

Sociology and Its Relationship with Psychology and Anthropology in the Context of Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract:

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into various sectors has transformed how social sciences interact with human behavior and societal structures. This paper explores the intersection of sociology, psychology, and anthropology in the context of AI, analyzing how digital technologies influence social behavior, mental processes, and cultural practices. The study investigates how AI tools affect social interactions, decision-making, and anthropological research, highlighting both opportunities and challenges. By examining the relationships among these disciplines, the research provides insights into the evolving understanding of human behavior and social structures in technologically mediated environments. The findings suggest that interdisciplinary approaches are essential for effectively interpreting social phenomena in the age of AI and for developing strategies that promote ethical, informed, and socially responsible applications of technology.

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Introduction:

The rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) has significantly impacted the field of social sciences, influencing how researchers study human behavior, social structures, and cultural practices. Sociology, as the study of social interactions, institutions, and collective behavior, intersects with psychology, which focuses on individual mental processes and behaviors, and anthropology, which investigates human cultures and societal evolution. The integration of AI in research and practical applications allows scholars to analyze complex social patterns, predict behavioral trends, and understand cultural dynamics with unprecedented precision (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

AI technologies, such as machine learning, natural language processing, and data analytics, provide tools for examining large-scale social phenomena that were previously difficult to measure. In sociology, AI enables the analysis of social networks, communication patterns, and

population behaviors, offering insights into collective human interactions. Psychological research benefits from AI through advanced modeling of cognitive processes, behavioral predictions, and personalized interventions. Anthropology also leverages AI to study cultural artifacts, linguistic patterns, and human-environment interactions at a global scale (Miller, 2020).

The convergence of sociology, psychology, and anthropology in AI contexts allows for a more holistic understanding of human behavior. While sociology examines the structural and institutional aspects of social life, psychology provides insights into individual motivations, emotions, and decision-making. Anthropology contextualizes these behaviors within cultural, historical, and environmental frameworks. AI facilitates the integration of these perspectives by providing quantitative data, computational models, and predictive tools that link individual and collective behavior to broader societal patterns (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

AI also introduces challenges regarding ethics, bias, and cultural representation in social sciences. Automated data collection and predictive algorithms may inadvertently reinforce social inequalities or misrepresent cultural practices if not carefully managed. Therefore, interdisciplinary collaboration is critical to ensure that AI applications respect ethical standards, maintain accuracy, and consider social and cultural diversity. Researchers must balance technological capabilities with humanistic understanding to produce responsible and meaningful interpretations of social phenomena (Floridi, 2019).

Furthermore, AI reshapes how social scientists approach research questions and methodology. Traditional qualitative methods, such as ethnography and interviews, are complemented by computational tools that process vast amounts of textual, visual, and social media data. Quantitative analysis in psychology and sociology benefits from AI algorithms capable of identifying patterns and correlations beyond human cognitive limits. Anthropologists can now digitize cultural artifacts, map global linguistic diversity, and simulate social evolution using AI-driven models, providing new dimensions to cultural analysis (Miller, 2020).

The study of social behavior in AI contexts also highlights the role of human-machine interaction. AI systems influence individual choices, social norms, and organizational behavior. Understanding these dynamics requires combining sociological theories of social structures, psychological theories of cognition and emotion, and anthropological theories of cultural adaptation. Interdisciplinary research is therefore essential to capture the multi-layered effects of AI on human society and to anticipate social consequences of technological integration (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

In addition, AI contributes to policy-making and societal planning by providing tools for scenario modeling, behavioral forecasting, and decision support. Sociologists, psychologists, and anthropologists can collaborate to assess social impacts, predict trends, and develop interventions that account for human complexity and cultural diversity. Ethical AI deployment relies on this integration, ensuring that technological innovation aligns with societal well-being and human rights (Floridi, 2019).

The intersection of AI with social sciences encourages rethinking education and workforce development. Professionals must be trained not only in AI and computational methods but also in social, psychological, and cultural literacy. This interdisciplinary approach prepares

researchers and practitioners to use AI responsibly, understand societal impacts, and interpret data in culturally and socially informed ways (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

Finally, the relationship between sociology, psychology, anthropology, and AI emphasizes the need for continuous dialogue among disciplines. While AI provides unprecedented opportunities for analysis, it cannot replace human interpretation, empathy, or cultural understanding. Scholars must leverage AI as a tool to enhance, not replace, the insights gained from humanistic and social scientific inquiry. The integration of these fields fosters a more comprehensive understanding of human behavior in the digital age, guiding both research and practical applications responsibly.

AI's transformative impact on society demands that social scientists adapt their theories, methods, and ethical frameworks to account for technological mediation. By combining sociological, psychological, and anthropological perspectives, researchers can better understand how AI influences social behavior, decision-making, and cultural practices, ultimately contributing to more informed, ethical, and socially responsible applications of technology.

Theoretical Foundations and Interdisciplinary Connections

Sociology, psychology, and anthropology provide complementary perspectives on human behavior, society, and culture. Sociology studies social structures, institutions, and interactions among groups, emphasizing collective behavior and societal norms (Giddens, 2013). Psychology focuses on individual cognition, emotion, motivation, and behavior, highlighting internal processes that drive decisions and actions (Myers, 2014). Anthropology examines human cultures, social evolution, and ethnographic contexts, offering insights into the diversity of cultural practices and social adaptation (Eriksen, 2015). Integrating these fields allows researchers to understand human behavior from multiple dimensions, combining structural, individual, and cultural analyses.

The interdisciplinary approach facilitates the study of complex social phenomena by connecting macro-level social structures with micro-level individual behaviors. Sociology provides frameworks for understanding social institutions, hierarchies, and networks, while psychology explains individual perceptions, emotional responses, and cognitive patterns. Anthropology contextualizes these behaviors within cultural histories and environmental influences, enabling a more holistic understanding of human interaction. The synergy among these disciplines enhances the capacity of researchers to analyze both contemporary and historical social phenomena effectively (Bryman, 2012).

Social cognition serves as a key concept linking these disciplines. It examines how individuals perceive, interpret, and respond to social information, bridging psychology and sociology by considering both cognitive processes and social context. Anthropologists contribute insights by emphasizing how cultural norms, rituals, and symbols influence perception and interaction. AI tools can simulate social cognition by modeling behavioral patterns, providing researchers with computational insights that complement traditional theoretical approaches (Fiske & Taylor, 2013).

Behavioral patterns are also studied differently across the three disciplines but gain depth when integrated. Sociologists explore patterns of collective behavior, socialization, and institutional influence, while psychologists focus on learning, conditioning, and personality traits. Anthropologists study behavioral variation across cultures, emphasizing adaptive strategies and the role of traditions. Combining these perspectives allows for a multidimensional analysis of behavior that considers the individual, society, and culture simultaneously, which is particularly important in AI-mediated research environments (Eriksen, 2015).

Methodological integration is a significant aspect of interdisciplinary research. Quantitative techniques from psychology, such as surveys and experimental design, can be combined with sociological statistical analysis and anthropological ethnography to provide richer insights. AI facilitates this integration by processing large datasets, identifying patterns, and linking behavioral outcomes to social and cultural variables. Computational modeling allows researchers to test theories across multiple levels, ensuring that findings reflect both individual cognition and collective social dynamics (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

The historical development of each discipline highlights the value of interdisciplinary approaches. Sociology emerged to understand industrialization, social order, and inequality, psychology to understand mind and behavior, and anthropology to study human cultural diversity. Today, AI offers the tools to revisit classical questions with new precision and scale, allowing interdisciplinary teams to explore longstanding social questions in innovative ways. Historical awareness informs contemporary research by providing theoretical and methodological foundations for interdisciplinary studies (Giddens, 2013).

Ethical considerations also benefit from interdisciplinary frameworks. Sociological theories emphasize social justice and equity, psychology emphasizes well-being and mental health, and anthropology emphasizes cultural sensitivity and respect for diversity. Integrating these ethical perspectives ensures that AI applications in research and practice are responsible, culturally informed, and socially conscious. Ethical interdisciplinary research protects both participants and communities while enhancing the validity of social scientific findings (Floridi, 2019).

Communication across disciplines is essential for effective integration. Each field has its terminology, epistemology, and methodological conventions. Interdisciplinary research requires developing shared frameworks, conceptual clarity, and collaborative practices to ensure that AI applications are appropriately interpreted. Workshops, joint publications, and collaborative networks enhance cross-disciplinary understanding and strengthen the theoretical foundations for analyzing human behavior in AI contexts (Bryman, 2012).

Theoretical frameworks in interdisciplinary research help organize complex phenomena. Systems theory, ecological models, and socio-cognitive frameworks provide structures for connecting individual behavior, social networks, and cultural contexts. AI enhances these frameworks by simulating complex interactions and predicting outcomes under various social and environmental conditions. Researchers can test hypotheses across multiple scales, integrating insights from sociology, psychology, and anthropology for robust and comprehensive analysis (Fiske & Taylor, 2013).

Finally, the integration of sociology, psychology, and anthropology in AI research fosters innovation in theory and practice. By combining structural, cognitive, and cultural perspectives,

researchers gain a holistic understanding of behavior and society. AI serves as a bridge that enables large-scale data analysis, predictive modeling, and cross-cultural comparison, enhancing the scope and depth of interdisciplinary studies. This theoretical foundation supports practical applications in policy-making, organizational management, and social research, ensuring that AI technologies are used responsibly and effectively to understand human behavior (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Behavior and Society

Artificial intelligence is reshaping how human behavior and social structures are analyzed across disciplines. AI systems, including machine learning algorithms, natural language processing, and predictive analytics, allow researchers to study behavior at an unprecedented scale. In sociology, AI can track social networks, detect patterns of interaction, and predict trends in population behavior. In psychology, AI helps model cognitive processes, emotional responses, and decision-making patterns. Anthropology uses AI to analyze cultural artifacts, linguistic patterns, and social evolution, providing insights into human adaptation and cultural dynamics (Miller, 2020).

AI influences individual decision-making by providing real-time data, recommendations, and automated feedback. People increasingly rely on AI systems for personal and professional decisions, which alters cognitive processes and social behavior. The integration of AI into daily life changes how individuals interact, form relationships, and perceive social norms. Sociologists observe these shifts as emerging patterns of collective behavior, psychologists study individual cognitive adjustments, and anthropologists analyze cultural responses to technology adoption (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

Social interactions are also affected by AI-mediated communication. Algorithms shape content visibility on social media, influence opinion formation, and create digital social networks. AI's role in moderating, recommending, or filtering information alters the structure and quality of social interaction. These technological influences can reinforce existing biases, change social hierarchies, or introduce novel behavioral patterns. Interdisciplinary research is essential to understand these dynamics, linking social theory, cognitive psychology, and cultural anthropology with AI analysis (Floridi, 2019).

Cultural practices are increasingly mediated by AI. Algorithms influence media consumption, cultural preferences, and knowledge dissemination. Anthropology benefits from AI tools that map cultural trends, linguistic shifts, and global communication patterns. Sociologists examine how AI impacts societal norms, institutions, and collective behaviors, while psychologists assess individual cognitive and emotional adaptation to technological environments. The AI-human interaction creates new cultural artifacts and social rituals that require interdisciplinary interpretation (Miller, 2020).

AI's predictive capabilities enable behavioral modeling at both individual and group levels. Psychologists use AI to predict decision-making, preferences, and risk-taking behaviors, while sociologists analyze trends in collective action, mobility, and social influence. Anthropologists can simulate cultural evolution and study potential social adaptation scenarios. These predictive

tools expand the possibilities for research and application but must be used carefully to avoid ethical pitfalls, misrepresentation, or overgeneralization (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

AI also impacts mental health and psychological processes. Virtual assistants, chatbots, and recommendation systems influence emotional states, motivation, and stress management. Psychology studies these effects by examining how AI-mediated interactions affect attention, cognition, and emotional regulation. Sociological studies link these changes to societal behaviors such as communication patterns, work productivity, and social engagement. Anthropology contextualizes these phenomena by considering cultural interpretations of AI-mediated behavior (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

Ethical and social challenges arise from AI integration. Algorithmic bias, privacy violations, and the automation of decision-making create new social inequalities and psychological stressors. Interdisciplinary research combining sociology, psychology, and anthropology is critical to identify, understand, and mitigate these risks. Researchers must develop guidelines for responsible AI deployment, ensuring fairness, inclusivity, and cultural sensitivity in technology applications (Floridi, 2019).

AI also transforms workplaces and organizational behavior. Automation, digital communication, and data-driven management alter social interactions, hierarchies, and collaboration. Sociologists study structural changes, psychologists examine employee adaptation, and anthropologists explore organizational culture shifts. These analyses help organizations understand the social and psychological consequences of AI integration and design interventions that enhance human-AI collaboration (Miller, 2020).

Education and research are influenced by AI in social sciences. AI facilitates large-scale data analysis, simulations, and virtual experimentation. Sociology uses AI to analyze societal trends, psychology to model behavior, and anthropology to map cultural change. These applications accelerate research, enhance predictive accuracy, and allow interdisciplinary collaboration at scales previously impossible. Ethical oversight ensures that AI enhances rather than replaces human understanding (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

Finally, AI impacts society as a whole by influencing cultural norms, social practices, and human behavior. The interplay between AI technologies and social, psychological, and anthropological factors creates complex adaptive systems that require interdisciplinary research for comprehensive understanding. By integrating AI with social sciences, researchers can anticipate challenges, develop informed policies, and promote ethical, culturally sensitive, and socially responsible AI applications that enhance both individual and societal well-being (Floridi, 2019).

Applications, Challenges, and Ethical Considerations in Interdisciplinary Research

AI applications in social science research span behavioral analysis, predictive modeling, cultural mapping, and policy evaluation. Sociologists use AI to model social networks, understand trends, and study institutional impact. Psychologists employ AI for cognitive modeling, behavioral prediction, and mental health assessment. Anthropologists leverage AI for cultural analysis, artifact digitization, and language preservation. These interdisciplinary

applications enable researchers to combine computational precision with humanistic insight, providing nuanced understanding of complex phenomena (Miller, 2020).

Methodological challenges arise in integrating AI with traditional social science approaches. Quantitative and qualitative data must be harmonized, algorithms must be validated, and interdisciplinary teams must develop shared conceptual frameworks. AI tools may produce outputs that require interpretation from multiple disciplinary lenses, ensuring that statistical findings are contextualized within social, psychological, and cultural realities (Bryman, 2012). Data privacy and ethical concerns are central to interdisciplinary AI research. Large-scale data collection can compromise individual privacy, introduce bias, or misrepresent cultural groups. Researchers must adopt strict ethical standards, including informed consent, anonymization, and transparency in algorithm design. Interdisciplinary collaboration ensures that sociological, psychological, and anthropological perspectives guide responsible AI deployment (Floridi, 2019).

AI introduces biases that can influence research outcomes. Algorithms may reinforce stereotypes, marginalize minority voices, or amplify structural inequalities. Sociologists identify systemic biases, psychologists assess cognitive implications, and anthropologists evaluate cultural misrepresentation. Addressing these challenges requires interdisciplinary scrutiny, continuous monitoring, and corrective algorithmic design (Russell & Norvig, 2021). Collaboration is critical in interdisciplinary research. Teams composed of sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, and AI specialists must develop shared objectives, methodologies, and ethical standards. Effective communication, mutual respect, and recognition of disciplinary expertise enhance the validity and applicability of research findings. AI serves as a tool that facilitates but does not replace human collaboration in interpreting complex social data (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014).

Training and education in interdisciplinary research are essential. Social scientists must gain computational literacy to understand AI outputs, while AI specialists need grounding in social theory and cultural contexts. This dual expertise ensures that AI is applied responsibly and that results are interpreted meaningfully across disciplines, promoting robust, ethical, and socially relevant findings (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

AI also transforms research dissemination. Social scientists can use AI to visualize data, simulate social scenarios, and create interactive models for public engagement. Such applications enhance the accessibility and impact of research but require careful consideration of ethical and cultural implications to avoid misinterpretation or misuse of findings (Miller, 2020).

Interdisciplinary approaches help address the social implications of AI. By examining AI's effect on social behavior, mental health, and cultural practices, researchers can anticipate societal challenges, inform policy, and design interventions. Sociological, psychological, and anthropological insights ensure that technological innovation aligns with human needs and ethical standards, promoting equitable and sustainable applications (Floridi, 2019).

AI-driven research supports global comparisons and cross-cultural studies. Computational models allow for the analysis of behavioral and cultural patterns across societies, facilitating understanding of universal and culture-specific phenomena. Interdisciplinary collaboration

ensures that these comparisons are interpreted appropriately, respecting cultural diversity and social complexity (Eriksen, 2015).

Finally, the integration of AI into social science research underscores the importance of responsible innovation. Ethical guidelines, methodological rigor, and interdisciplinary collaboration are essential to harness AI's potential while mitigating risks. Combining sociological, psychological, and anthropological perspectives ensures that AI applications promote human well-being, cultural understanding, and social justice, enhancing both research quality and societal benefit (Floridi, 2019).

Conclusion and Recommendations

In conclusion, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into social science research represents a transformative shift in how sociology, psychology, and anthropology examine human behavior, social structures, and cultural practices. This study highlights that AI not only enables unprecedented analytical capacity but also necessitates a careful consideration of interdisciplinary perspectives. Sociology provides the framework for understanding institutions, collective behavior, and social patterns, psychology explains individual cognition, emotion, and decision-making, and anthropology situates human behavior within cultural, historical, and environmental contexts. AI acts as both a tool and a mediator, enhancing the capacity of researchers to analyze complex social phenomena across multiple levels, from the individual to global society (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014; Miller, 2020).

The findings indicate that AI has profound effects on human behavior, social interactions, and cultural norms. AI-mediated decision-making, algorithmic communication, and digital social networks alter how individuals interact and perceive societal expectations. Social scientists must account for these technological influences in their research to ensure that interpretations of behavior are accurate and socially relevant. The integration of AI with social, psychological, and anthropological research provides insights into new social dynamics, including shifts in cultural practices, patterns of social influence, and the impact of automated systems on human cognition (Floridi, 2019; Russell & Norvig, 2021).

Interdisciplinary collaboration is critical for the responsible application of AI in social science. Combining expertise in sociology, psychology, anthropology, and AI ensures that analyses are theoretically grounded, methodologically robust, and culturally sensitive. Ethical considerations, including privacy, bias mitigation, and respect for diversity, are essential in AI-driven research to prevent harm, misrepresentation, and social inequities. Researchers must develop shared frameworks and communication practices to interpret complex data effectively and to integrate insights from multiple disciplines (Bryman, 2012; Floridi, 2019).

The methodological contributions of AI extend the potential for research innovation. Large datasets, predictive modeling, and computational simulations allow scholars to test social theories, examine cross-cultural patterns, and identify behavioral trends with unprecedented precision. However, these opportunities are accompanied by challenges, including algorithmic bias, data misinterpretation, and the risk of over-reliance on quantitative outputs without humanistic contextualization. Interdisciplinary oversight mitigates these risks, ensuring that AI

enhances rather than replaces human interpretation and cultural understanding (Miller, 2020; Fiske & Taylor, 2013).

The study also emphasizes the societal and organizational implications of AI. AI integration into workplaces, education, and public policy affects social structures, communication patterns, and cultural adaptation. Employees, students, and communities must adjust to new norms, mediated by AI algorithms that shape perception, access to information, and decision-making. Sociological, psychological, and anthropological insights provide critical guidance for anticipating social consequences, promoting well-being, and ensuring that technological interventions align with human values (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

AI influences mental health, emotional well-being, and social cohesion. Automated tools and digital interfaces affect stress, motivation, and interpersonal communication, altering psychosocial dynamics. Understanding these effects requires interdisciplinary research that links cognitive processes, social norms, and cultural practices. Interventions must be designed to support individual adaptation, promote equitable social outcomes, and maintain ethical standards in human-AI interactions (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014; Floridi, 2019).

Education and workforce development are also critical domains for AI integration. Training programs must emphasize computational literacy alongside social, psychological, and cultural knowledge to prepare researchers and practitioners for interdisciplinary challenges. Such education fosters ethical decision-making, responsible data interpretation, and informed policy development, ensuring that AI applications are socially and culturally sensitive (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

Cross-cultural and comparative research benefits from AI by enabling the analysis of global social patterns, cultural practices, and behavioral trends. Interdisciplinary teams can model complex interactions between technology, society, and individual psychology, highlighting both universal and culture-specific phenomena. Ethical application of AI in these contexts requires consideration of diversity, equity, and cultural nuance, preventing algorithmic bias and ensuring meaningful interpretation (Eriksen, 2015; Miller, 2020).

The convergence of sociology, psychology, anthropology, and AI underscores the need for continuous ethical reflection. Responsible AI research requires balancing technological capability with humanistic understanding. Policies and guidelines must be established to govern data use, algorithmic transparency, cultural representation, and participant protection. This approach ensures that AI contributes positively to knowledge generation, social understanding, and the promotion of human well-being (Floridi, 2019; Bryman, 2012).

Finally, fostering sustainable, socially responsible AI applications requires long-term interdisciplinary collaboration. Recommendations include integrating theoretical, methodological, and ethical perspectives; providing training in both computational and social sciences; developing shared frameworks for interpretation; implementing strict ethical oversight; and promoting public engagement to ensure accountability. By combining these strategies, researchers can harness AI's potential to advance knowledge, improve societal outcomes, and enhance understanding of human behavior in a culturally and socially informed manner (Brynjolfsson & McAfee, 2014; Miller, 2020).

Recommendations:

1. Establish interdisciplinary research teams including sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, and AI specialists to guide projects.
2. Develop AI literacy programs for social scientists and ethics training for technologists.
3. Implement ethical guidelines focusing on privacy, bias mitigation, and cultural sensitivity in AI applications.
4. Use AI tools as complementary instruments rather than replacements for human interpretation.
5. Promote cross-cultural research and global collaboration to ensure AI models respect diversity.
6. Encourage public engagement and transparency in AI-driven social research.
7. Support continuous monitoring of AI impacts on social behavior, mental health, and cultural practices.
8. Integrate AI insights into policy-making to enhance equitable and socially responsible interventions.
9. Provide education and training in interdisciplinary methods to strengthen human-AI collaboration.
10. Foster long-term evaluation and adaptation strategies to balance technological innovation with ethical, social, and cultural considerations.

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