

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME

PETER ABELL

PRESENT POSTS

Part-time – The Interdisciplinary Institute of Management,
(LSE).Emeritus Professor.

EDUCATION

1960

University of Leeds (Brotherton Scholar)
BSc (Physical Chemistry)

1964

University of Leeds
PhD (Ligand Field Theory)

1964

Registered for M.A. in Philosophy of Science (not completed
due to appointment at Essex)

PREVIOUS POSTS

January 1965

Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Essex

1965-66

Research Officer
Department of Sociology, University of Essex

1966-67

Temporary Lecturer
Department of Sociology, University of Essex

1967-68

Lecturer
Department of Sociology, University of Essex

1968-71

Senior Lecturer
Department of Sociology, University of Essex

1971-76

Personal Readership in the University of London and
Director of Research, Industrial Sociology Unit, Imperial
College of Science and Technology, University of London

1976-79

Professor of Sociology and Head of Department
University of Birmingham

(1978-79 Sabbatical; SSRC Personal Research Award)

1979-83

Professor of Sociology and Head of Department
University of Surrey

1983-86

Dean, Faculty of Human Studies
University of Surrey

1986-87	<u>Visiting Fellow</u> Nuffield College, Oxford University
1988-89	<u>Professor of Sociology</u> and <u>Head of Department</u> University of Surrey
1990- 2003	<u>Founding Director</u> , Interdisciplinary Institute of Management at LSE. Professor

VISITING ACADEMIC POSTS

1970	<u>Visiting Assistant Professor</u> , University of California at (one quarter) Santa Barbara (Department of Sociology)
1973 & 1974	<u>Visiting Assistant Professor</u> , University of California at (one quarter) Berkeley (Department of Sociology)
1974-78	<u>Associate</u> of Polytechnic of Central London
1976, 1987 1989, 1991 1993, 1994 1997, 1998	<u>Visiting Professor</u> , Copenhagen Business School, (Department of Industrial Organisation)
1977-1988	<u>Visiting Fellow</u> , Henley Administrative Staff College
1997-98	<u>Visiting Professor</u> , University of Chicago (Department of Sociology, Coleman memorial lectures)

I have three times been invited to the “European Think Tank” at Vasanar, but have found it impossible to take a year’s leave of absence.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(a) Public Bodies

1970-73	Sociological <u>Consultant</u> on a Board of Trade Enquiry into Inward Investment in the UK
	<u>Consultant</u> to the Roskill Commission on the Third London Airport
1974-78	<u>Member</u> of the Sociology and Social Administration Committee of the SSRC
1978-80	<u>Member</u> of the SSRC Energy Panel
	<u>Consultant</u> to ESRC on Industrial Relations Surveys (leading to the report mentioned below)
1986	<u>Consultant</u> to ESRC on PhD completion rates

(b)

Professional and International

1977-81	Editorial Board, <u>Sociology</u> , (Chairman of Editorial Board Meeting)
1976-89	Director of the course on <u>Participation and Self-Management</u> , Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
1980-81	<u>Consultant</u> to UNIDO on Industrial Producer Co-operatives
1986-	Editorial Board: <u>Economic and Industrial Democracy</u> (University of Stockholm)
1987-	Editorial Board: <u>Rationality and Society</u> (University of Chicago)
1990-93	Member of the Board of the Research Institute of the ILO, Geneva
1990-	Editorial Board: <u>Journal of Mathematical Sociology</u> (University of Pittsburgh)
1991-02	<u>Director</u> of the Management Summer School, LSE
1992-02	<u>Co-ordinator</u> of the London External Degree in Management (University of London)
1994-	Executive Board of the Community on Institute of Economics and Management in Almaty Kazakhstan
1995	<u>Consultant</u> to IBM designing an in-house MBA
2007	Consultant to Netherlands Government (QUANU) On Sociology

GRANTS

1971	<u>SSRC</u> research programme “Comparative Analysis of Organisations” (£150 000)
1975	<u>SSRC</u> research programme extension of above (£52 000)
1976	<u>Nuffield Foundation</u> , a conference on workers’ participation (£1 000)
1977	<u>Overseas Development Ministry</u> “The Economic Potential of Small Scale Industrial Producer Co-operatives in Developing Countries” (£50 000)

1977	(With Heller and Warner) <u>Anglo German Foundation</u> , “Industrial Democracy in Europe” (£69 000)
1980	<u>UNIDO</u> an international conference to promote the results of my research into Industrial Producer Co-operatives in Tanzania (£35 000)
1983	<u>Overseas Development Administration</u> , “A Comparative Study of Secondary Co-operatives in Developing Countries” (£20 000)
1987	<u>ESRC</u> , Short Courses in Research Methodology (£8 400)
1990	With Layard et al) An Interdisciplinary Research Centre <u>The Centre for Economic Performance</u> (approximately £8x10 ⁶ over ten years)
1994	<u>European Union</u> , Profit Sharing in Europe (200 000 ECU)
1994	<u>European Union</u> , (with ESADE Barcelona) Management Training in Cuba (600 000ECU)
1994	<u>European Union</u> , (with Bocconi Milan) Management Training in Bulgaria (400 000ECU)
1995	<u>European Union</u> , (with Copenhagen Business School) Management Training in Kazakhstan (100 000ECU)

Numerous grants of less than £1 000

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Imperial College, London

- Director of Research in Industrial Sociology Unit

Birmingham University

- Head of Department of Sociology

Surrey University

- Head of Department of Sociology
- Dean of the Faculty of Human Studies (invited on termination to be Pro-Vice Chancellor)
- Vice-Chancellor Committee on Reorganisation
- Member of the Council of the University

London School of Economics and Political Science

- Founding Director of Interdisciplinary Institute of Management
- Programme Director Centre for Economic Performance
- Standing Sub-Committee of the Appointments Committee
- Director’s Advisory Group of Salaries and Wages

PUBLICATIONS

(a)

Books

- 1970 (with P. Doreian and C. Bell) Disruption of Community Life: A Comparative Study of Foulness, Nuthampstead, Thurleigh and Cublington, HMSO.
- 1971 Model Building in Society, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Polish edn. 1975.
- 1973 (with M. Steuer et al) The Impact of Foreign Investment in the UK, HMSO.
- 1975 (ed.) Organisations as Bargaining and Influence Systems, Heinemann.
- 1980 (with IDE research team) Industrial Democracy in Europe, O.U.P.
- 1980 (with IDE research team) European Industrial Relations O.U.P.
- 1980 (with Heller and Warner) What do the British want from Participation? Anglo German Foundation.
- 1983 (ed. with Gilbert) Accounts and Action Gower.
- 1984 (ed. with Proctor) Sequence Analysis, Gower.
- 1987 The Syntax of Social Life: The Theory and Method of Comparative Narratives, O.U.P.
- 1988 (with Mahoney) The Economic and Social Potential of Small Scale Producer Co-operatives in Developing Countries, O.U.P.
- 1988 Support Systems for Small Scale Producer Co-operatives in Developing Countries, Gower.
- 1991 Rational Choice, ed. Edward Elgar.
- 1993 (with IDE research team) Industrial Democracy Revisited, O.U.P.
Of London
- 2006 Organisation Theory; An interdisciplinary Approach. Univ
London
- 2022 Ethnographic Causality Univ Gronnigen Press

(b)

Consultancy Reports

- 1980 Industrial Producer Co-operation in Nigeria for the ODA and UNIDO.
- 1980 Industrial Producer Co-operation in Kenya for the ODA and UNIDO.
- 1980 Industrial Producer Co-operation in Ethiopia for the ODA and UNIDO.
- 1981 Report for the Conference on Industrial Producer Co-operation in Arusha for the ODA and UNIDO.
- 1983 A Review of Industrial Relations Surveys for the ESRC.
- 1986 Completion Rate Policy for the ESRC, for the ESRC.
- 1993 (with Geoffrey Owen) The Changing Role of the Finance Director for the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- (c) Papers and Chapters**
- 1967 “Perception of Balance in Part of the International System”, Journal of Peace Research, 6.
- 1968 “Structural Balance in Dynamic Structures”, Sociology, 2.
- 1968 “Measurement in Sociology: I, Measurement Systems”, Sociology, 2.
- 1969 “Measurement in Sociology: II, Structure and Sociological Theory”, Sociology, 3.
- 1969 “The Structural Balance of Kinship Systems of some Primitive Peoples”, in Structuralism, (ed.) M. Lane, Basic Books.
- 1969 “Some Problems in the Theory of Structural Balance” in Structuralism as above.
- 1969 “A Note on the Random Distribution of Cycles in Affective Structures” Sociology, 3.
- 1971 “Why Men Rebel” (review article) Race 13.
- 1973 “The Task Framework in Organisational Analysis”, in The Sociology of the Workplace (ed.) Malcolm Warner, George Allen and Unwin (with David Mathew).
- 1973 “Measuring Organisational Power”, Participation and Self-Management, Vol. 5, Zagreb. 18.

- 1974 "Control of International Corporations", International Business, 18.
- 1974 "Mathematics and Theoretical Sociology" in Approaches to Sociology, (ed.) John Rex, Routledge.
- 1975 "Organisations as Bargaining and Influence Systems – Measuring Intra-Organisational Power" in Organisations as Bargaining and Influence Systems, (ed.) Abell, Heinemann.
- 1975 "Organisations as Technically Constrained Bargaining and Influence Systems" (as above).
- 1975 "Bargaining, Influence and Total Organisational Control and Conceptual and Theoretical Enquiry" (as above).
- 1976 "Integrative and Disintegrative Structures in Decision Making Groups", Use of Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences, (ed.) Collins, Tavistock.
- 1977 "The Many Faces of Power and Liberty (etc.)" Sociology, 11.
- 1977 "Organisational Power and Constraint" in Frontier Problems in Organisational Theory (ed.) M. Warner.
- 1977 "Organizzazzoni come sistemi vincolati di contratlazione e di influenza" in Studi Organizzatioi anno IX.
- 1978 "The Task Determinants of Decentralisation in International Corporations" Work Organisation Research, (ed.) B. Wilpert and A. Negandi, Kent State University Press.
- 1979 "Hierarchy and Democratic Authority", in Work and Power, (ed.) Burns, Erikson and Rus, Sage.
- 1979 "On the Economic Viability of Industrial Co-operatives" Public Enterprise, 16. April.
- 1979 (with K. Thomas) "What Size Should Organisations be? A Viewpoint", Acton Society Occasional Paper, (Sienna Series).
- 1980 (with P. Halfpenny) "National Wage Rate Claims and Settlements", Sociology, 14.
- 1981 (with IDE team) "Die Dessung von mit bestimmungsnorm – Darstellung einer international vergleichenden forschngsunatzes", Orgainsation and Recht, (ed.) Blankenburg B. and Lenk L., West Deutscher Verlag.

- 1981 "On the Structure of the Democratic Firm", The Yearbook on Organisations, (ed.) Thompson, Routledge and Kegan Paul.
- 1981 "Capital Starvation and Capital Administration: The Case of Industrial Producer Co-operatives in Developing Countries" in The Economics of Participatory Firms (ed.) Jones and Svejnar, Lexington Books.
- 1981 "W(h)ither Sociological Methodology? Generalisation and Comparative Method", Practice and Progress British Sociology 1950-80, (ed.) P. Abrams et al. George Allen and Unwin.
- 1981 "A Note on Organisational Democracy" Sociology, 15.
- 1982 "Decision, Power and Reason: A Preliminary Formulation" Acta Sociologica, 25.
- 1983 "The Viability of Producer Co-operation" International Yearbook of Industrial Participation, (ed.) c. Crouch, Wiley.
- 1984 "Comparative Narratives: Some Rules for the Study of Action", Journal for Theory of Social Behaviour, 14.
- 1985 "Some Theory of Industrial And Economic Democracy" Economic and Industrial Democracy, 6.
- 1985 "Industrial Democracy: Has it a Future? The Western European Experience" Journal of General Management, 10.
(Also translated into Polish in the Polish Scientific Quarterly).
- 1985 (with Halfpenny) "National Wage Rate Claims and Settlements – II. An Exploratory Study of Some Possible Determinants of Claims and Settlements" Sociology, 19.
- 1985 "Comparative Narratives: A Non Technical Introduction to Qualitative Analysis", Occasional Papers in Sociology, University of Surrey.
- 1987 "Rational Equitarian Democracy and Minimax Class: A Sketch Towards a Theory", Sociology, Vol. 21.
- 1987 "A Testimony for Eugen Pusec: Are Hierarchies Necessary", University of Zagreb.
- 1988 "An Equitarian Market Socialism" in Market Socialism, (ed.) J. LeGrand, O.U.P.
- 1988 "Comparative Narratives: An Introduction" Psychology,

- 1988 “Equality and Socialism” Participatory Socialism, (ed.) G. Winter, Aalborg University.
- 1988 The Stucturation of Action: Inference and Comparative Narratives” Actions and Structure, (ed.) N. Fielding, Sage.
- 1988/9 “Games in Networks: A Sociological Theory of Voluntary Associations” Rationality and Society, 2; 259-282.
- 1989 “Support Systems for Producer Co-operatives in Developing Countries” International Yearbook on Organisational Democracy, (ed.) Lamners et al., Wiley.
- 1990 “The Methodological Achievements in Sociology in the Past Two Decades with Special Reference to the Interplay of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods”, in What has Sociology Achieved?: An International Symposium, (ed.) Bryant C. and M. Becker, Macmillan.
- 1990 “Denzin on Rational Choice Theory” Rationality and Society, Volume 2, No 4; 495-499.
- 1990 “Supporting Industrial Co-operatives – Some Tanzanian Experiences” Economic and Industrial Democracy.11,483-504
- 1991 James Coleman’s Foundations of Social Theory: A Review on the European Social Review Vol. 7; 163-172.
- 1993 An issue of the Journal of Mathematical Sociology was devoted to my theory of Narratives.
- 1993 “Some Aspects of Narrative Method” Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Narrative Methods, 18.
- 1993 “Narrative Methods: A Reply”, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, 18.
- 1994 (with Samuels and Cranna) “Mergers Motivation and Directors Remuneration” CEP Discussion Paper 199.
- 1994 (With Crouchley and Smeaton) “An Aggregate Time Series Analysis of Non-Agricultural Self-Employment in the UK” CEP Discussion Paper 209.
- 1995 “An Exploration of Entry to and Exit from Self-Employment” CEP Discussion Paper 224 (Accepted by Archives Européennes de Sociologie).

- 1995 “The New Institutionalism and Rational Choice Theory” in Institutional Construction of Organisation: International and Longitudinal Studies (ed.) Richard Scott, Sage.
- 1996 “Rational Choice Theory and Sociological Theory” in The Blackwell Companion to Social Theory (ed.) B. Turner; Blackwell.
- 1996 “Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship: A Study of Entry and Exit: An Essay in Honour of James Coleman” to appear in Coleman’s Sociology, ed. Jon Clark.
- 1996 “Self-Management and Post-Modernism” Critical Review Vol. 9, No. 3; 341-349.
- 1996 “Homo Sociologicas: Do we need him/her?” in Social Theory at the End of the Century ed. Stephen Turner.
- 1997 “A Model of Informal Structure (Culture) of Organisations”, Rationality and Society 8, 433-452.
- 1997 “Economic and Organisation Theories: Are They Compatible?” Rationality and Society, 8 (4) 363-369.
- 1998 A Rejoinder to Horvat in Critical Review 11 (2) 319-321.
- 1999 Reply to Prychko in Critical Review 11 (2) 311-313.
- 2000 (with D Reyniers) “Generalised Reciprocity and Reputation in the Theory of Co-operation: A Framework”, in Analyse and Kritik.
- 2001 “Causality and Low Frequency Complex Events: The Role of Comparative Narratives”, Sociological Methodology.
- 2000 (with D Reyniers) “On the Failure of Social Theory”, British Journal of Sociology, 51, 739-750.
- 2000 “On the Failure of Social Theory”, Theoretical Sociology ??
- 2001 (with R Crouchley and C Mills) “An Exploration of Self-Employment in Great Britain. In Search of Social Capital”, Enterprise and Innovation in Management Studies, 1, 32.
- 2001 The Viability and Competitiveness of Participatory Firms in Market Economic Systems, Artic Research Journal (1).35-45.
- 2003 ‘On the Prospects of a unified Social Science’, Socio-Economic Review, 1, 1-27.

- 2004 'Narrative Explanation: An Alternative to Variable Centred Explanation'. Annual Review Sociology, 287-310.
- 2006 "Narratives, Bayesian Narratives and Narrative Actions", European Sociology Journal ? ?.
- 2007 "Are Reasons Explanations", Contemporary Sociology, 36, 532-36 .
- 2007 (with T. Nisar) "Performance Effects of venture Capital, Networks", Management Decision ,45, 923-936.
- 2007 (with N.Foss and T. Felin) "Building Micro-Foundations for Capabilities and Performance Links", Managerial and Decision Economics, 29, 489-502.
- 2007 (with M.Ludwig) "An evolutionary Model Of Social Networks, European Physical Journal, B 58, 97-105.
- 2009 (with M. Ludwig) "Structural Balance, A Dynamic Perspective," Journal of Mathematical Sociology, 33, 1-27.
- 2009 "A Case for Cases, Comparative Narratives in Sociological Explanation", Sociological Methods and Research, 32, 1-33.
- 2009 "History, Case Studies, Statistics and Causal Inference. (European Academy of Sociology Annual Lecture) European Sociological Review, 25, 561-569.
- 2010 "I (She) Did This Because of that: Subjective Causality and Bayesian Narratives in Sociological Explanation", Festschrift for Raymond Boudon, OUP.
2010. (with Felin and Foss) "Causal and Constitutive Relations an Erkenntnis ,73, 285-391.
- 2010 Singulare Mechanismen und Bayessche Narrative, in Kron T., and Grund T. (eds) Die Analytische Soziologie in der Diskussion. Weisbaden, VS Verlag.
- 2011 (with Z. Deng) "A study of Local sign Change Adjustment in Complete Balancing Structures", Journal of Mathematical Sociology, 34. 253-282.
- 2011 "La Sociologie d'aujourd'hui et de demain" *Academie Francais ,Commentaire*, 133, 1002-1006.

2011	(with B. Kajawski) “Virtual Communities? The Middle East Revolutions at the Guardian Forum, Comment is free” <u>European Physical Journal (Condensed Matter)</u> 83, 525-529.
2012	(with Deng , H.) “A study of sign change adjustment in Balancing weighted Structures” <u>Social Networks</u>
2014	“Liability to Rupture, A formal Framework” in <u>Analy- Sociology</u> (ed) G. Manzo ,Wiley
2014	“Structural Balance Theory”, <u>International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2nd Edition.</u>
2015	Rational Choice and Organisation Theory In the Oxford Handbook Organisations and Social Theory OUP.
2015	Corporate Social Responsibility, Inequality and Corporate Governance. ed Barbara Fryzel
2015	“Structural Balance, Homophily and Heterophobia in Random in Complete Signed Structures” <u>Social Networks</u>
2015	(with M.Steuer and H. Wynn) “Head –Hunter Methods for CEO Selection” <u>Jour. General. Management, 41, 1-2</u>
2018 ??	“Ethnographic causality”, Sociological Methods and Research
2019	Chapter in philosophy book?

Some 80 book reviews in professional journals.

I have supervised 33 PhD students to completion. External examined Phd at Oxford , Imperial college and Manchester University.