

Conclusion: A Thanks to Many People

Now when I review in my thoughts the one and a half years during the mid-1980s I worked on the text, a couple of people spring to my mind who have supported me, helped me and whom I thanked then and who I do not want to forget. I cannot name them all, but I would like to particularly highlight some of them.

First and foremost I have to thank Norbert Elias for enduring my project that discussed a part of his life. I would not have been able to demand of him to condone it. But he has accompanied it with a cautious distance and was also willing to talk with me about individual episodes. It was no easy time for the two of us. We both had to contribute to a completion of the book that did not encumber our friendship.

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Bibliography

1 Norbert Elias. Collected Works

All books and essays published in Elias's lifetime—be they German or English in original—and numerous interviews as well as his lyrical work have been published by Suhrkamp in 19 volumes of the *Gesammelte Schriften* (GS). On behalf of the Norbert Elias Stichting in Amsterdam, the sole heir to Elias, the GS were redacted by Reinhard Blomert, Heike Hammer, Johan Heilbron, Annette Treibel (chair) and Nico Wilterdink. At the start, Peter-Ulrich Merz-Benz was also a member of the editorial group.

Each volume has an index. The indices of the individual volumes have been conflated into a collective index.

The Volumes of the Gesammelten Schriften:

1. Frühschriften
2. Die höfische Gesellschaft
3. Über den Prozeß der Zivilisation. Soziogenetische und psychogenetische Untersuchungen. Zwei Bände
 - 3.1. Wandlungen des Verhaltens in den weltlichen Oberschichten des Abendlandes
 - 3.2. Wandlungen der Gesellschaft. Entwurf zu einer Theorie der Zivilisation
4. Etablierte und Außenseiter (Mit John L. Scotson).
5. Was ist Soziologie?
6. Über die Einsamkeit der Sterbenden in unseren Tagen/
Conditio Humana
7. Sport und Freizeit im Zivilisationsprozeß (mit Eric Dunning)
8. Engagement und Distanzierung
9. Über die Zeit
10. Die Gesellschaft der Individuen
11. Studien über die Deutschen
12. Mozart
13. Die Symboltheorie
14. Aufsätze (chronologisch ab 1949)
15. Aufsätze (chronologisch 1980)
16. Aufsätze (chronologisch ab 1985–1990)
17. Autobiographisches und Interviews
18. Gedichte und Sprüche
19. Gesamtregister

The volumes of The Collected Works of Norbert Elias, University College Dublin Press (CW):

- Vol. 1: Early Writings
- Vol. 2: The Court Society
- Vol. 3: On the Process of Civilisation: Sociogenetic and Psychogenetic Investigations
- Vol. 4: The Established and the Outsiders
- Vol. 5: What is Sociology?
- Vol. 6: The Loneliness of the Dying and Humana Conditio
- Vol. 7: Quest for Excitement: Sport and Leisure in the Civilising Process
- Vol. 8: Involvement and Detachment
- Vol. 9: An Essay on Time
- Vol. 10: The Society of Individuals
- Vol. 11: Studies on the Germans: Power Struggles and the Development of Habitus in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
- Vol. 12: Mozart and Other Essays on Courtly Art
- Vol. 13: The Symbol Theory
- Vol. 14: Essays I: On the Sociology of Knowledge and the Sciences
- Vol. 15: Essays II: On Civilising Processes, State Formation and National Identity
- Vol. 16: Essays III: On Sociology and the Humanities
- Vol. 17: Interviews and Autobiographical Reflections
- Vol. 18: Supplements and Index to the Collected Works
The Genesis of the Naval Profession

After the death of Elias on 1 August 1990 two more than unpublished works were made public:

1998 in the *edition münchen* of the Bibliothek der Provinz the essay “Watteaus Pilgerfahrt zur Insel der Liebe” (Watteau’s pilgrimage to the island of love).

And 2007, edited by René Mülker and Stephen Mennell “The Genesis of the Naval Profession” (Dublin University Press).

Some unpublished texts are included in Norbert Elias: au-delà Freud. Sociologie, psychologie, psychanalyse. Dirigée par Bernhard Lahire. Paris 2010.

2 Select Secondary Literature

At the time of the first edition of this book (1988) the secondary literature on the work and biography of Norbert Elias was already extensive but manageable. 29 years later this is no longer the case. Most of the monographs have been translated; “Über den Prozeß der Zivilisation” can be found in more than 40 languages. Thus the secondary literature is not only found in the narrow Western European space but all over the world.

This is illustrated by the origins and the topics of the winners of the Norbert Elias Prize, which has been biannually awarded for “a first major book” by the Norbert Elias Stiftung since 1999:

1999 David Lepoutre (France): Couer de banlieue: Codes, rites et langages, (Paris: Odile Jacob 1997).

- 2001 Wilbert van Vree (Netherlands): Meetings, Manners and Civilisation, (London: University Leicester Press 1999).
- 2003 Nikola Tietze (Deutschland): Islamische Identitäten: Formen muslimischer Religiosität junger Männer in Deutschland und Frankreich (Hamburger Edition 2001).
- 2005 Jason Hughes (England): Learning to smoke. Tobacco Use in the West, (Chicago University Press 2003).
- 2007 Georgi Derlugian (Georgia): Bourdieu's Secret Admirer in the Caucasus: A World-System Biography (Chicago University Press 2005).
- 2009 Elizabeth Bernstein (USA): Temporarily Yours. Intimacy, Authenticity and the Commerce of Sex (Chicago Press 2007).
- 2011 Brett Bowden (Australia): The Empire of Civilization: The Evolution of an Imperial Idea (Chicago Press 2009).

For the reception and the continuation of Elias's work in Germany, I firstly refer to the books, which have been published since the late 1970s in the Suhrkamp Verlag:

- Blomert, Reinhard/Kuzmics, Helmut/Treibel, Annette (eds.): Transformationen des Wir-Gefühl. Studien zum nationalen Habitus. Frankfurt 1993.
- Gleichmann, Peter/Goudsblom, Johan/Korte, Hermann (eds.): Materialien zu Norbert Elias' Zivilisationstheorie. Frankfurt/M. 1979.
- Gleichmann, Peter/Goudsblom, Johan/Korte, Hermann (eds.): Macht und Zivilisation. Materialien zu Norbert Elias' Zivilisationstheorie 2, Frankfurt/M. 1984.

- Goudsblom, Johan: Soziologie auf der Waagschale. Frankfurt/M. 1979.
- Goudsblom Johan: Feuer und Zivilisation. Frankfurt/M. 1995.
- Klein, Gabriele/Liebsch, Katharina (eds.): Zivilisierung des weiblichen Ich. Frankfurt/M. 1997.
- Korte, Hermann (ed.): Gesellschaftliche Prozesse und individuelle Praxis. Bochumer Vorlesungen zu Norbert Elias' Zivilisationstheorie. Frankfurt/M. 1990).
- Korte, Hermann: Über Norbert Elias. Das Werden eines Menschenwissenschaftlers. Wiesbaden 2013.
- Krumey, Horst-Volker: Entwicklungsstrukturen von Verhaltensstandards. Eine soziologische Prozeßanalyse auf der Grundlage deutscher Anstands- und Manierenbücher von 1870–1970. Frankfurt/M. 1984.
- Oosterdiekhoff, Georg: Zivilisation und Strukturgenese. Norbert Elias und Piaget im Vergleich. Frankfurt/M. 2000.
- Rehberg, Karl-Siegbert (ed.): Norbert Elias und die Menschenwissenschaften. Studien zur Entstehung und Wirkungsgeschichte seines Werkes. Frankfurt/M. 1996.
- Schröter, Michael: "Wo zwei zusammenkommen in rechter Ehe". Sozio- und psychogenetische Studien über Eheschließungsvorgänge vom 12. bis 15. Jahrhundert. Mit einem Vorwort von Norbert Elias. Frankfurt/M. 1985.
- Schröter, Michael: Erfahrungen mit Norbert Elias. Frankfurt/M. 1997.
- Van Stolk, Bram/Wouters, Cas: Frauen im Zwiespalt. Beziehungsprobleme im Wohlfahrtsstaat. Frankfurt/M. 1987.

Waldhoff, Hans Peter: *Fremde und Zivilisierung. Wissenssoziologische Studien über das Verarbeiten von Gefühlen der Fremdheit. Probleme der modernen Peripherie-Zentrums-Migration am türkisch-deutschen Beispiel.* Frankfurt/M. 1995.

Towards the end of the 20th century the heavyweight of the publication in Germany shifted to Leske und Budrich in Opladen, which was initially merged with the Westdeutscher Verlag, while the latter soon became part of the Verlag Sozialwissenschaften (Springer VS). These publishers released a series of important books on the reception and continuation of Norbert Elias's works, amongst them the important introduction:

Treibel, Annette: *Die Soziologie von Norbert Elias. Eine Einführung in ihre Geschichte, Systematik und Perspektiven.* Wiesbaden 2008.

Annette Treibel has also established the series *Figurationen. Schriften zur Zivilisations- und Prozeßtheorie* which she edits in cooperation with Reinhard Blomert and Helmut Kuzmics. The following were published successively:

Blomert, Reinhard/Kuzmics, Helmut/Treibel, Annette (eds.): *Zivilisationstheorie in der Bilanz. Beiträge zum 100. Geburtstag von Norbert Elias.* Opladen 2000.

Anders, Kenneth: *Die unvermeidliche Universalgeschichte. Studien über Norbert Elias und das Teleologieproblem.* Opladen 2000.

- Hinz, Michael: Der Zivilisationsprozeß. Mythos oder Realität? Wissenschaftssoziologische Untersuchungen zur Elias-Duerr-Kontroverse. Opladen 2002.
- Reicher, Dieter: Schaffot und Schuldgefühl. Was Staatsaufbau und Todesstrafe miteinander zu tun haben. Opladen 2003.
- Kunze, Jan-Peter: Das Geschlechterverhältnis als Machtprozeß. Die Machtbalance der Geschlechter in Westdeutschland seit 1945. Wiesbaden 2005.
- Gleichmann, Peter R.: Soziologie als Synthese. Zivilisationstheoretische Schriften über Architektur, Wissen und Gewalt. Wiesbaden 2006.
- Barzantny, Anke: Mentoring-Programme für Frauen. Maßnahmen zu Strukturveränderungen in der Wissenschaft?, Wiesbaden 2008.
- Dörfelt, Tabea: Dichtung als Menschenwissenschaft. Das poetische Werk von Norbert Elias. Wiesbaden 2013.
- Frerichs, Melanie: Innovationsprozesse und organisationaler Wandel in der Automobilindustrie. Eine prozesssoziologische Analyse betrieblicher Machtproben. Wiesbaden 2014.
- Górnicka, Barbara: Nakedness, Shame, and Embarrassment. A Long-Term Sociological Perspective. Wiesbaden 2016.

Two other publications with the Westdeutscher Verlag are worth mentioning:

Ernst, Stefanie: *Machtbeziehungen zwischen den Geschlechtern. Wandlungen der Ehe im 'Prozeß der Zivilisation'*. Wiesbaden 1996.

Ernst, Stefanie: *Geschlechterverhältnis und Führungspositionen. Eine figurationssoziologische Analyse der Stereotypenkonstruktion*. Wiesbaden 1999.

Before the most current publications will be presented in a kind of a snapshot, I must discuss the important work of Stephen Mennell, whose books—unlike some by Johan Goudsblom, the most important author on Norbert Elias—have not been translated into German. A selection:

Stephen Mennell: *All Manners of Food: Eating and Taste in England and France from the Middle Age to the Present*. Oxford 1985.

Stephen Mennell: *Norbert Elias: An Introduction*. Dublin 1992/1998.

Stephen Mennell: *The American Civilizing Process*. Cambridge 2007.

Stephen Mennell and Norman Gabriel (eds.): *Norbert Elias and Figural Research: Processual Thinking in Sociology*. Oxford 2011.

Besides the books mentioned, in the last 15 years, since the printing of the second edition of this book, hundreds of books have been published world-wide, to say nothing of the innumerable number of essays. Thus only a **selection**

can be presented here—this brings up the question of the selection criteria. To avoid this dilemma, I have decided to list as a snapshot illustrating the variety of topics all titles announced or reviewed in Issue 38 of *Figurations*, the newsletter of the Norbert Elias Stichting. (The newsletter is free of charge and can be ordered at the secretariat of the Norbert Elias Stichting, JJ. Viottastraat 13, NL 1071 JM Amsterdam or via Elias@planet.nl).

In the January edition 2013 the following **books** were reviewed or listed as new releases:

Alikhani, Behrouz: Institutionelle Entdemokratisierungsprozesse: Zum Nachhinkeffekt des sozialen Habitus in Frankreich, Iran und Deutschland. Wiesbaden 2012.

Dalal, Farhad: Thought Paralysis: The Virtues of Discrimination. London 2012.

Deakings, John R.: Making Sense of Us: An Essay on Human Meaning. Vancouver 2011.

Deluermoz, Quentin (ed.): Elias et le XX siècle: La processus de civilisation à l'épreuve. Paris 2012.

Dunning, Eric/Hughes, Jason: Norbert Elias and Modern Sociology: Knowledge, Interdependence, Power, Process. London 2012.

Heinich, Natalie: De la visibilité. Paris 2012.

Imbusch, Peter (ed.): Macht und Herrschaft: Sozialwissenschaftliche Theorien und Konzeptionen. 2. überarbeitete Auflage. Wiesbaden 2012.

Joly, Marc: Devenir Norbert Elias: Histoire croisée d'un processus de reconnaissance scientifique: la réception française. Paris 2012.

Krieken, Robert van: Celebrity Society. London 2012.

- Perulli, Angela (ed.): *Fare sviluppo: Identità, luoghi, trasformazione in un'area della Toscana*. Milan 2009.
- Rohloff, Amanda: *Climate Change, moral panic and Civilization: On the development of global warming as a social problem*. PhD-Thesis, Brunel University, London 2012.
- Spier, Fred: *Big History and the Future of Humanity*. Oxford 2011.
- Spierenburg, Pieter: *Violence and Punishment: Civilizing the body through time*. Cambridge 2012.
- Vertigans, Stephen: *The Sociology of Terrorism. People, Places and Processes*. London 2012.

Abbreviations

- BJS British Journal of Sociology
- KZfSS Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozial-
psychologie
- ZfS Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Illustrations

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Fig. 4 Courtesy of the university archive of Breslau.

Fig. 5 Courtesy of the Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem.

Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 Photos from private property (first publication, see *Human Figurations Essays for/Aufsätze für Norbert Elias*, Amsterdam 1977).

Fig. 8 Courtesy of Gisèle Freund, Paris.