

1.3 Durkheim & Weber

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1. SESSION A (SRG)

 Discussion of readings (Durkheim & Weber).

- Durkheim (1982) (Excerpt)
- “Objectivity” in social science and social policy. Excerpt from the Weber (2017)

 **SRG goal:** Contrast Durkheim’s irreducible social facts with Weber’s abstraction/ideal types.

2. SESSION B (WORKSHOP)

- What makes a good model?
 - Groups are tasked with evaluating “bad” and “good” toy models.
 - Criteria: simplicity, clarity, generativity, transparency, theory link.

 **Models and Methods (Slides)**

REFERENCES

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