

Sociology of Culture & Cognition

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The scaffolds of contemporary cognitive sociology can be found in [DiMaggio \(1997\)](#) and [Zerubavel \(1997\)](#). The cultural perspective promoted by [Ann Swidler \(1986\)](#), in which culture was not seen as aggregate of beliefs, values, and attitudes, but more as a toolkit that enables or constraints action, prompted new ways to theorize about social action and the interplay between culture and cognitive processes. The following, is a list of important papers in the field, selected by topic. One of the most updated and comprehensive sources of the field is offered by the [Oxford Handbook of Cognitive Sociology \(2019, eds. Brekhus & Ignatow\)](#). Several of the entrances below come from this source.

General overview of the field

- [Wayne Brekhus & Gabe Ignatow \(2019\) - *Cognitive Sociology and the Cultural Mind: debates, directions, and challenges*](#);
- [Brekhus \(2015\) - *Culture and Cognition: Patterns in the Social Construction of Reality*](#);
- [Piet Strydom \(2007\) - *Introduction: A Cartography of Contemporary Cognitive Social Theory*](#);
- [John Levi Martin \(2010\) - *Life's a beach but you're an ant, and other unwelcome news for the sociology of culture*](#).

Automatic VS Deliberative cognition: dual-process models

- [Stephen Vaisey \(2009\) - *Motivation and Justification: A Dual-Process Model of Culture in Action*](#);
- [Hana Shepherd \(2011\) - *The Cultural Context of Cognition: What the Implicit Association Test Tells Us About How Culture Works*](#);
- [Omar Lizardo et al. \(2016\) - *What Are Dual Process Models? Implications for Cultural Analysis in Sociology*](#);
- [Jacob Strandel \(2019\) - *Bridging the Vocabularies of Dual-Process Models of Culture and Cognition*](#);
- [Stephen Vaisey and Margaret Frye \(2019\) - *The Old One-Two: preserving analytical dualism in cognitive sociology*](#);
- [Vanina Leschziner \(2019\) - *Dual-Process Models in Sociology*](#);
- [Rick Moore \(2017\) - *Fast or Slow: Sociological Implications of Measuring Dual-Process Cognition*](#).

Methodological perspectives

- [Stephen Vaisey and Omar Lizardo \(2010\) - *Can Cultural Worldviews Influence Network Composition?*](#);
- [Andrei Boutyline \(2017\) - *Improving the Measurement of Shared Cultural Schemas with Correlational Class Analysis: Theory and Method*](#);
- [Andrew Miles et al. \(2019\) - *Measuring Automatic Cognition: Advancing Dual-Process Research in Sociology*](#);
- [Andrew Miles \(2019\) - *An Assessment of Methods for Measuring Automatic Cognition*](#);
- [M.B. Fallin Hunzaker and Lauren Valentino \(2019\) - *Mapping Cultural Schemas: From Theory to Method*](#).

Declarative and non-declarative culture

- Karen Cerulo (2018) - *Scents and Sensibility: Olfaction, Sense-Making, and Meaning Attribution*;
- Omar Lizardo (2017) - *Improving Cultural Analysis: Considering Personal Culture in its Declarative and Nondeclarative Modes*.

Cognitive approaches to culture

- Lizardo and Strand (2009) - *Skills, toolkits, contexts and institutions: Clarifying the relationship between different approaches to cognition in cultural sociology*.

Cultural approaches

- Stephen Vaisey (2010) - *What People Want: Rethinking Poverty, Culture, and Educational Attainment*;
- Henri Santos et al. (2019) - *Class, Cognition, and Cultural Change in Social Class*.

Bridging fields

- Lamont et al. (2017) - *Bridging cultural sociology and cognitive psychology in three contemporary research programmes*;
- Karen Cerulo (2009) - *Mining the intersections of cognitive sociology and neuroscience*.

Additional resources

- [Omar Lizardo's syllabus](#) for the course Culture and Cognition at Notre Dame (Spring 2017);
- [John Levi Martin's syllabus](#) for the course Culture and Cognition at University of Wisconsin, Madison (Spring 2005);
- Omar Lizardo and Michael Strand (UCLA) have a blog called [CultureCog](#) in which they write posts about central concepts in this field, such as that of habitus and embodiment. They adopt a Bourdieusian perspective, for which culture is not studied in its social representations (Durkheim) or interpersonal/micro situations (Goffman), but as incorporated in everyday practices (see, for example, [Dieter Vandebroek's \(2016\)](#) book about how class divisions become inscribed in the body and how physical properties, in turn, contribute to naturalizing and legitimizing class divisions). The blog constitutes a good companion to the papers to better grasp and reflect upon their main theoretical, methodological, and empirical findings.