioses between the female Mother, the young male, and the adult Male, as long as the latter is the political representative of the Male collective before the female Mother who is raising the young male]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40139>

MISCELLANY

A sociological Appreciation of an Ancient Egyptian Text (2001, unpublished)

[A transcription of an English translation of *The Dispute Between a Man and His Soul* – written 2,000 years before Christ – to reflect sociologically on the relationships between religious transcendence and social peace]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40217>

A vigilant Society: Jewish Thought and the State in medieval Spain, by Javier Roiz. (2021)

[Brief outline and sociological commentary on the book by Prof. Roiz]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40288>

The Confederacy of Dunces, by Kennedy Toole (2024)

[Brief outline and sociological commentary on the novel by Kennedy Toole]

URI: <https://hdl.handle.net/10347/40362>

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He studied English as a second language while living in Cambridge and New York and has been a professor of Sociology at the Madrid campuses of the New York State University (SUNY) and Saint Louis University. Under the direction of Juan Luis Pintos, he undertook his PhD in the Department of Sociology and Political Science at the University of Santiago de Compostela (1995), where he is currently a Professor of Sociology.

His research focuses on the theory of social action and the social relationships between family and capitalism, attempting in recent years to empirically prove or refute his theoretical results.

You can access his sociological works in numerous repositories, like Dialnet, Google Scholar, Redalyc, Orcid and above all, at Minerva (USC).