

emphasis is given to understanding from the scientist's as opposed to the subject's standpoint. Also of interest in this regard is William Outhwaite's *Understanding Social Life: The Method Called Verstehen* (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1975), in which the author asserts that "there is a strong analogy between Dilthey's *objective mind*, Husserl's *Lebenswelt* and Wittgenstein's linguistic community tied to a *form of life*" (p. 105), to which could be added Stephenson's *operant factor structure*. These concepts, according to Outhwaite, are aimed at "explaining the possibility of satisfactory communication in a public language," but he is not sure whether a *verstehende* approach can sustain a social science. The importance of Q methodology is that its concourses are public language abstracted from Wittgenstein's linguistic communities, and that its Q sorts are operant models of Dilthey's understandings. Hence, a social science is not only sustainable: *Verstehen* may be the main basis for its sustenance.

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