



Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning)

By William H. Sewell Jr.

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr.

While social scientists and historians have been exchanging ideas for a long time, they have never developed a proper dialogue about social theory. William H. Sewell Jr. observes that on questions of theory the communication has been mostly one way: from social science to history. *Logics of History* argues that both history and the social sciences have something crucial to offer each other. While historians do not think of themselves as theorists, they know something social scientists do not: how to think about the temporalities of social life. On the other hand, while social scientists' treatments of temporality are usually clumsy, their theoretical sophistication and penchant for structural accounts of social life could offer much to historians.

Renowned for his work at the crossroads of history, sociology, political science, and anthropology, Sewell argues that only by combining a more sophisticated understanding of historical time with a concern for larger theoretical questions can a satisfying social theory emerge. In *Logics of History*, he reveals the shape such an engagement could take, some of the topics it could illuminate, and how it might affect both sides of the disciplinary divide.

 [Download Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transf ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Tran ...pdf](#)

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning)

By William H. Sewell Jr.

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning)
By William H. Sewell Jr.

While social scientists and historians have been exchanging ideas for a long time, they have never developed a proper dialogue about social theory. William H. Sewell Jr. observes that on questions of theory the communication has been mostly one way: from social science to history. *Logics of History* argues that both history and the social sciences have something crucial to offer each other. While historians do not think of themselves as theorists, they know something social scientists do not: how to think about the temporalities of social life. On the other hand, while social scientists' treatments of temporality are usually clumsy, their theoretical sophistication and penchant for structural accounts of social life could offer much to historians.

Renowned for his work at the crossroads of history, sociology, political science, and anthropology, Sewell argues that only by combining a more sophisticated understanding of historical time with a concern for larger theoretical questions can a satisfying social theory emerge. In *Logics of History*, he reveals the shape such an engagement could take, some of the topics it could illuminate, and how it might affect both sides of the disciplinary divide.

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning)
By William H. Sewell Jr. Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #575752 in Books
- Published on: 2005-08-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x 1.10" w x 6.00" l, 1.25 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 376 pages

 [Download Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transf ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Tran ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr.

Editorial Review

Review

"*Logics of History* initiates dialogue between historians and social scientists about social theory and shows historians that they have important contributions to make to current theoretical discussions. Written by one of the most influential and widely respected historians today, it is a book that will make the intellectual history of our times."

(Michèle Lamont *Michèle Lamont* 2004-09-21)

"This is a truly significant work. *Logics of History* will set the agenda for theoretical discussion about the nature of social transformations and the relation between history and the social sciences for years to come." (Keith Baker *Keith Baker* 2005-03-30)

"If 'events' are, according to William H. Sewell Jr., 'that relatively rare subclass of happenings that significantly transforms structures,' then *Logics of History* is surely an event. His extraordinary range of intellectual and cultural knowledge across multiple social science disciplines puts him in a position to make novel and brilliant connections. The relationship between history and social theory will never be the same." (Sherry B. Ortner *Sherry B. Ortner* 2005-03-30)

"This is a thorough and engaging analysis of how utilizing a historical ontology can mitigate inherent problems in sociological methodology and anthropological theory. . . . This work is a brilliant exposé of the ontologies and methodologies of the various social sciences and is certainly applicable for use across the social science disciplines. . . . I would not doubt that this work finds its place in history as a landmark exposition."

(J. David Granger *Canadian Journal of Sociology*)

"Over the past thirty-five years William H. Sewell has established himself as one of the leading social historians of his generation. One thing that makes him, as he notes, still fairly unusual is his willingness to reflect on the methods and assumptions of the forms of enquiry in which he engages. . . . This collection is . . . evidence of the fertility of the project."

(Alex Callinicos *International Review of Social History*)

"A pathbreaking book: intelligent, probing, and as good at raising new questions as it is at addressing old ones. It makes a highly original contribution to discussions of the relationships between the social sciences and history that will be of interest to specialists on all sides."

(Daniel Little *Journal of Social History*)

"This rigorously argued treatise on the social theoretical implications of the contingent, sequential, and fateful character of human action may prove to be the most important theoretically engaged book written by a professional historian in the past generation. . . . An ideal text for any graduate course in 'theory and history' and for any campus's cross-disciplinary faculty seminar."

(David A. Hollinger *Journal of Modern History*)

From the Inside Flap

While social scientists and historians have been exchanging ideas for a long time, they have never developed a proper dialogue about social theory. William H. Sewell Jr. observes that on questions of theory the communication has been mostly one way: from social science to history. *Logics of History* argues that both history and the social sciences have something crucial to offer each other. While historians do not think of themselves as theorists, they know something social scientists do not: how to think about the temporalities of social life. On the other hand, while social scientists' treatments of temporality are usually clumsy, their theoretical sophistication and penchant for structural accounts of social life could offer much to historians.

Renowned for his work at the crossroads of history, sociology, political science, and anthropology, Sewell argues that only by combining a more sophisticated understanding of historical time with a concern for larger theoretical questions can a satisfying social theory emerge. In *Logics of History*, he reveals the shape such an engagement could take, some of the topics it could illuminate, and how it might affect both sides of the disciplinary divide.

About the Author

William H. Sewell Jr. is the Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science and History at the University of Chicago. He is the author of three previous books, including *Work and Revolution in France* and *A Rhetoric of Bourgeois Revolution*.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

David McKenney:

Book is to be different for every grade. Book for children until adult are different content. As it is known to us that book is very important for people. The book *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) seemed to be making you to know about other understanding and of course you can take more information. It is rather advantages for you. The e-book *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) is not only giving you a lot more new information but also to get your friend when you really feel bored. You can spend your spend time to read your publication. Try to make relationship together with the book *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning). You never sense lose out for everything when you read some books.

Carolyn Rolon:

Information is provisions for folks to get better life, information presently can get by anyone in everywhere. The information can be a understanding or any news even a problem. What people must be consider any time those information which is within the former life are challenging to be find than now is taking seriously which one would work to believe or which one the resource are convinced. If you get the unstable resource then you get it as your main information we will see huge disadvantage for you. All of those possibilities will not happen with you if you take *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) as the daily resource information.

Reuben Beaubien:

Reading a publication can be one of a lot of task that everyone in the world enjoys. Do you like reading book therefore. There are a lot of reasons why people love it. First reading a reserve will give you a lot of new info. When you read a reserve you will get new information because book is one of various ways to share the information or maybe their idea. Second, studying a book will make anyone more imaginative. When you studying a book especially fictional works book the author will bring someone to imagine the story how the character types do it anything. Third, it is possible to share your knowledge to other people. When you read this Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning), you can tells your family, friends and soon about yours guide. Your knowledge can inspire others, make them reading a e-book.

Joseph Gabriel:

The reserve with title Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) has a lot of information that you can understand it. You can get a lot of help after read this book. This kind of book exist new know-how the information that exist in this book represented the condition of the world right now. That is important to you to learn how the improvement of the world. This specific book will bring you throughout new era of the globalization. You can read the e-book on your smart phone, so you can read the idea anywhere you want.

Download and Read Online Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. #RAE6MWTID0

Read Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. for online ebook

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. books to read online.

Online Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. ebook PDF download

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. Doc

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. MobiPocket

Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation (Chicago Studies in Practices of Meaning) By William H. Sewell Jr. EPub