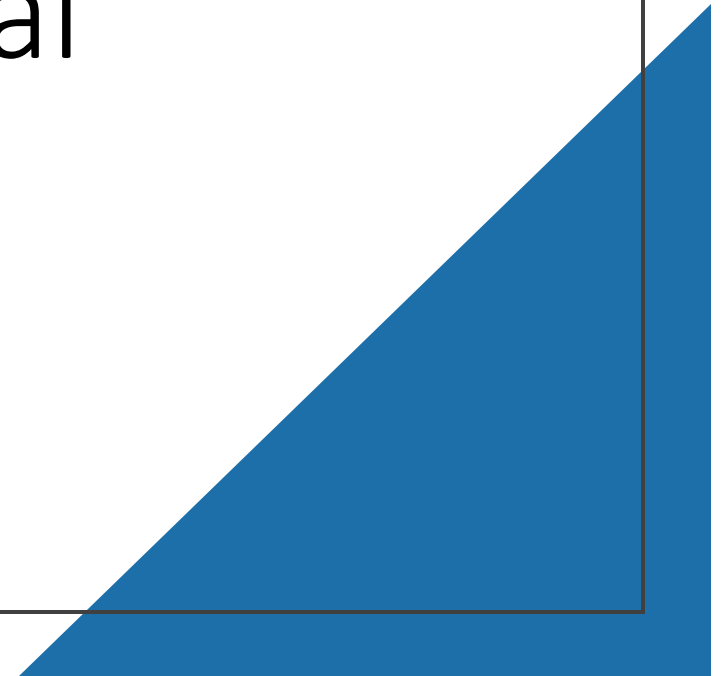


# SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

## Introduction to sociological theory

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# sociology

- Sociology makes sense of the patterned relationships between people
- It is more perspective than profession
- It is a social science
- It has emancipatory and utopian impulses

# what is sociological theory?

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

# society



from small interactions to institutions and organisations to nations  
states and global society



what  
happened at  
the end of  
XVIIIth  
century in  
the West ?

- 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 de Saint-Simon
- Auguste Comte – the first to coin the term SOCIOLOGY
- Alexis de Tocqueville

# sociology in XIXth century

- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Italy

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

