

Sociology 102: Modern Social Theory (Fall 2019)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 14:10-15:29, 120 Latimer  
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The course will survey modern social theory. Facing a radically different world from that analyzed by classical social theorists, the theorists you will read sought to make sense of their confusing and confounding world. In particular, though it would be misleading to pigeonhole the books into blunt categories, we will deal with racism, colonialism, discipline, misogyny, and globalization, all of which in turn continue to shape the world in which we live.

As much as the manifest focus of the course is on learning and thinking about modern social theory, my hope is that you will enhance your intellectual skills: reading, writing, thinking, listening, and talking.

### Requirements

Class participation (20%)  
Two Short Papers (40%)  
Two Examinations (40%)

### Readings

Hannah Arendt, Eichmann in Jerusalem, Penguin, 2006 (orig. 1963).  
Frantz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth, transl. Richard Philcox, Grove, 2005 (orig. 1961).  
Michel Foucault, Discipline and Punish, transl. Alan Sheridan, Vintage, 1995 (orig. 1975).  
Kate Manne, Down Girl, Oxford University Press, 2019 (orig. 2017).  
Karl Polanyi, The Great Transformation, Beacon Press, 2001 (orig. 1944).

### Schedule

29 August: Introduction

3 September: Arendt, i

Arendt, chaps.1-3

5 September: Arendt, ii

Arendt, chaps.4-6

10 September: Arendt, iii

Arendt, chaps.7-9

17 September: Arendt, iv

Arendt, chaps.13-15

19 September: Arendt, v

Arendt, epilogue, postscript

24 September: Fanon, i

Fanon, chap.1

26 September: Fanon, ii

Fanon, chap.2

1 October: Fanon, iii

Fanon, chaps.3-4

3 October: Fanon, iv

Fanon, conclusion

**4 October: Paper #1 Due**

8 October: Foucault, i

Foucault, part 1

10 October: Foucault, ii

Foucault, part 2

15 October: Foucault, iii

Foucault, part 3

17 October: Foucault, iv

Foucault, part 4

22 October: Review

24 October: **EXAMINATION #1**

29 October: Manne, i

Manne, chaps.1-2

31 October: Manne, ii

Manne, chaps.3-5

5 November: Manne, iii

Manne, chaps.6-7

7 November: Manne, iv

Manne, chap.8, conclusion

12 November: Polanyi, i

Polanyi, chaps.3-7

14 November: Polanyi, ii

Polanyi, chaps.8-13

19 November: Polanyi, iii

Polanyi, chaps.14-18

21 November: Polanyi, iv

Polanyi, chaps.19-21

**22 November: Paper #2 Due**

**26-28 November: Thanksgiving HOLIDAY**

3 December: Conclusion

5 December: **EXAMINATION #2**