







- Phenomenology



actions

experience



# PHENOMENOLOGY

- Phenomenology is the empirical study of experience, brought into sociology by Alfred Schütz (pronounced "shoots").
- We can only attempt to understand other people by making meaning of their actions — explaining them to ourselves and others — but based on our own experience.
- Schütz divides the actions we interpret into intentional and unintentional communications.

# OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE MEANING