



Talcott Parsons

- American sociologist (1902 - 1979) born in Colorado and studied biology and sociology at Amherst.
- Trained as an economist at the LSE (exposed to Bronisław Malinowski) and the Heidelberg (Germany) for his Ph.D., where he was introduced to Marx Weber.
- His theory of structural functionalism dominated social thought in the 1950s.

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The background image is a photograph of a large, modern architectural interior, likely a transit hub or a large public building. It features a high, vaulted ceiling made of a complex steel truss system with large glass panels. The structure is symmetrical, with multiple levels of walkways and railings visible on both sides. The lighting is somewhat dim, with light filtering through the glass ceiling. The overall aesthetic is industrial and futuristic.