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TuTh 11:00-12:30

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SOC 101 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I

In this course, we will discuss the works of major late 19th century and early 20th century theorists, their analyses, the methodologies they use and their social prescriptions. How do they study social processes? What are their major findings and arguments? How does the social world work? How can society be improved? We will look at how Marx, Dubois, Weber, and Durkheim have answered these questions in conflicting ways. De Beauvoir's theorization will bridge this semester and the next.

Class and section discussion will highlight how we might use these theories to think about our own lives and recent events and processes.

Assignments:

You will write two midterm papers (5 pages each) for this course.
More specific guidelines about these (take home) papers will follow.

There will be one final in-class exam.

You will also write four (300-word) reading responses (as a part of your section grade).

First paper: Due on October 1

Second paper: Due on November 7

Final exam: in-class on December 18, 8 am

Texts: The reader is available at Copy Central (Telegraph Ave.).

Evaluation:

Paper 1: %25

Paper 2: %25

Final exam: %30

Section participation and reading responses: %20

Academic honesty

Before you embark on any assignment for this course, check the code of academic integrity at <http://students.berkeley.edu/uga/conduct.pdf>.

The standard penalty for violations of academic integrity in this course will be an F grade for the course.

Written assignments must include complete bibliographies and follow proper citation practices (including page numbers for direct quotes from scholarly texts). Avoid verbatim repetition (or even repetition through slight altering) of the texts we are reading, as much as possible. When you feel you have to use direct quotes, make sure you use quotation marks.

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TEXTS

August 29

Introduction

No readings assigned

MARX AND ENGELS

September 3: Background on Marx and Engels

Engels, "Speech at the Graveside of Karl Marx," pp. 681-682 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Marx, "Speech at the Anniversary of the *People's Paper*," pp. 577-578 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Marx, "Marx on the History of His Opinions," (or "Preface to a Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy,") pp. 3-6 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Marx, "Theses on Feuerbach," pp. 143-145 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

September 5. Labor and Alienation

Marx, "Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844," Pp. 70-81 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

September 10-12. Classes and Class Struggle

Marx and Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party," pp. 473-483, 497-500 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Marx, "18th Brumaire of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte," pp. 608-616 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

September 12-17. History and Ideology

Marx, "German Ideology," pp. 150-155, 160-163, 172-179; 186-188; 191-193 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Engels, "The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State," pp. 734-740 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

September 17-19. Capitalist Social Relations

Marx, "Capital, Vol. I," Pp. 302-308; 319-336; 361-364; 376-384; 419-428 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Marx, "Capital, Vol. III," 439-441 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

September 24-26. The Paris Commune

Marx, "The Civil War in France," pp. 629-642 in Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

Film showing

October 1. Midterm due

II. DUBOIS

October 3. Racialized Capitalism

W. E. B. Du Bois, 1935. *Black Reconstruction in America*. New York: Russell & Russell. Pp. 3-31, 37-39, 55-57, 82-85, 670-673, 678-680, 691-710.

III. WEBER

October 8. Beyond Class

Weber, "Class, Status, Party." Pp. 180-195 in Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber*.

October 10. Social Action

Weber, "Types of Social Action," pp. 3-31 in *Economy and Society*.

Weber, "Science as a Vocation," pp. 129-159 in Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber*.

October 15. Specificity of the West; Religion and Capitalist Stratification

Weber, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pp. xxviii-xlii; 1-50.

October 17. NO CLASS

October 22. Calvinism

Weber, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pp. 53-80.

October 24. Rationalization; The Iron Cage

Weber, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pp. 102-125.

October 29. Bureaucracy and Efficiency

Weber, "Bureaucracy," pp. 196-204; 214-216 in Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber*.

October 31. Bureaucracy, Equality, and Democracy

"Bureaucracy," pp. 220-235; 240-244 in Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber*.

November 5. Politics, Centralization, and Disenchantment

Weber, "Politics as a Vocation," pp. 77-128 in Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber*.

November 7. Midterm due

IV. DURKHEIM

November 12. Mechanical and Organic Solidarity

Durkheim, *The division of labor in society*, pp. 31-44, 60-64, 68-72, 77-87.

November 14. Causes of Social Change

Durkheim, *The division of labor in society*, pp. 200-225.

November 19. Religion and Effervescence

Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, pp. 33-44; 207-236.

November 21: NO CLASS

November 26. Rituals; The Future of Religion

Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, pp. 303-314; 350-352; 418-433.

November 28. Thanksgiving

V. DE BEAUVOIR

December 3. Male Domination

Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, pp. 3-17.

December 5. Women's Liberation

Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, pp. 753-766.