SOC 102
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY II

In this course, we will discuss the works of major late 20th century (and early 21st 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 functionalists, micro-sociologists, poststructuralists, neo-Marxists, and practice theorists have answered these questions in conflicting ways.

After completing two thirds of the course, we will ask: how does all of this theorization apply outside of mainstream Western society? This will bring us to theories of race, gender, and postcolonialism. 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 eight reading responses (300 words each) and three papers (5 pages each) for this course. (The reading responses will be graded as S/US only). More specific guidelines about the assignments will follow.

First paper: Due on February 20, 11 am
Second paper: Due on March 19, 11 am
Final paper: Due on May 13, 2:30pm

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

Evaluation:
Paper 1: %25
Paper 2: %25
Final paper: %25
Section participation and reading responses: %25
**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.

**TEXTS**

**January 21**
Introduction
No readings assigned

**GRAND SYNTHESES IN POST-WAR THEORIZATION**

**January 23-28. Functionalism**


**January 28-30. Dramaturgy**


**February 4-11. Practice and Reproduction**


**February 13-18. Practice and Reproduction**


**February 20. First Midterm.**
II. HISTORICIZING THEORY (AND THE LIMITS OF HISTORICIZATION)

February 25 - 27. The Market and Counter-Movements


March 3. Neo-Marxism: Council Communism


March 5-10. Neo-Marxism: State and Civil Society


March 12-17. (Sociologizing) Neo-Marxism


March 30-April 3: TBD

April 7-9. Post-structuralism


III. THEORIZING FROM THE MARGINS

April 14-16. Race and Racialization


**April 21-23. Gender and Sexuality**


**April 28-30. Post-Colonialism**
