Sociology of Culture & Cognition

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The scaffolds of contemporary cognitive sociology can be found in DiMaggio (1997) and Zerubavel (1997). The cultural perspective promoted by Ann Swidler (1986), in which culture was not seen as aggregate of beliefs, values, and attitudes, but more as a toolkit that enables or constraints action, prompted new ways to theorize about social action and the interplay between culture and cognitive processes. The following, is a list of important papers in the field, selected by topic. One of the most updated and comprehensive sources of the field is offered by the Oxford Handbook of Cognitive Sociology (2019, eds. Brekhus & Ignatow). Several of the entrances below come from this source.

General overview of the field

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Additional resources

- Omar Lizardo's syllabus for the course Culture and Cognition at Notre Dame (Spring 2017);
- John Levi Martin's syllabus for the course Culture and Cognition at University of Wisconsin, Madison (Spring 2005);
- Karen Cerulo's bibliographic material;
- Omar Lizardo and Michael Strand (UCLA) have a blog called CultureCog in which they write posts about central concepts in this filed, such as that of habitus and embodiment. They adopt a Bourdieusian perspective, for which culture is not studied in its social representations (Durkheim) or interpersonal/micro situations (Goffman), but as incorporated in everyday practices (see, for example, Dieter Vandebroeck's (2016) book about how class divisions become inscribed in the body and how physical properties, in turn, contribute to naturalizing and legitimizing class divisions). The blog constitues a good companion to the papers to better grasp and reflect upon their main theoretical, methodological, and empirical findings.