

METHODS FOR DESIGNING THE OPTIMAL SOCIETY

The scholars who have studied problems concerning the design of either just or effective (or of just and effective) social régimes can be grouped into five different classes according to the method they have chosen:

(i) intuitionists, or users of the "method" of Verstehen;

(ii) ideologists, or followers of a given ideology;

(iii) empiricists, or dataists;

(iv) naive rationalists, or believers in the usefulness of imagining an initial social contract struck by rational and well informed individuals intent on either maximizing their utilities or on building a stable community;

(v) scientific realists

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