

Table of Contents

Introduction	5
1. Diagnosing the Crisis: The Epistemological Lag and the Fractures of Modern Social Sciences	9
2. Unmasking Methodological Nationalism: The Epistemic Prison of the Nation-State.....	11
3. Indeterminacy, Post-Foundationalism, and Configurational Thinking	15
4. Empirical Applications and Theoretical Innovations.....	17
5. Configurational Field Analysis	20
Chapter One: World Risk Society and Constructing Cosmopolitan Realities: A Bourdieusian Critique of Risk Society	23
1. Introduction	24
2. Risk Society: Putting Step into the New Modernity	27
3. The Social Science of Risk Society.....	35
4. World Risk Society as Unit of Reference for Bourdieusian Theory of Practice and Fields	44
5. Conclusion	56

Chapter Two: Modern Episteme, Methodological Nationalism and the Politics of Transnationalism	65
1. Introduction.....	66
2. Methodological Nationalism.....	75
3. Modern Episteme and the Rise of Human Science.....	86
4. The Discourse of Nationalism and the Regime of Differentiation	95
5. The Politics of Transnationalism	101
6. Conclusion	109
Chapter Three: Social Configurations in the Moment of Post-Foundationalism	125
1. Introduction.....	126
2. Contingency as the Condition of (Im-)Possibility of the Social	132
3. Social (Con-)Figurations	140
4. Formation of Social Configurations: Categories Construction, Boundaries Making, and Orders of Category	151
5. Conclusion	157
Chapter Four: Social Theory and Navigating Indeterminacy	167
1. Introduction	168
2. Reimagining Social Science: Post-Foundationalist Perspectives and Alternative Units of Analysis.....	174
3. Social Configurations	185
4. An Empirical Case: The Politics of Hybridity and Indeterminacy in the Iranian Everyday Life	194
5. Conclusions	210

Chapter Five: Configurational Field Analysis: a New Approach to Global Field Dynamics.....	221
1. Introduction	222
2. Global Field Theory.....	224
3. The Idea of Social Configurations.....	236
4. Configurational Field Analysis: an Integrated Approach .	242
5. Conclusion	283
Conclusion: Toward a New Epistemology for Social Theory in the Era of Cosmopolitanization.....	297