

Contemporary Social Theory

SOC411

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Tues., 11:00 am – 1:00 pm;
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- Class Meetings:** TR, 1:15 – 2:50 pm
Jenks 211
- Texts:** Kivisto, Peter. 2013. *Social Theory: Roots and Branches*, fifth edition. New York: Oxford University Press.
Luhmann, Niklas. 2000. *The Reality of the Mass Media*. Trans. by Kathleen Cross. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
Foucault, Michel. 1978. *The History of Sexuality, Volume 1: An Introduction*. Trans. by Robert Hurley. New York: Vintage Books.
West, Cornel. 2002. *Prophesy Deliverance! An Afro-American Revolutionary Christianity*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.
Baudrillard, Jean. 2009. *The Transparency of Evil: Essays on Extreme Phenomena*. Trans. by James Benedict. New York: Verso.
Various selections made available either as handouts or as reserve readings in the library
- Objectives:**
- 1) To familiarize students with the dominant strains of post-war social and sociological theory.
 - 2) To identify the continuities and discontinuities between contemporary theory and the “classical” theory of the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.
 - 3) To facilitate students’ own critical engagement with the works of contemporary theorists.
 - 4) To encourage students to articulate their own theoretical vision in light of the major intellectual movements of the last century.
 - 5) To sensitize students to the serious challenge that certain recent developments in social thought pose to the conventional social scientific enterprise.

Course Description

Many sociologists will grant that a few thinkers—most notably Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, and Max Weber—did the most to establish the foundations of sociological thought. These few did not, however, say all that needed to be said, nor did their thinking prefigure everything that came after. The theoretical traditions that have gone beyond the so-called classics are extraordinarily vast and varied, and you cannot come to grips with what is going on in sociology today without wrestling with those traditions. This course is designed to help you do just that.

I am driven by one overarching aim in this respect: to equip you to read and understand for yourself at least a small portion of these diverse bodies of work. Accordingly, the required readings consist exclusively of primary source materials. My class presentations, in turn, will introduce you to the theoretical orientations that the various authors exemplify, as well as what I take to be the strengths and weaknesses of their arguments. In this, I hope to provide a framework within which we can together seek to appropriate and evaluate their contributions.

Our ability to do this will largely depend on your readiness to engage with the texts and to challenge what I and others have to say about them in class. Any interpretations that we offer are bound to be partial and controversial, if for no other reason than that the texts themselves are complex, provocative, and occasionally obscure. As such, you must be committed to pursuing your own understandings, at the very least through diligent reading of the assigned texts. I also encourage you to go beyond what I have assigned, reading as widely as possible from each author’s own works and from the enormous secondary literature that expounds upon them. And whatever else you do, come to class prepared to push for clarification (which you may do freely), to critique the interpretations others offer, and to set forth your own readings of the texts. Your job here is to do more than simply learn about contemporary social and sociological theory; you are to let yourself be stretched by it.

Assignments

Before each class period you will need to prepare a “ticket” that will secure your admission to class. The ticket should consist of two elements: first, a brief statement identifying something that you felt you really understood or connected with from the readings of the day; second, three brief questions that you still have or that you would like to pose concerning the readings of the day. Alternatively, if you would rather dig a little deeper and reflect a little more extensively on a particular day’s readings, you can choose to write a one-page reflection paper in lieu of the ticket. The bonus here is that each reflection paper that you submit will count as two (2) tickets.

Beyond your regular class admission tickets and/or reflection papers, there is one major writing assignment for this course, and it has the greatest potential to affect your final grade. For one thing, the term paper will be weighted more heavily than anything else in the calculation of your overall course grade. More important still, the paper will demand that you make a decision about what kind of grade you will be shooting for in the course. In short, you have two options when it comes to the term paper. “Option A” would involve articulating a theoretical vision of your own, in conversation with the thoughts of several other contemporary theorists. I will talk more about what this project might look like for you as the semester proceeds, but it suffices to say that it would be a rather ambitious undertaking. If for whatever reason you would rather not take on that challenge, you can choose “Option B” instead, which would be to put together a sustained, critical reflection on an important text in contemporary social theory. This is essentially the same assignment that many of you completed for SOC285. Should you choose this option, however, you will be contracting for a maximum grade of a “B” in the course.

No matter which option you choose, the paper will be due on Wednesday, May 11. I will not accept papers late unless I grant you an extension in advance. Moreover, any extension that I grant will involve a penalty of one-third of a letter grade for each day that the paper is late.

In addition to your general class participation, you will be asked to function as a class “expert” for one class session over the course of the semester. Prior to your assigned session, you will need to meet with me and hammer out how you plan to exercise this expert function.

The final exam is slated for Wednesday, May 11, from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Grading

All course components—the written work and class participation elements alike—will be graded on a 100 point scale. The contribution of each component to the final course grade will be as follows:

- Class participation: 20%
- Class “experthood”: 10%
- Class tickets: 15%
- Term paper: 45%
- Final exam: 10%

Letter grades will be assigned according to the standard 90–80–70–60 scale, with “pluses” and “minuses” assigned to the top and bottom 3 percent of each letter grade range. Some slight adjustments, based on the performance of the class as a whole, *may* be made when computing final grades.

You may appeal your grade on any written work or examination. Appeals must be presented **in writing** within one week of the date the graded paper or exam is returned to you.

Students with Disabilities

Gordon College is committed to assisting students with documented disabilities. (See Academic Catalog Appendix C, for documentation guidelines.) A student with a disability who may need academic accommodations should follow this procedure:

- 1) Meet with a staff person from the Academic Support Center (Jenks 412, x4746) to:
 - a. make sure documentation of your disability is on file in the ASC,
 - b. discuss the accommodations for which you are eligible,
 - c. discuss the procedures for obtaining the accommodations, and
 - d. obtain a Faculty Notification Form.
- 2) Deliver a Faculty Notification Form to each course professor within the first full week of the semester; at that time make an appointment to discuss your needs with each professor.

Failure to register in time with your professor and the ASC may compromise our ability to provide the accommodations. Questions or disputes about accommodations should be immediately referred to the Academic Support Center. See Grievance Procedures available from the ASC.

Course Outline*

Date	Topic	Readings
1/14	Introduction	
1/19	Liberal education	Baldwin, "A Talk to Teachers" (<i>The Saturday Review</i> , December 21, 1963: 42-44, 60)
1/21	Karl Marx & Max Weber revisited	Kivisto, selections 1–5, 11-15
1/26	Émile Durkheim & Georg Simmel revisited	Kivisto, selections 6–10, 16–20
1/28	Social theory vs. sociological theorizing	Jasso, "How I Became a Theorist" (<i>Sociological Theory</i> , 18:490–497) Webster, Jr., "Theory Surrounds Us" (<i>Perspectives</i> , 28[1]: 1–2) Delanty, "Varieties of Social Theory Today" (<i>Perspectives</i> , 28[1]: 2–4) Baert, "Letter from Europe" (<i>Perspectives</i> , 28[1]: 4–7)
2/2	Essentialisms and emancipation	Kivisto, selections 21, 23–24, 26
2/4	Conflict theory	Kivisto, selections 38–39
2/9	Conflict theory, continued	Kivisto, selections 40, 76
2/11	Exchange theory	Kivisto, selections 46, 50
2/16	Exchange theory, continued	Kivisto, selections 47–49
2/18	Interpretive theory	Kivisto, selections 41–42
2/23	Phenomenology & Ethnomethodology	Kivisto, selections 43–45
2/25	Functionalism==>Systems theory	Kivisto, selections 33, 35, 34
3/1	Systems theory, continued	Luhmann, <i>The Reality of the Mass Media</i> , chapters 1–8
3/15	Systems theory, continued	Luhmann, <i>The Reality of the Mass Media</i> , chapters 9–16
3/17	Critical social theory	Kivisto, selection 63 Benjamin, "The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction"
3/22	Critical social theory, continued	Kivisto, selections 62, 64
3/24	Structuralism	Lévi-Strauss, from <i>Myth and Meaning</i> , pp. 1–24 Barthes, from <i>Elements of Semiology</i> , pp. 9–34
3/29	Post-structuralism	Foucault, <i>The History of Sexuality, volume 1</i> , parts 1–3
3/31	Post-structuralism, continued	Foucault, <i>The History of Sexuality, volume 1</i> , parts 4–5
4/5	The prophetic voice	Kivisto, selection 37 Mills, "A Pagan Sermon to the Christian Clergy" West, <i>Prophesy Deliverance!</i> , Preface, Introduction, chapters 1–2
4/7	*****Frank Molteno*****	
4/12	The prophetic voice, continued	West, <i>Prophesy Deliverance!</i> , chapters 3–5 Baldwin, "Sonny's Blues"
4/14	Post-modernity and postmodernism	Kivisto, selections 28, 67–68, 74
4/19	Post-modernity and postmodernism, continued	Kivisto, selections, 72 Baudrillard, <i>The Transparency of Evil</i> , part 1
4/26	Post-modernity and postmodernism, continued	Baudrillard, <i>The Transparency of Evil</i> , part 2
4/28	Postmodern emancipatory theory	Kivisto, selections 56–57
5/3	Postmodern emancipatory theory, continued	Kivisto, selections 51, 53–55 Zerilli, "Feminism and the Abyss of Freedom: Rejoinder to Ferree, Glaeser, and Steinmetz" (<i>Sociological Theory</i> 27[1]:89-95)
5/11	**Final examination** (9:00 – 11:00 am)	

* This schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.

Suggested readings

Functionalism

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- Coser, Lewis. 1956. *The Functions of Social Conflict*. New York: The Free Press.
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- Parsons, Talcott. 1951. *The Social System*. New York: The Free Press.
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- Radcliffe-Brown, A.R. 1952. *Structure and Function in Primitive Society: Essays and Addresses*. New York: The Free Press.
- Shennan, Stephen. 2003. *Genes, Memes and Human History: Darwinian Archaeology and Cultural Evolution*. New York: Thames & Hudson.
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Conflict theory

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- Domhoff, G. William. 1990. *The Power Elite and the State: How Policy is Made in America*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter.
- Gusfield, Joseph. 1963. *Symbolic Crusade: Status Politics and the American Temperance Movement*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- Mannheim, Karl. 1936. *Ideology and Utopia: An Introduction to the Sociology of Knowledge*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc.
- Mills, C. Wright. 1956. *The Power Elite*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Skocpol, Theda. 1979. *States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia, and China*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1974. *The Modern World System: Capitalist Agriculture and the Origins of the European World-Economy in the Sixteenth Century*. New York: Academic Press.

Exchange theory

- Becker, Gary S. 1981. *A Treatise on the Family*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Blau, Peter. 1964. *Exchange and Power in Social Life*. New York: John Wiley.
- Brenner, Reuven. 1989. *Betting on Ideas: Wars, Inventions, Inflation*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Caplow, Theodore. 1968. *Two Against One: Coalitions in Triads*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.
- Coleman, James S. 1989. Editor's Introduction. *Rationality and Society*, 1:5–9.
- 1990. *Foundations of Social Theory*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Hechter, Michael. 1987. *Principles of Group Solidarity*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Hirschman, Albert O. 1970. *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty: Responses to Decline in Firms, Organizations, and States*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Homans, George C. 1967. *The Nature of Social Science*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.
- Oberschall, Anthony, and Eric M. Leifer. 1986. Efficiency and Social Institutions: Uses and Misuses of Economic Reasoning in Sociology. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 12:233–253.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*. New York: Schocken Books.
- Posner, Richard A. 1992. *Sex and Reason*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Stark, Rodney. and William Sims Bainbridge. 1996. *A Theory of Religion*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Phenomenology

- Husserl, Edmund. 1964. *Cartesian Meditations: An Introduction to Phenomenology*. Translated by Dorion Cairns. The Hague: M. Nijhoff.
- *Phenomenology and the Crisis of Philosophy: Philosophy as Rigorous Science, and Philosophy and the Crisis of European Man*. Translated by Quentin Lauer. New York: Harper & Row.
- Katz, Jack. 1988. *Seductions of Crime: Moral and Sensual Attractions of Doing Evil*. New York: Basic Books.
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- Ricoeur, Paul. 1965. *History and Truth*. Translated by Charles A. Kelbley. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press.
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Interpretive theory

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Negotiating structure and agency

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- Giddens, Anthony. 1981. *Central Problems in Social Theory: Action, Structure and Contradiction in Social Analysis*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
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- Joas, Hans. 1996. *The Creativity of Action*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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- Barthes, Roland. 1967. *Elements of Semiology*. New York: Hill and Wang.
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Post-structuralism

- Derrida, Jacques. 1976. *Of Grammatology*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
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