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Department of Sociology

Course Syllabus

Classical Sociological Theory (2SC037)

Advanced Course for Master's and Doctoral Students

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Course Description

This purpose of the advanced course in classical sociological theory for Master students and PhD candidates is to provide a solid theoretical ground capable of supporting a wide variety of research interests and projects.

The course will examine the classical foundations of sociology. It will focus on the works of the most important contributors to the rise and development of modern sociology, who informed the development of modern sociological thought and research. Its content will reflect the birth of the idea of sociology as well as the variety of perspectives concerning what sociology is supposed to be that date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in both Europe and North America. The publications that will be discussed include those of such influential sociological pioneers, both well-known and less well-known, as Comte, Marx and Engels, Spencer, Durkheim, Weber, Simmel, Cooley, Mead and others. A particular emphasis will be placed on the ways in which classical theories continue to shape modern scholarly debates and research, and on the social issues and social problems that influenced their emergence, which are of central importance and social concern even today.

The language of instruction is English. Attendance is mandatory for seminars.

Schedule

Date	Time	Content	Literature	Teacher
Tue 3/9	10:15-12:00	Lecture 1	Introduction of the course	RA
Tue 3/9	13:15-15:00	Lecture 2	Classical Sociology: Historical context and early thinkers (Spencer, Tönnies, Comte)	RA
Thu 5/9	10:15-12:00	Lecture 3	Marx	RA
Thu 5/9	13:15-15:00	Lecture 4	Weber	RA
Tue 10/9	08:15-10:00	Seminar1	Classical sociology PhD candidates	RA

Tue 10/9	10:15-12:00	Seminar 1	Classical sociology Master students	TC
Thu 12/9	12:15-14:00	Seminar 2	Marx I PhD candidates	RA
Thu 12/9	14:15-16:00	Seminar 2	Marx I Master students	TC
Tue 17/9	10:15-12:00	Seminar 3	Marx II PhD candidates	RA
Tue 17/9	13:15-15:00	Seminar 3	Marx II Master students	TC
Thu 19/9	10:15-12:00	Lecture 5	Durkheim	RA
Thu 19/9	13:15-15:00	Seminar 4	Weber I PhD candidates	RA
Thu 19/9	15:15-17:00	Seminar 4	Weber I Master students	TC
Tue 24/9	10:15-12:00	Seminar 5	Weber I PhD candidates	RA
Tue 24/9	13:15-15:00	Seminar 5	Weber II Master students	TC
Thu 26/9	13:15-15:00	Seminar 6	Durkheim I PhD candidates	RA
Thu 26/9	15:15-17:00	Seminar 6	Durkheim I Master students	TC
Tue 1/10	10:15-12:00	Lecture 6	Simmel	RA
Tue 8/10	13:15-15:00	Seminar 7	Durkheim II PhD candidates	RA
Tue 8/10	15:15-17:00	Seminar 7	Durkheim II Master students	TC
Thu 10/10	13:15-15:00	Seminar 8	Simmel I PhD candidates	RA
Thu 10/10	15:15-17:00	Seminar 8	Simmel I Master students	TC
Tue 15/10	12:15-14:00	Lecture 7	Mead	RA
Thu 17/10	10:15-12:00	Seminar 9	Simmel II PhD candidates	RA
Thu 17/10	13:15-15:00	Seminar 9	Simmel II Master students	TC
Tue 22/10	12:15-14:00	Lecture 8	Cooley	RA
Thu 24/10	10:15-12:00	Seminar 10	Mead PhD candidates	RA
Thu 24/10	13:15-15:00	Seminar 10	Mead Master students	TC
Thu 31/10	10:15-12:00	Seminar 11	Cooley PhD candidates	RA
Thu 31/10	13:15-15:00	Seminar 11	Cooley Master students	TC

Literature

Comte, A. (1852) *The System of Positive Polity*

<https://archive.org/stream/systemofpositive02comt#page/n11/mode/2up>

Cooley, C. (1922) *Human Nature and the Social Order*. Chapter IV, V, and VI.
https://brocku.ca/MeadProject/Cooley/Cooley_1902/Cooley_1902toc.html

Durkheim, E. (1893) *The Division of Labor in Society*. Book I, Book II, Book III.

Durkheim, E. (1895) *The Rules of Sociological Method*

Marx, K. & Engels, F. (1845) *The German Ideology, Part One*
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1845/german-ideology/ch04.htm>

Marx, F. & Engels, F. (1848) *The Communist Manifesto*
<http://marx.eserver.org/1848-communist.manifesto/>

Marx, K. (1867) *Capital* Volume 1, chapter 1.
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Capital-Volume-I.pdf>

Mead, G. H. (1934) *Mind, Self and Society*
http://www.brocku.ca/MeadProject/Mead/pubs2/mindself/Mead_1934_toc.html

Simmel, G. (1971) *On Individual and Social Forms*

Spenser, H. (1897) *The Principles of Ethics* Vol. 1 and 2
<http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/spencer-the-principles-of-ethics-vol-1-1f-ed>

Weber, M. (1922) *Economy and Society* (a selection of sections)

Weber, M. (2002) *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*

Note: A number of book chapters and article will be added to list above. The Complete list of literature will be available at the beginning of the course.

Examination

The course is examined partly through the students' preparation for and participation in the seminars, partly through an individually written final paper (4,000 to 5,000 words). Detailed instruction will be provided at the beginning of the course. Deadline for submission of the course paper is November 5th, 2019.