

# Contents

	<b>Preface</b>	VII
	<b>List of Figures</b>	VIII
	<b>About the Authors</b>	IX
<b>1</b>	<b>Theory and Theoretical Operations</b>	<b>1</b>
	<i>Peter Sohlberg and Håkon Leiulfsrud</i>	
<b>2</b>	<b>On the Heuristic Role of Concepts in Theorizing</b>	<b>23</b>
	<i>Richard Swedberg</i>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Sociology and the Power of (Ordinary) Language</b>	<b>39</b>
	<i>Willy Guneriussen</i>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Weber's Ideal Types: A Sociological Operation between Theory and Method</b>	<b>59</b>
	<i>Pål Strandbakken</i>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Class Operations and Measures</b>	<b>72</b>
	<i>Håkon Leiulfsrud and Annick Prieur</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Question-Driven Sociology and Methodological Contextualism</b>	<b>89</b>
	<i>Ragnvald Kalleberg</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>If Not, Why Not and What If: Asking Counterfactual Questions</b>	<b>108</b>
	<i>Göran Ahrne</i>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Abduction – Assessing Fruitfulness and the Construction of Scientific Concepts</b>	<b>126</b>
	<i>Roar Hagen</i>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Theorizing through Comparative Case Studies</b>	<b>145</b>
	<i>Mette Andersson</i>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Explanatory Practices in Sociology: An Overview</b>	<b>160</b>
	<i>Willy Martinussen</i>	



11	<b>A Thick Description of Robert K. Merton's Middle Range Theory – Manifest Properties and Latent Ambivalence</b>	180
	<i>Peter Sohlberg</i>	

<b>Index</b>	199
--------------	-----