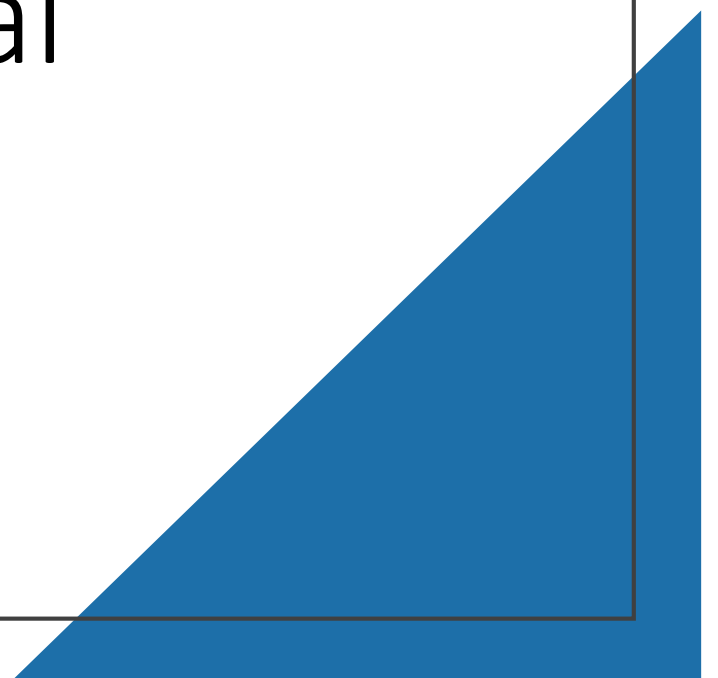


SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Introduction to sociological theory

WINTER TERM 2021



what is sociological theory?

- No exact date – but starts from the Enlightenment period
- No „scientific theory“
- Not only Western perspective

what had
started at
the end of
XVIIIth
century in
Western
societies?

- political revolutions (the French Revolution)
- the Industrial Revolution and the rise of modern capitalism
- the rise of socialism
- urbanization
- secularization
- development of modern science



the beginning of sociology

France

- Henri Sant-Simon
- Auguste Comte – the first to use the term SOCIOLOGY
- Alexis de Tocqueville

sociology in XIXth century

- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Italy

United States at the turn of the
century (pragmatism in philosophy).