

Philip S. Gorski is a comparative-historical sociologist with strong interests in social theory, historical methods and the philosophy of social science. He received a BA in Social Studies from Harvard University and a PhD in Sociology from Berkeley. The primary focus of his work is religion and politics in Western Europe and North America in the early modern and modern periods. Recent publications include *The Disciplinary Revolution. Calvinism and the Growth of State Power in Early Modern Europe* (Chicago, 2003); *Max Weber's Economy and Society: A Critical Companion* (Stanford, 2004); and "The Poverty of Deductivism: A Constructive Realist Model of Sociological Explanation", *Sociological Methodology* 2004. Current projects include edited volumes on "Bordieusian Theory and Historical Analysis" and "Religion and the Nation in World-Historical Perspective" and a manuscript on secularization and secularism in the US, France, Germany and Sweden in the fin-de-siècle.