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Born and schooled in New York City, Duetsch's initial orientation to psychology was influenced by the intellectual atmosphere at the City College of New York in the 1930's; psychoanalysis, Marxism, and Lewinian psychology were among its key ingredients. Initially drawn to clinical psychology, Deutsch went to Penn for his M.A. and then had a clinical internship before entering the Air Force in 1941. WW II reoriented him toward social psychology and he obtained his Ph.D. in 1948 at the Research Center For Group Dynamics at M.I.T. where he studied with Kurt Lewin. He is one of the influential group of people from Lewin's M.I.T. Center who have helped to shape the development of modern social psychology. He is well-known for his theorizing and research on cooperation and competition, interracial housing, informational and normative social influence, interpersonal conflict, and distributive justice. In addition to being a social psychologist, Deutsch was trained as a psychoanalyst at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health and has practiced since 1957. He finds that his clinical work and social psychological work are mutually beneficial.

He has held positions at New York University, the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and Teachers College, Columbia University where he is currently Edward Lee Thorndike Professor of Psychology and Education. He has been president of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, the New York Psychological Association, the Eastern Psychological Association, and the International Society of Political Psychology. He has been awarded the AAAS socio-psychology prize, the Hovland Memorial Award, the Lewin Memorial Award, and the G.W. Allport prize. Among the books he has published are: Interracial Housing, Research Methods in Social Relations, Preventing World War III: Some Proposals, The Resolution of Conflict, and Applying Social Psychology.