

## A MATTER OF EMERGENT or SIMULTANEOUS DISCOVERY...?

### •The Early 1900's:

Max Weber: **Verstehen**

W.I. Thomas: **Definition of the Situation**

Charles Cooley: **Sympathetic Introspection**

George H. Mead: **Symbolic Interactionism**

Alfred Schutz: **We Relationship**

### •More Recently:

#### **Mirror Neurons:**

Neurons that fire both when an animal acts and when the animal observes the same action performed by another. Thus, the neuron "mirrors" the behavior of the other, as though the observer were itself acting. Neuroscientists have argued that mirror neuron systems in the human brain help us understand the actions and intentions of other people.

#### **Theory of Mind:**

the ability to attribute mental states—beliefs, intents, desires, pretending, knowledge, etc.—to oneself and others and to understand that others have beliefs, desires, and intentions that are different from one's own. Having a theory of mind allows one to attribute thoughts, desires, and intentions to others, to predict or explain their actions, and to posit their intentions.