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## **SOC 102 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY II**

In this course, we will discuss the works of major theorists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, 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, if such a thing exists, be improved? We will look at how functionalists, symbolic interactionists, 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 the world system, race and 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 two midterm papers (7 pages each) and one final paper (9-10 pages) for this course. More specific guidelines about the papers will follow.

First paper: Due on February 23, 2pm

Second paper: Due on April 3, 2pm

Final paper: Due on May 7, 2:30pm

### **Evaluation:**

Paper 1: %25

Paper 2: %25

Final paper: %30

Section participation: %20

## **Functionalism**

Parsons, Talcott. 1951. *The Social System*. New York: Free Press. Pp. 26-36.

## **Dramaturgy and Symbolic Interactionism**

Goffman, Erving. 1959. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*. New York: Anchor Books.

## **Critical Theory (1.5 weeks)**

Lukács, György. 1923. "Reification and the Consciousness of the Proletariat" from *History and Class Consciousness*

Marcuse, Herbert. 1964. "The New Forms of Control" from *One-Dimensional Man*

Habermas, Jürgen. 1985 [1981]. *The Theory of Communicative Action, Vol. 2: Lifeworld and System: A Critique of Functionalist Reason, Vol. 2*. Boston: Beacon Press. Pp. 301-403.

## **Poststructuralism (2 weeks)**

Foucault, Michel. 1980 [1976]. "Two Lectures" in *Power/Knowledge: Selected Interviews and Other Writings 1972-77*. Brighton: Harvester. Pp. 78-108.

Foucault, Michel. 1995 [1975]. *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. New York: Vintage Books.

Foucault, Michel. 1991 [1978]. "Governmentality" in Burchell, Gordon and Miller (eds.) *The Foucault Effect: Studies in Governmentality*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Pp. 87-104.

## **Neo-Marxism**

Gramsci, Antonio. 1971. *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*. Pp. 206-276.

Burawoy, Michael. 2003. "For a Sociological Marxism: The Complementary Convergence of Antonio Gramsci and Karl Polanyi," *Politics and Society* 31/2: 193-261.

## **The Market and Social Policy**

Polanyi, Karl. 2001 [1944]. *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*. Boston: Beacon Press. Pp. 71-80, 136-209, 298-299.

### **Practice and Reproduction (3 weeks)**

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1990 [1979]. *The Logic of Practice*. Stanford University Press.

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1987 [1980]. *Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgement of Taste*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

### **The World Systems Perspective**

Arrighi, Giovanni. 1994. *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power, and the Origins of Our Times*. London: Verso. Pp. 27-84.

### **Race and gender**

Fanon, Frantz. 2008 [1952]. *Black Skin, White Masks*. Pp. vii-23, 89-119, 185-197.

Collins, Patricia Hill. 2007 [2000]. "Black Feminist Epistemology," pp. 327-336 in Craig Calhoun et al (eds) *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

### **Post-Colonialism**

Chatterjee, Partha. 1993 [1986]. *Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse?* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. Pp. 1-35, 85-171.

### **Limits of sociological theory?**

Agamben, Giorgio. 2005 [2003]. *State of Exception*. Pp. 1-31, 65-88.

Latour, Bruno. 2005. *Reassembling the Social: An Introduction to Actor-Network-Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 1-17, 141-156.