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for Today**

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There is a global rediscovery of the ideas and theories of Erich Fromm underway, leading to this book that reviews Fromm's international reception and provides a critical reappraisal of his work rooted in his own philosophy of science that insists on the time-limited nature of all theoretical systems. Because of Fromm's provocative philosophy of science, this volume is entitled *Towards a Human Science* and begins with the republication of a 1957 essay called *The Humanistic Science of Man*. Most of the papers in the book have their origins in presentations given at the first International Erich Fromm Research Conference at the International Psychoanalytic University in Berlin (June 2014).

In addition to documenting Fromm's continuing relevance, *Towards a Human Science* centrally engages with his theoretical system directly and critically, particularly his theory of social character. The book opens paths for research, theories and insights in neurosciences, evolutionary psychology, sociology, philosophy, religious studies and radical humanist public intellectual work. In doing so, this revisit and reappraisal can help us move beyond some of the limitations of his work and reformulate and build on his insights for the 21st century.

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