

Talcott Parsons to speak

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One of the country's top sociologists will speak at the University of California, San Diego Thursday, Feb. 27, in a lecture sponsored by the sociology and anthropology departments.

Talcott Parsons, Harvard University professor emeritus of sociology, will discuss "Sources of the Theory of Action" at 3 p.m. in room 1402 of the Humanities-Library Building on the Revelle College campus.

Parsons, 71, developed many of the major theories that are the basis for today's sociological studies on social change, higher education, youth, American political structure and race relations.

He is the author of "Politics and Social Structure," "Social Structure and Personality," "The Social System," "Structure of Social Action," "Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism" and "Societies; Evolutionary and Comparative Perspectives." He is co-author of "The American University," "Economy and Society," and "Family, Socialization and Interaction Process."

The educator and sociologist is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, serving as president from 1967 to 1971. He is a former president of the American and Eastern Sociological Societies and is an honorary fellow of the London School of Economics.

Parsons has been a member of the Harvard faculty since 1927, serving as chairman of the sociology department from 1944 to 1946 and as chairman of the social relations department from 1946 to 1956.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Amherst College in 1924 and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Heidelberg (Germany) in 1927. Parsons was also a student at the London School of Economics during 1924-25.

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