

**HEILBRON, JOHAN: THE RISE OF SOCIAL THEORY.** Polity Press, Cambridge, 1995.

For the serious student of the in-fashion debate on history's place in the social sciences. Its focus is a detailed and wide-ranging account of the birth of sociology as a distinctive and modern intellectual genre. It is a history of the origins of sociology in France in the Enlightenment and the ideas of

Montesquieu, Rousseau and the Scottish moral philosophers. Combining social and intellectual history, he examines changes in social science within the context of wider developments in the intellectual domain, and discusses the social conditions under which these changes occurred.