

Social Science and Social Reality: A Quest¹

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ABSTRACT In social history thought processes reflect the changes in organization of production. The quest for reality is an ongoing Phenomenon. How social science comprehends this complex social knowledge? In this context rigid cross-cultural theories and mechanistic models need scrutiny. Besides it is also essential to probe into philosophical and methodological under-pinnings in social sciences. Precisely as social reality is both objective and subjective and therefore any theoretical perspective demands the cognizance of this dialectical process. For concepts and construct do not occur in vacuum. Accordingly social science not only owns the responsibility of contemplating and projecting the intricate social processes but also finding possible means of change.