

Abstract: Limits of Knowledge between "Social and Sociological" and Prospects for the Production of Sociological Theory in the Arabian Gulf: Indicative Approaches

This contribution does not provide an integrated research project as much as it attempts to raise a series of inquiries paralleled by a range of approaches in order to find a course for a research project framed in the context of indigenization projects. This project seeks to explore the boundaries of knowledge between what is "social" and what is "sociological" in the context of shaping theoretical scientific knowledge about Gulf societies. The idea of the approach is based on a general premise that these societies are based on a number of social categories that take their representations in customs, traditions and systems of Social management and forms of social action and its directives and determinants of social discourse, whether at the level of social interaction or at the level of social control. All of the above constitutes a social knowledge that have not taken its right at the level of framing process based on scientific method and had not been founded on the formulation of a theory to understand these societies from within according to their specificity

and shown without ruminating sociological perspectives and sayings drawn from other societies or from contexts of time and place and this is exactly what we mean when we speak about "sociological knowledge".

The project that we are in the process of establishing is expected to contribute to reducing the gap between the production of sociological knowledge and the nature of social knowledge and social reality, thus paving the way for enhancing the recognition of sociology at the level of public discourse in general, and at the level of political demand for science in the second place, and the production of a similar cognitive pattern in the understanding of the Gulf societies which contributes to the processes of self-enlightenment and enhancement of social imagination as one of the characteristics of the lost sociological knowledge in the Gulf, not to mention the enhancement of the developmental contribution of science in the field of production, various research and knowledge activities.

The project aims to provide an evaluation vision of the reality of the sociological knowledge production system in the Arabian Gulf in terms of the position of what is sociological and social within the society, the nature of the production of sociological knowledge, the conditions of the scientific community, and the demand and political use of social sciences. It also highlights the weaknesses and strengths in the system of the production of

sociological knowledge as well as the knowledge of influential effects in the production process and the role of the main actors (political formats, academic and research institutions, independent researchers). The project also aims to know the limits of the relationship between social knowledge and sociological knowledge and the obstacles to converting social knowledge into sociological knowledge through approaching a sample of Gulf sociological research production. The final output of the project is expected to contribute to propose an integrative perspective of the indigenization of sociology in the Gulf in terms of sociological dictionary, approach of proposed perspectives, sociological research priorities and key themes, and methodologies best suited to the study of Gulf societies.