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- German sociologist and economist: Political Parties: A Sociological Study of the Oligarchical Tendencies of Modern Democracy, 1911 - "Iron law of oligarchy" - "Who says organization, says oligarchy." - A psychological assumption: man's inherent nature to crave power, once having attained it, to seek its perpetuation; majority apathetic towards public affairs - Technical incompetence: direct involvement impossible; division of labor - Leaders and followers: "Leaders never give up their power to the 'mass' but only to other, new leaders." week lecture political sociology political sociology and integration theory influenced sociological method haas influences of german sociologist max weber. Political sociology asking the question of 'why do states integrate?' University. The University of Edinburgh. Module. An Introduction to the European Union LLLJ07010. Academic year. 13/14.
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