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Four Evolving Metaparadigms, 1648 to Present

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A metahistory of knowledge – political, economic, ideological, sociological, and scientific – and the respective conceptual developments of the fields 1648 to the present

The book is a study of the evolving history of knowledge in the arts and sciences in the modern era –from 1648 through the present. Modernism is treated as an epoch with evolving disciplines whose articulated problems of a time and the inquiry methods to address them develop in a coordinated manner, given a mutual awareness.

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- The history of knowledge is an emerging field of thought in the present time. Such a “metahistorical” interest among others confirms the importance of this book.

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