Pierre Bourdieu  
(1930-2002)  
French sociologist. Notion of 'habitus' describes a sphere of personal knowledge, a system of 'dispositions' where individual subjectivity intersects with the external world. Individual choices do not just reflect the external world, but contribute to it. The habitus connects a person with the world, but is also marked by boundaries and distinctions between social groups and cultural fields. Also noted importance of 'cultural capital' for social mobility.

Selected Works:  
The Logic of Practice (Stanford, 1992)  
The Field of Cultural Production (Columbia, 1993)