

This thesis called Distinction in Sociological Theory of Pierre Bourdieu is mostly a theoretical writing focused on a description of the distinction mechanism. The main source of information is an almost identically called book written by the above mentioned French sociologist and anthropologist, the mechanism of distinction is after a detailed introspection set into a larger context of Bourdieu's theory.

In the beginning a few key notions are presented, inclusive of a short biography, introduction of certain sources of inspiration and, most important, the position of Bourdieu's theory within an almost classical dualism of paradigms.

The next part describes in full detail some key theoretical notions on which a later understanding of Bourdieu's distinction is based. The mechanism itself is questioned with a particular stress on individual differences not having been captured in previous parts of the text. It is especially the importance of mental pair dualities within the a classifying mental operation and their social consequences, such as a process of social inclusion, a creation of social identity a complementary running of social exclusion.

The above mentioned social processes are above all a consequence of a symbolical violence that socially acting individuals are executing while the classification is on. Then the problem of a symbolical violence and symbolical power create a part in a later Bourdieu's theory to which the mechanism of distinction points out. The key part this symbolical economy is a key positioned state providing the individuals with a suitable environment and tools for a performance of a symbolical power.

The mechanism of distinction is based on an empirical research, the methodology of this survey is mentioned only partly.

The end of the writing consists of broader context of an anthropological construction of a social identity, a social exclusion, possible connotations to a regional political area are suggested.