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Jürgen Habermas, a professor of philosophy at the University of Frankfurt, is the leading representative of the Frankfurt School tradition of social thought.

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