

A Humanist Science

Values and Ideals in Social Inquiry

Philip Selznick

With a Foreword by Martin Krygier

Stanford University Press

Stanford, California

1223408

Stanford University Press
Stanford, California

© 2008 by the Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University.
All rights reserved.

No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system without the prior written permission of Stanford University Press.

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Selznick, Philip, 1919-

A humanist science : values and ideals in social inquiry / Philip Selznick ; with a foreword by Martin Krygier.

p. cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 978-0-8047-5862-8

1. Social sciences--Philosophy. 2. Social sciences and ethics. 3. Humanism--History. 4. Philosophy and social sciences. I. Title.

H61.15.S47 2008

300.1--dc22

2008013390

Typeset by Bruce Lundquist in 11.5/14 Adobe Garamond

Contents

Foreword	vii
Preface	xvii
Part One The Humanist Imagination	
1 The Humanist Tradition	3
2 The Postulate of Humanity	17
3 Four Pillars of Humanist Science	31
Part Two Realms of Value	
4 From Social Order to Moral Order	45
5 Humanist Virtues	59
6 The Morality of Governance	71
7 Rationality and Responsibility	83
8 The Quality of Culture	93
9 Law and Justice	105
Part Three Philosophy and Social Science	
10 Moral Philosophy and Social Science	119
11 A Public Philosophy	129
Notes	139
Index	145