

A Schematic Outline of the
Introductory Lecture on the Philosophy of History
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Introduction

1. Concern with basic notions, not basic questions.
2. Three topics to be treated:
 - a) history.
 - b) philosophy of.
 - c) philosophy of history.

I. History

- 1.1 The distinction between history-that-is-written and history-that-is-written-about.
- 1.2 The kinds of history-that-is-written.
 - 1.2.1 Occasional History
 - 1.2.2 Technical History
 - 1.2.2.1 A comparison with empirical science: similarities and differences.
 - 1.2.2.2 The difference between occasional and technical history.
 - 1.2.2.3 The weakness of technical history.
 - 1.2.2.4 Various attitudes to this weakness.
 - 1.2.2.5 Restatement of the question.
 - 1.2.3 Explanatory History
 - 1.2.3.1 The clue: the difference between technical history and empirical science-- the notion of the upper blade of scientific methodology.
 - 1.2.3.2 The problem of explanatory history: the need for an upper blade and past attempts to use this device in different types of histories.
 - 1.2.3.3 Contenders for the upper blade

II. Philosophy of

- 2.1 Philosophy and "Philosophy of".
- 2.2 The notion of system

III. Philosophy of History

- 3.1 Philosophic reflection on history-that-is-written.
- 3.2 Philosophic reflection on history-that-is-written-about.
 - 3.2.1 The notion of historicity
 - 3.2.2 The notion of dialectic
 - 3.2.3 The notion of stages
 - 3.2.4 The notion of good and the problem of evil.