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Individualized society is the focus of M. Weber's theoretical concept

The article attempts to analyze the consistency of classical social epistemology, its methodological guidelines, for the study of modern society. The author argues that a modern individualized society is a natural stage of a liberal social project. It is noted that the practical implementation of social projects is always accompanied by a pattern: intentional social actions inevitably generate unintentional consequences. Weber. According to the author, Weber's concept contains the necessary theoretical resource – methodological individualism and the method of value orientations of individual action – for the successful solution of modern problems of social cognition. The article expresses distrust of the methodology of holism and essentialism and formulates new tasks of social cognition: firstly, the establishment of causal dependence between individually acting individuals; secondly, the interpretation of the subjective meanings of individual action in terms of the value universals of the epoch.

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