1. Record Nr. UNINA9910813053103321 Autore **Bunge Mario** Titolo Social Science under Debate: A Philosophical Perspective / / Mario Bunge Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto:,: University of Toronto Press,, [2017] ©1998 **ISBN** 1-281-99588-6 9786611995881 1-4426-8003-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (557 p.) Disciplina 300/.7/2 Soggetti Social sciences - Methodology Social sciences - Philosophy Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Acknowledgments -- Part A: Basic Social Science -- 1. From Natural Science to Social Science -- 2. Sociology -- 3. Positive Economics -- 4. Political Science -- 5. Culturology -- 6. History -- Part B: Sociotechnology -- 7. Action Theory -- 8. Law -- 9. Management Technology -- 10. Normative Economics -- 11. Designing the Future -- Part C: Appendices --References -- Index of Names -- Index of Subjects Sommario/riassunto Mario Bunge, author of the monumental Treatise on Basic Philosophy, is widely renowned as a philosopher of science. In this new and ambitious work he shifts his attention to the social sciences and the social technologies. He considers a number of disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, economics, political science, law, history, and management science. Bunge contends that social science research has fallen prey to a postmodern fascination with irrationalism and relativism. He urges social scientists to re-examine the philosophy and the methodology at the base of their discipline. Bunge calls for objective and relevant fact-finding, rigorous theorizing, and empirical testing, as well as morally sensitive and socially responsible policy

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