

MERCHANTS OF LIGHT. CONVERSATIONS WITH OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

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Sinopsis: The title of this book comes from Francis Bacon's classification of the professions in *The New Atlantis* (1626). Who are the Merchants of Light? They are assiduous explorers searching for new worlds, new realities, or new perspectives. While struggling with their human condition as much as anyone else, they are habituated to this enjoyable and distressing activity they may do by request or for pleasure.

This book is a selection of eight conversations with outstanding scholars in the social sciences (*Merchants of Light*): Stanislav Andreski, Susan Strange, Peter Dicken, Brian J. L. Berry, Donald A. Schön, Francis Fukuyama, Jacob Needleman, and Theotonio dos Santos. In these interviews they talk about the content and context of their intellectual work.

The Reading of this book may be useful to stimulate the interest of students who are in social sciences. It basically explains that, in science, those who ride the highest wave are usually the same ones who have created it.