

Review of: "Werner Sombart's Longue Durée"

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I think it's really interesting that someone writes an article about a relatively unknown author as Werner Sombart and his contribution to the social sciences. As the author of the manuscript argues, it was Parsons who, in 1937, sentenced him to oblivion, while given Weber a favourable position on key topics in Sociology such as, among others, the spirit of capitalism. This has meant that interpretations of them are somewhat biased.

It is an original work, well written, is drawn with a logical and coherent argumentation, as it is well-referenced to support its points, it is based on extensive and relevant sources and it is technically sound. Then, I don't have much to contribute, if anything, as a constructive suggestion to improve the paper, I would like to point out that, among the references to Keynes that the author makes throughout the text, he could also consider the possibility to include the metaphor of the fable of bees of which Keynes speaks at the end of his General Theory (6th book) to referring to underconsumption. This issue would be linked to effective demand, the conspicuous consumption and, ultimately, the spirit of luxury.