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What is the Welfare State? A Sociological Restatement

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1. *“Carrying coals to Newcastle”*

(LSE and the Welfare State)

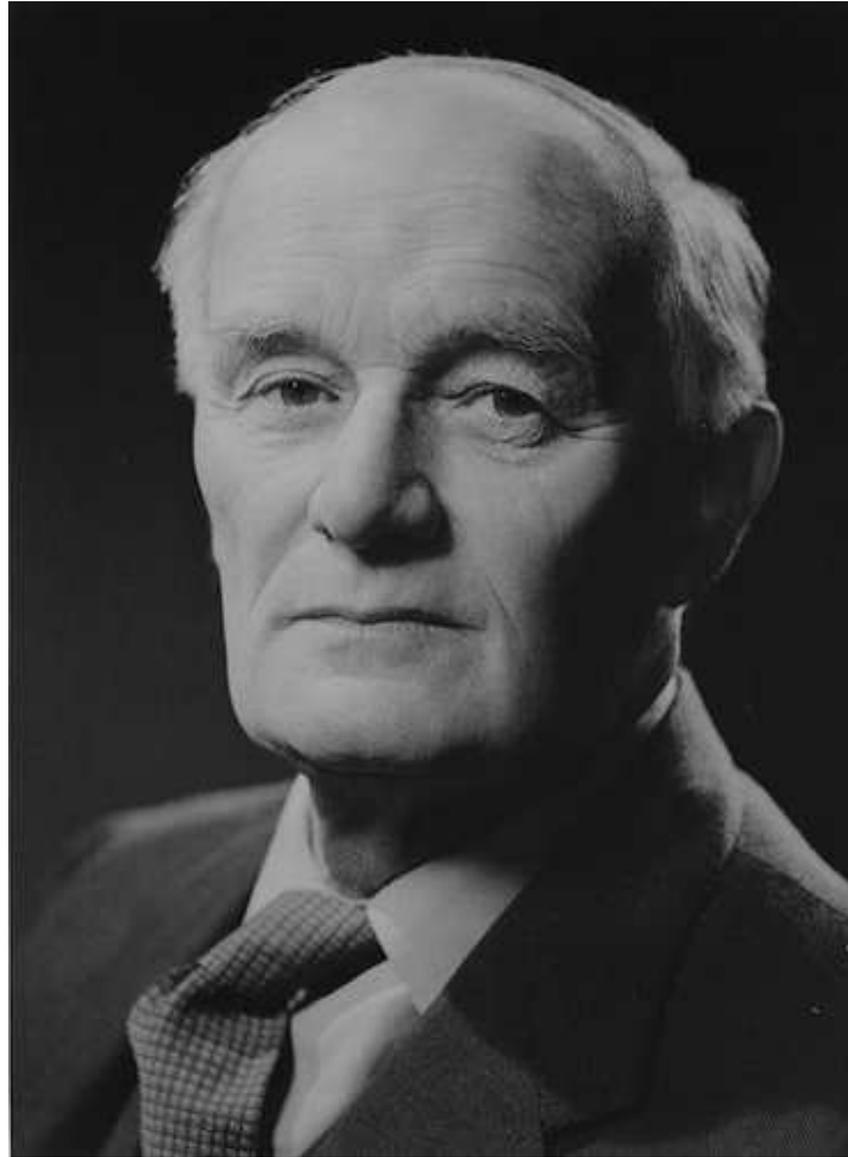


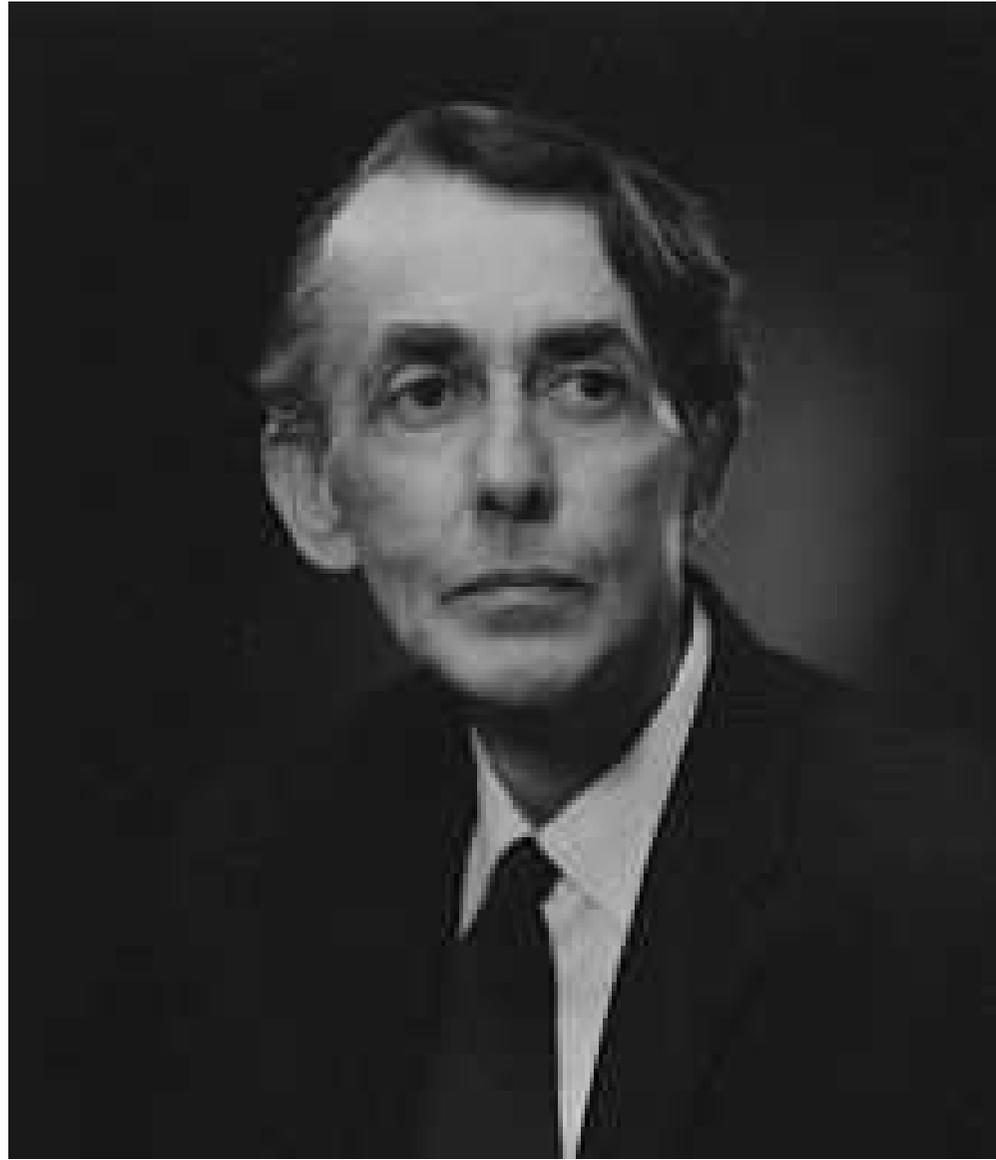


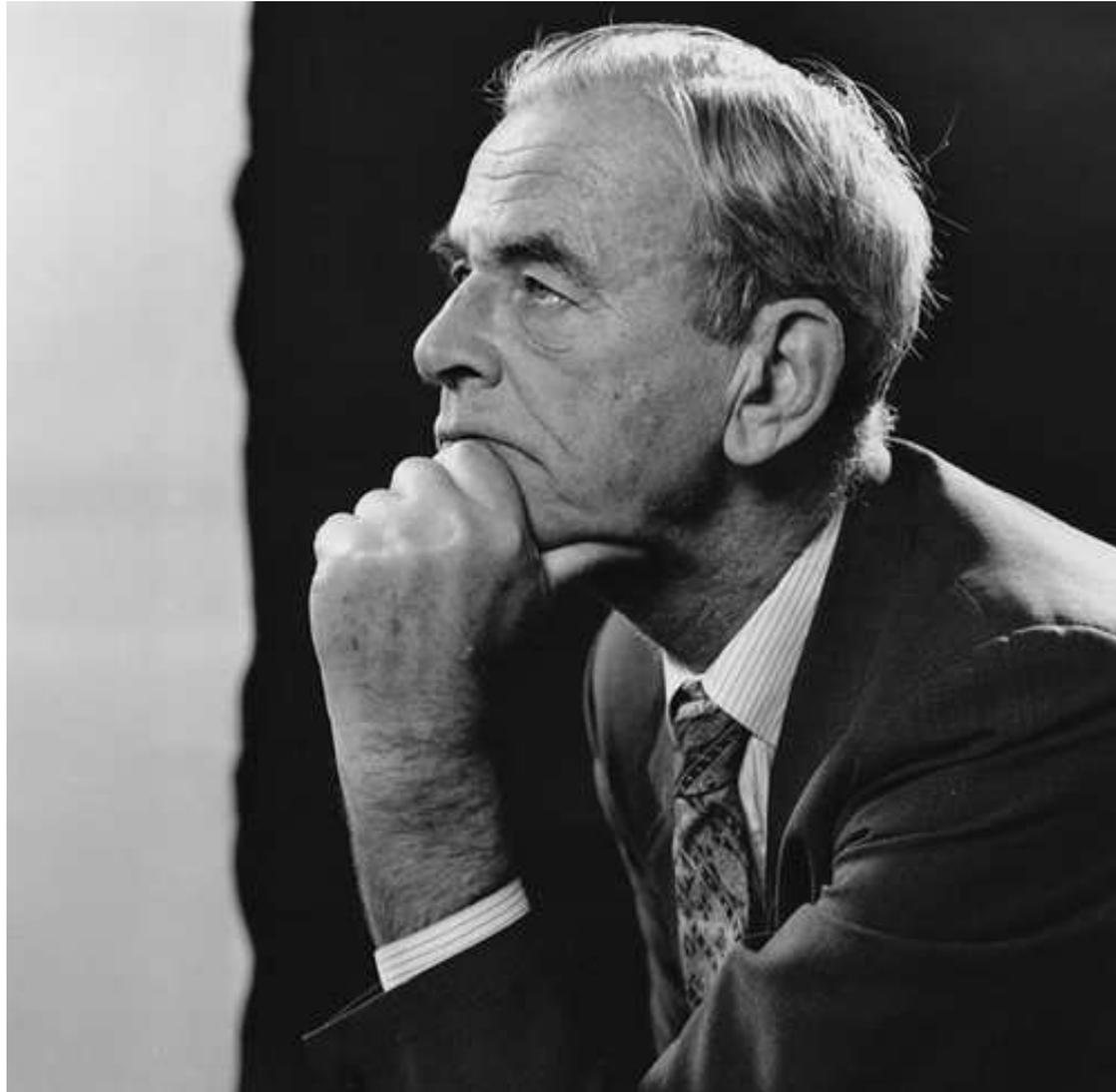


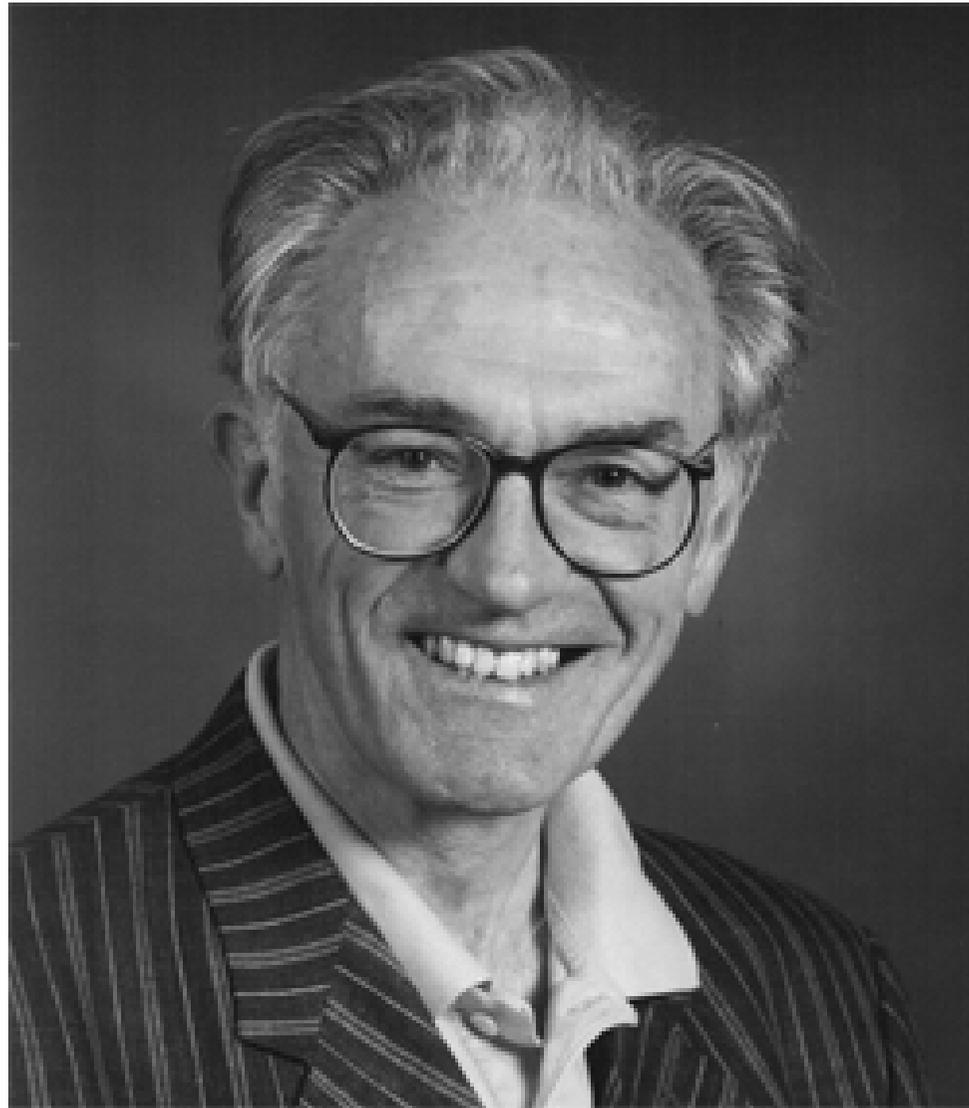












LSE Department of Social Science and Administration, 1971



2. *“The Welfare State” as misnomer*

*Essays
on
'The Welfare
State'*

*Richard M.
Titmuss*

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3. Conceptualizing the Welfare State

Three conceptions of the welfare state

1. Welfare for the poor

2. Social insurance and social services

*3. Government at the level of the economy
and the population*

The Welfare State

Government of the economy and the population,

in the interest of security, stability and welfare,

utilizing the tools of insurance, economic management, and social provision,

together with the legal regulations, taxes, and forms of expertise required for their operation.

Welfare State “Governmentality”

(c/f Michel Foucault)

A distinctive mode of government, involving...

*...a specific way of reasoning about and exercising
governmental power...*

*...using specific apparatuses, techniques, and
forms of knowledge.*

4. Problems of the Welfare State

5. The Social Basis of the Welfare State

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RICHARD M. TITMUSS
on his social philosophy

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*6. The Welfare State as a Normal Social
Fact*

Emile Durkheim



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**Sociological
Method**

*The classic discussion of the validity of the application
of scientific techniques to the study of social phenomena*



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The Welfare State as a Normal Social Fact:

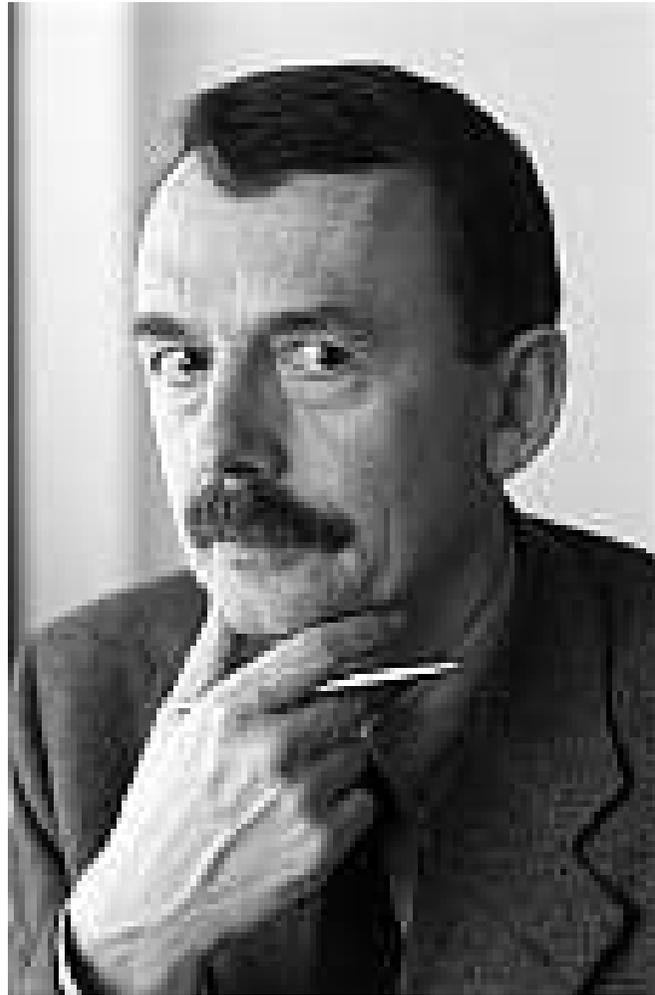
A social fact is normal if....

1. It is present in all such societies at that stage of development and

2. It is bound up with the functioning of society.

“Normal” = functionally essential; integral to social health.

Wolfgang Streeck



Capitalism:

“a society that has instituted its economy in a capitalist manner, in that it has coupled its material provision to the private accumulation of capital, measured in units of money, through free contractual exchange in markets driven by individual calculations of utility”

*(W. Streeck, “How to Study Contemporary Capitalism”, Eur J of Soc
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