Pierre Bourdieu on the Theoretical Grounds of Lifestyle (a critical approach)

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In Bourdieu’s thought and works, “lifestyle” is a term attached to a complicated and interconnected net of theoretical concepts. In his various surveys and descriptive works particularly his Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgment of Taste, Bourdieu has assumed a sociological approach to analyze different lifestyles and social classes and then he went to connect them to concepts such as social space, class, scope, habitus, capital and taste. In his view, lifestyle is a set of systematic beliefs and acts that make individuals and social classes distinct from one another.

In his article, the author has gone to quote from Bourdieu’s works and his major commentators in order to examine Bourdieu’s concepts and theoretical grounds through some descriptive-analytic approach. And in fine, with a critical look, Bourdieu’s ideas will be analyzed.

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