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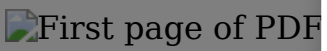
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1. Harvey writes th nd economic life is characteristic of rizes postmodernity mor ling, all-dissolving *destructi* y is `the permanent and irre gies, “forms of life” or “language g

2.

2. See for example Frisby (1992: 155-74), Bauman (1992: 31) and Weinstein and Weinstein (1989: 75-87, 1993). While these commentators assess the `relevance' of Simmel's work to the study of postmodernity, Stauth and Turner oddly attempt a wholesale appropriation by claiming Simmel as `the first sociologist of post-modernity' (1988: 16). To assess the relevance of Simmel's work for the study of postmodernity might throw up some intriguing parallels; to characterize him as a theorist *of* postmodernity, on the other hand, merely threatens to reduce the concept itself to a contradiction in terms.

3.

3. This reflects the emphasis Simmel places on interaction as the core of social life, arguing for example that when two subjects interact, `only when the other is absolutely indifferent and a mere means for purposes which lie beyond him is the last shadow of any sociating process removed' (1978: 97).

4.

4. `Accidental: non-essential to the existence of a thing, not necessarily present, incidental, subsidiary' (*Oxford English Dictionary*).

5.

5. Source: British Treasury figures.

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