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The Social Construction of Reality 1979

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this volume advocates a shift from the social constructivism found in the work of thomas luckmann and peter berger to a communicative constructivism that acknowledges communication as an embodied form of action in its own right according to which social actors in engaging in
communicative action construct a material social reality that guides delimits and enables actions a study of the importance of understanding the role of communication in an age in which digitization and mediatization have extended the reach of communication to a global level and brought about the emergence of the communication society the communicative construction of reality shows how communication society does not merely replace modern society and its hierarchical institutions but complements it in a manner that continually results in conflicts leading to the refiguration of society as such it will appeal to scholars of sociology with interests in the sociology of knowledge communication and social theory

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social construction is a central metaphor in contemporary social science yet it is used and understood in widely divergent and indeed conflicting ways by different thinkers most commonly it is seen as radically opposed to realist social theory dave elder vass argues that social scientists should be both realists and social constructionists and that coherent versions of these ways of thinking are entirely compatible with each other this book seeks to transform prevailing understandings of the relationship between realism and constructionism it offers a thorough ontological analysis of the phenomena of language discourse culture and knowledge and shows how this justifies a realist version of social constructionism in doing so however it also develops an analysis of these phenomena that is significant in its own right

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