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British social theorist with prolific output. His theory of 'structuration' solved the problem of whether society is shaped by individual acts or major social forces by asserting that it is human agency that continuously reproduces the social structure. This relationship means individuals can bring change. In the 1990s, Giddens fashioned theory on how selves find meaning - - and create narratives of identity in modern society.

**Selected Works:**  
- Modernity and Self-Identity (Polity, 1991)  
- The Transformation of Intimacy (Polity, 1992)  
- Runaway World: How Globalisation is Reshaping Our Lives (Profile, 1999)