# Bourdieu's *Reproduction* – 50 Years After!

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#### **Structure**

- Reproduction What? When?
- Background
- Key Themes
- Influence
- What came next…
- Bourdieusian 'science'.

## A 'Gloss'

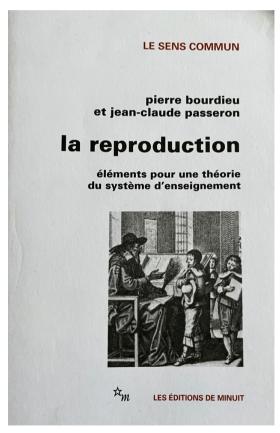
• A 'sociological history of the past'....

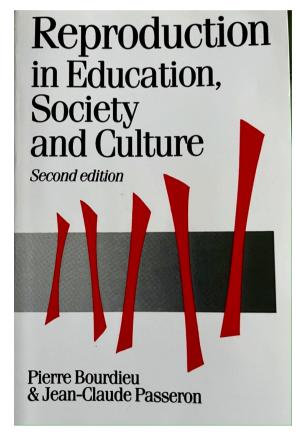
A 'historical sociology of the present'.

·····of Education

# Éléments pour une théorie du système d'enseignement

1972 1977





# Reproduction: Structure – 2 'Books'

Book 1: Foundations of a Theory of Symbolic Violence

**Book 2: Keeping Order – Empirical Exemplification** 

• 70+ statements + Gloss

- Cultural Capital and Pedagogic Communication
- The Literate Tradition and Social Conservation
- Exclusion and Selection

### **Thesis**

• 0: Every power to exert symbolic violence, i.e. every power which manages to impose meanings and to impose them as legitimate by concealing the power relations which are the basis of its force, adds its own symbolic force to those power relations.

## **Pedagogic Action**

• 1. All **pedagogic action** (PA) is, objectively, symbolic violence insofar as it is the imposition of a cultural arbitrary by an arbitrary power.

# The 'Cultural Capital Man'

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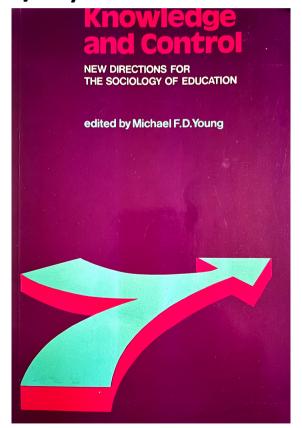
*Ipso facto*: critic of 'democratic schooling'

# Les Étudiants et leurs Études (1964)

1964



(1966/68) 1972



## Language and Knowledge

 'Systems of education and systems of thought' (1967)

'Intellectual field and creative project' (1966)

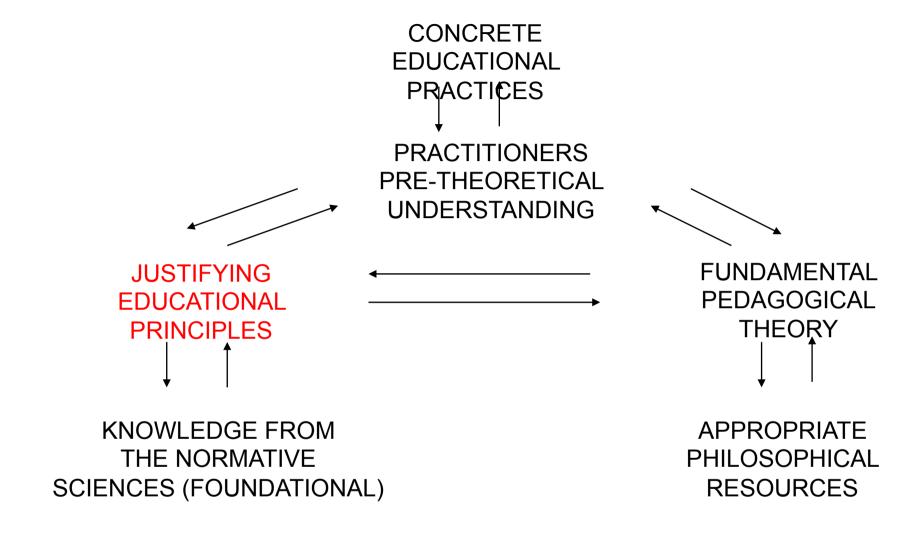
## Language and Learning

Basil Bernstein: Restricted/ Elaborated Codes;
 Framing/ Classification

 Douglas Barnes: The Law of Two Thirds; Open/ Closed Questions, etc.

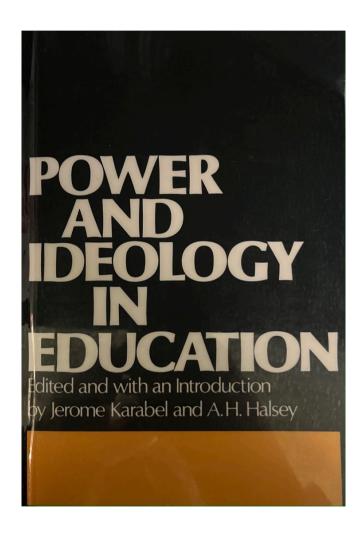
#### **Context**

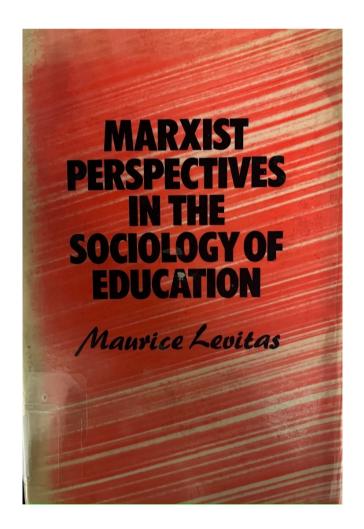
- Education: Teacher Training in C20
- Institute of Education: 1902; New Building 1975 (Educational Policy and Research)
- 'Educational Theory': O'Connor -> Hirst
- The 'Foundational Disciplines': Sociology,
  Psychology; History; Philosophy.

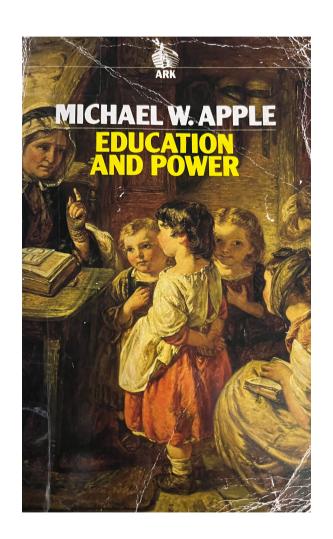


# Sociology/ Cultural Studies/ Radical Pedagogy

- Post-war Neo Marxist: Social Class
- Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies (1964), Birmingham
- Richard Hoggart; Stuart Hall.
- Gramsci
- ILEA
- 'De schooling' 'Resistance' Positive discrimination

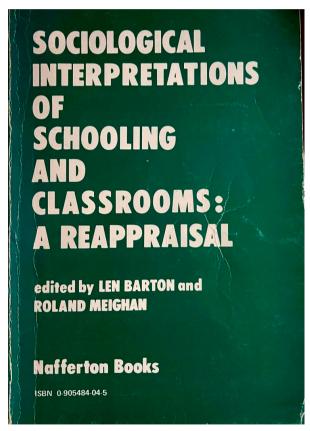


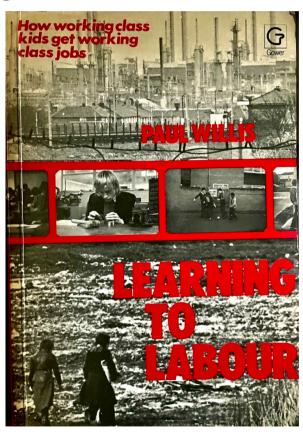




# **Sociology of Education**

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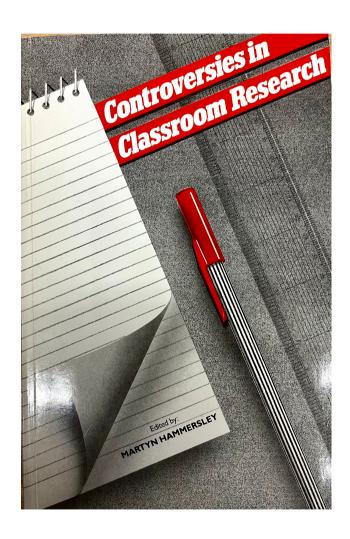
# 1970s - 1980s Educational Research

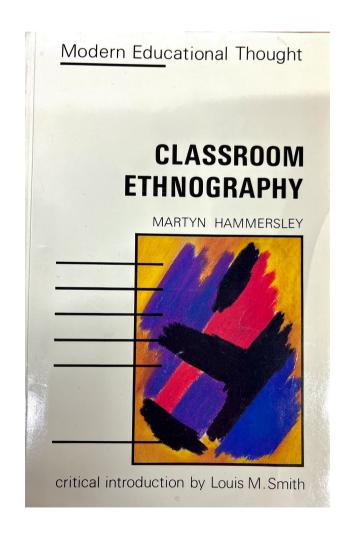
#### Phase 1

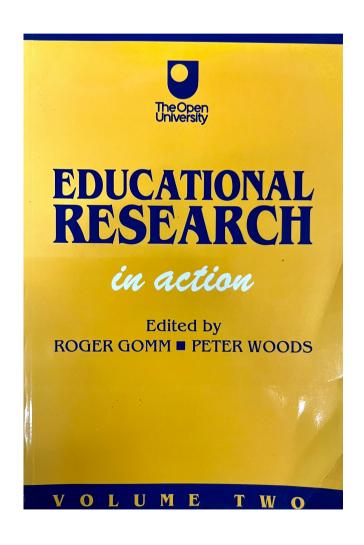
- Ethnography (Hammersley)
- Classroom based research
- Symbolic Interactionism
- Case Study
- Action Research (Simons)
- Grounded Theory

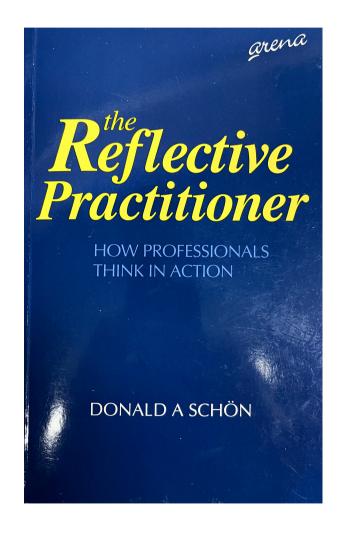
#### Phase 2

- Reflective Practitioner (Utilitarian)
- Discourse Foucault (Critical Pedagogies)
- Post-modernism









### **Critics**

- Keith Joseph/ Margaret Thatcher
- Sheila Lawlor
- David Hargreaves
- Michael Barber
- James Tooley

# **Reactionary Backlash**

**1992…**.

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Circular No 9/92 25 June 1992

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Circular No 35/92 25 June 1992

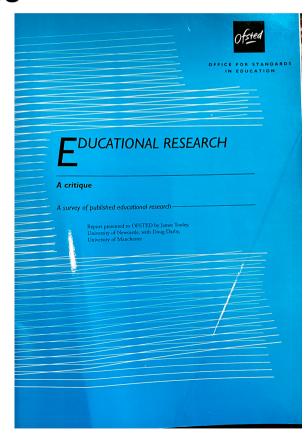
#### INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (SECONDARY PHASE)

#### Introduction

- 1. This Gizcular introduces new criteria and procedures in England and Wales for the accreditation of courses of initial teacher training (TIT). The new procedures will apply to training for both primary and secondary phase teachers. The new criteria will apply to training for secondary phase teachers only. Accordingly this Circular replaces DES Circular 24/89 and Welsh Office Circular 5/989 except in relation to the criteria for the approval of primary phase courses, which are currently under review and for which new criteria will be introduced later, following consultation. A parallel Circular will be insufficient of the produced primary phase consultation. A parallel circular will be insufficient will be completed later this year.
- 2. The criteria and procedures reflect the Government's proposals for reform in the consultation document issued on 28 January. They take account of the responses to the consultation document and the advice of the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (CATE). They follow three main principles:
  - schools should play a much larger part in ITT as full partners of higher education institutions (HEIs);
  - ii. the accreditation criteria for ITT courses should require HEIs, schools and students to focus on the competences of teaching; and
  - iii. institutions, rather than individual courses, should be accredited for ITT.



1998



### 1992 – 1998: Political Initiatives

- 9/92
- OfSTED
- TTA
- National Curriculum
- Tooley OfSTED Report on Education Research
- NERF

# NERF: National Education Research Forum - 2000

Research Funding

Journals

Networks

Teacher Education

### Non-deterministic

- 'one must beware of taking a model of social reproduction as a comprehensive model of society, as a law or trend which appears to regulate the order of historical evolution' Passeron (1986)
- Reproduction models are approximate models, 'constructed on a pattern of extremes', of hypotheses which would be the case if they existed in 'systematic perfection'.

## The 'Autonomous' Teacher?

• It is impossible to imagine a teacher able to maintain with their own discourse, their pupils' discourse and their pupils' relation to their own discourse, a relation stripped of all indulgences and freed from all the traditional complicities, without at the same time crediting them with the capacity to subordinate their whole pedagogic practice to the imperatives of a perfectly explicit pedagogy which could actually implement the principles logically implied in affirmation of the autonomy of the specifically scholastic mode of acquisition. Bourdieu (1977)

### **Bourdieusian Science**

- Focus on the State of Vth Republic and its Institutions
- Traditional/ Capitalist Society
- Patterns of Domination
- Epistemological Breaks: Vigilance
- Reflexivity: Participant Objectivation
- Politics
- 'Sociology'? Or 'Social Philosophy'

# The Béarn and Algeria: 1950S





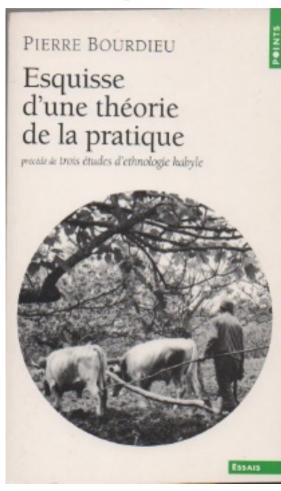
### **Patterns of Domination**

#### NOT SIMPLY IMPOSITION

Domination is preceded by Integration

 Monopolisation is preceded by Universalisation

# Theory of Practice 1972/ 1977



#### LE SENS COMMUN

sous la direction de pierre bourdieu

#### un art moyen

essai sur les usages sociaux de la photographie



AM LES ÉDITIONS DE MINUIT

#### LE SENS COMMUN

pierre bourdieu alain darbei

#### l'amour de l'art

les musées d'art européens et leur public



THE LES EDITIONS DE MINUIT

# Four Epistemological Breaks

From Empirical Knowledge

From Phenomenological Knowledge

From 'Objective' Knowledge

From Scientific Knowledge =>

# **Objectivism or Subjectivism?**

#### **Structure**

Structuring and Structured Structures

Externalisation of Internality and the Internalisation of Externality

=>

'A science of dialectical relations between objective structures...and the subjective dispositions within which these structures are actualised and which tend to reproduce them'

# **Bourdieu's Thinking Tools**

"Habitus and Field designate bundles of relations.

A **field** consists of a set of objective, historical relations between positions anchored in certain forms of power (or capital);

habitus consists of a set of historical relations 'deposited' within individual bodies in the forms of mental and corporeal schemata of perception, appreciation and action."

(Bourdieu 1992: 16).

# **Ontological complicity**

#### **Capital:** A Medium for Field Manoeuvres

Bourdieu identifies three distinct forms of capital:

- Cultural Capital embodied dispositions, cultural goods and educational qualifications;
- **Social Capital** social connections and obligations, including those associated with associations and institutions;
- **Economic Capital** into which, given certain conditions, all other capitals can be converted.

(based on Bourdieu 1986/83)

...concepts have no definition other that systemic ones, and are *put to work empirically in systematic fashion*. Such notions as habitus, field, and capital can be defined, but only within the theoretical system they constitute, not in isolation...Science admits on systems of laws...And what is true of concepts is true of relations, which acquire their meaning only within a system of relations...

(1992:96)

## **Principal Publications**

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- Sociologie de L'Algérie (1958)
- Travail et travailleurs en Algérie (1962)
- Le déracinement, la crise de l'agriculture traditionelle en Algérie (1964)
- Célibat et condition paysanne (1962)
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- Les héritiers (1964)
- La reproduction (1970)
- Un art moyen (1964)
- L'amour de l'art (1966)
- Le métier de sociolgue (1968)
- Esquisse d'une théorie de la pratique (1972).

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- La distinction (1979)
- Homo academicus (1984)
- La noblesse d'état (1989)
- Le sens pratique (1980)
- Questions de sociologie (1980)
- Leçon sur la leçon (1982)
- Choses Dites (1987)
- L'ontologie de politique de Martin Heidegger (1988)
- Ce que parler veut dire (1982)
- IV
- La misère du monde (1993)
- Les structures sociales de l'économie (2000)
- Contre-feux (1998) and Contre-feu 2 (2001)
- La domination masculine (1998).
- Réponses (1992)
- Raisons pratiques (1994)
- Méditations pascaliennes (1997)
- Science de la science et réflexivité (2001).
- Les règles de l'art (1992)

## **3-Phase Methodology**

1) Construction of the Research Object

2) Field Analysis

3) Participant Objectivation

# 2. Field Analysis

1. Field and the Field of Power

• 2. The Field

3. The Habitus of those involved in the Field

### **General Conclusions**

- Not really a 'sociologist of education.
- Doubtful influence of pedagogy
- A sociologist?
- Epistemology
- Anti-Particular
- The knower
- Symbolic power

- More interested in the institutions of the state
- Interested in dynamic of power
- An ethnographer
- Ontology
- Holistic/relations
- What is known
- Social suffering

"Sociology would not be worth anything…if it did not return men and women to the meaning of their actions".

