



Tönnies

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- German sociologist and philosopher (b. 1855) best known for *Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft* (1877).
- Founded the German Society for Sociology; often attributed as the first formal sociologist.



Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft

- Two types of social groupings.
- **Gemeinschaft** often translated as **community** refers to groupings based on a feeling of togetherness, like a family or a neighborhood.
- **Gesellschaft** often translated as **society**; refers to groups that are sustained by an instrumental goal, like a joint-stock company or a nation-state.

