















# SOCIETIES AND INTERACTIONS

- Luhmann identifies 6th-century BC Athens as a moment when segmentation led to stratified differentiation: when different roles began to be hierarchical according to their facility with the new systems of literacy.
- The household and political spheres became more segmented and stratified, one deemed better than the other.



# AFTER TODAY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN:

- Identify two characteristics of a system and offer some socially-based example for each.
- According to Parsons, how is the game of “chess” like a social system? (Identify the various elements and process associated with a game of chess.)
- Differentiate between Merton’s manifest and latent functions.
- Explain Luhmann’s conception of society as *autopoietic*.
- Contrast Hayek’s notion of “cosmos” with Schelling’s unintended consequences of micro-behaviors.