

### Biografie Talcott Parsons

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Vater: Edward Smith Parsons Sr. (1863-1943), protestantischer Geistlicher und College-Professor, President des Marietta College

Mutter: Mary Augusta Parsons, geborene Ingersoll (1863-1944), Frauenrechtlerin

Geschwister: Edward Smith Parsons Jr. (1898-1960)

Ehe: 1927 Helen B. Walker

Kinder: Anne Parsons; Charles Parsons; Susan Parsons

Religion: protestantisch

13.12.1902 Geboren in **Colorado Springs**, Colorado.

Besuch der Horace Mann High School in **New York City**, New York; Graduate 1920.

1920-1924 **Studium** zunächst der Biologie am **Amherst College** in Amherst, Massachusetts, um Arzt zu werden, dann der Wirtschaftswissenschaften; **1924 B.A.**

1924-1925 **Studium** der Nationalökonomie an der **London School of Economics and Political Science** in London.

1925-1927 **Studium** der Nationalökonomie an der **Universität Heidelberg**, Baden-Württemberg.

1927 **Dr. phil.** (Nationalökonomie); Dissertation: 'Capitalism' in recent German Literature: Sombart and [Max] Weber.

1926-1927 Daneben Instructor in Economics am Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

1927-1973 Mitglied der **Harvard University** in **Cambridge**, Massachusetts: 1927-1931 Instuctor in Economics, 1931-1936 Instructor in Sociology, 1936-1939 Assistant Professor, 1939-1944 Associate Professor of Sociology, 1944-1973 Full **Professor of Sociology**; **1973 emeritiert**. 1940-1946 Chairman des Committee on Concentration in Area Social Science, 1944-1946 Chairman des Department of Sociology, das er 1946 zum Department of Social Relations erweiterte und dessen Chairman er 1946-1956 war. Zu seinen Förderern gehörte Pitirim A. Sorokin (1889-1968), zu seinen Schülern gehörten unter anderem Kingsley Davis (1908-1997), Robert K. Merton (1910-) und Wilbert E. Moore (1914-1987).

Daneben 1943-1946 Staff Member der Harvard School for Overseas Administration.

8.5.1979 Gestorben in München, Bayern während einer Deutschlandreise anlässlich des 50. Jahrestags seiner Promotion in Heidelberg.

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