Relational sociology draws attention to non-utilitarian aspects of sociality that reach beyond instrumental rationality, and puts forth the problem of relational reason. Shaping a civil society under conditions of cultural plurality requires reflection upon relational rationality. This book focuses on relational goods as an emergent effect of social relations, bringing the issue of good life and the good society into focus.

The relational approach involves viewing social relations neither as an expression of the system nor as an expression of individual action, but as a human reality in its own right, based on reciprocity.

The authors, reflecting on social phenomena and processes through relations, explore the moral dimensions of sociality in various areas of social life. The aim is to enrich the understanding of relationality and the significance of the relational theory of society.

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