

# Class Schedule\*

November 25, 2011

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## 1 Preliminaries

### 1.1 8/25

#### Casing Classical Theory

- Alexander, J. C. . (1987). The centrality of the classics. In Giddens, A. and Turner, J. H., editors, *Social Theory Today*, pages 11–57. Polity Press, Cambridge, UK
- Nisbet, R. A. (1966). The unit ideas of sociology. In *The Sociological Tradition*, pages 3–20. Basic Books, New York
- Warner, R. S. (1976). The uses of the ‘classic tradition. In Smelser, N. J. and Warner, R. S., editors, *Sociological Theory: Historical and Formal*, pages 3–15. General Learning Press., Morristown,NJ
- Warner, R. S. (1987). Teaching theory in an empirically-oriented graduate program. *The American Sociologist*, 18(1):37–41

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\*Entries marked with an asterisk [\*] are available on JSTOR, otherwise they can be found in the course website

## 1.2 8/30

### Traditions of Social Theory

- Pels, D. (2001). Three spaces of social theory: Towards a political geography of knowledge. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 26:31–56\*
- Levine, D. N. (1995). *Visions of the sociological tradition*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago (Pp. 104-268)

## 2 Karl Marx

### 2.1 9/1

#### Marx as the Theorist of Modernity

- Berman, M. (1988). *All That Is Solid Melts into Air: Marx, Modernism and Modernization*, pages 87–129. Penguin, New York
- Carver, T. (1998). Re-translating the *Manifesto*: New Histories, New Ideas. In *The Communist Manifesto: New Interpretations*, pages 51–62. New York University Press, Washington Square, NY
- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1996). Manifesto of the communist party. In Carver, T., editor, *Marx: Later Political Writings*, pages 1–30. Cambridge University Press, New York
- **Optional:** Jones, G. S. (2002). Introduction. In *The Communist Manifesto*, pages 3–187. Penguin Classics, New York (Pp. 14-73)

### 2.2 9/6

#### The Theory of Society and the Theory of Social Change I: The Basic Model

- Wacquant, L. J. (1985). Heuristic models in marxian theory. *Social Forces*, 64:17–45\*
- Marx, K. (1994). A contribution to the critique of political economy (preface). In Carver, T., editor, *Marx: Later Political Writings*, pages 158–162. Cambridge University Press, New York

- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1994a). ‘The German Ideology’ ‘Chapter One,’ ‘Feurbach’. In O’Malley, J., editor, *Marx: Early Political Writings*, pages 119–181. Cambridge University Press, New York (Pp. 148-181)

## 2.3 9/8

### The Theory of Society and the Theory of Social Change II: The Historical Model

- Bell, D. (1974). *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*. Basic Books, New York (Pp. 49-85)
- Marx, K. (1867). *Capital*, volume I. Penguin, New York (927-930)
- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1845b). Society and economic history. In Tucker, R. C., editor, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, pages 146–163. W. W. Norton, New York, second edition

## 2.4 9/13

### Ideas and Ideology

- Hawkes, D. (2003). *Ideology*. Routledge, London (Pp. 88-116)
- Bell, D. (1990). The Misreading of Ideology: The Social Determination of Ideas in Marx’s Work. *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 35:1–54
- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1994a). ‘The German Ideology’ ‘Chapter One,’ ‘Feurbach’. In O’Malley, J., editor, *Marx: Early Political Writings*, pages 119–181. Cambridge University Press, New York (Pp. 119-126 and 135-148)
- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1994b). (theses) ‘On Feurbach’. In O’Malley, J., editor, *Marx: Early Political Writings*, pages 116–118. Cambridge University Press, New York

## 2.5 9/15

### The Philosophical Anthropology: Alienation and Estrangement

- Marx, K. (2007). Estranged labor. In *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*, pages 67–83. Dover Publications, Mineola, NY
- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1845a). Alienation and social classes. In Tucker, R. C., editor, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, pages 133–135. W. W. Norton, New York, second edition
- Marx, K. and Engels, F. (1994a). ‘The German Ideology’ ‘Chapter One,’ ‘Feurbach’. In O’Malley, J., editor, *Marx: Early Political Writings*, pages 119–181. Cambridge University Press, New York (Pp. 127-134)

## 2.6 9/20

### The Mature Formulation: The Fetishism of Commodities and the Secret Thereof

- Taussig, M. (1977). The genesis of capitalism amongst a South American peasantry: Devil’s labor and the baptism of money. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 19(2):130–155\*
- Marx, K. (1867). *Capital*, volume I. Penguin, New York (163-177)
- Marx, K. (1867). *Capital*, volume I. Penguin, New York (246-257)
- Marx, K. (1891). Wage, labor and capital. In Tucker, R. C., editor, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, pages 203–217. W. W. Norton, New York, second edition
- **Optional:** Hornborg, A. (2001). Symbolic technologies: Machines and the marxian notion of fetishism. *Anthropological Theory*, 1(4):473–496

## 3 Max Weber

### 3.1 9/22

#### Max Weber’s Grand Project I: The Cultural Uniqueness of the West

- Nelson, B. (1974). Max weber's 'author's introduction' (1920): A master clue to his main aims. *Sociological Inquiry*, 44:269—278
- Seidman, S. (1984). The main aims and thematic structures of max weber's sociology. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 9:381–404\*
- Weber, M. (2011c). Prefatory remarks to collected essays in the sociology of religion (1920). In Kalberg, S., editor, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pages 76–98. Oxford University Press, New York, the revised 1920 edition
- **Optional:** Jameson, F. (1988). The vanishing mediator: or, max weber as storyteller. In *The Ideologies of Theory, Essays 1971-1986: Syntax of History*, volume 2, pages 3–34. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis
- **Optional:** Tenbruck, F. and Weber, M. (1980). The problem of thematic unity in the works of max weber. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 31(3):316–351

## 3.2 9/27

### Max Weber's Grand Project II: Why Ideas Matter

- Parsons, T. (1938). The role of ideas in social action. *American Sociological Review*, 3(5):652–664\*
- Warner, R. S. (1970). The role of religious ideas and the use of models in max weber's comparative studies of non-capitalist societies. *The Journal of Economic History*, 30:74–99\*
- Weber, M. (1963a). Asceticism, mysticism and salvation religion. In *The Sociology of Religion*, pages 166–183. Beacon Press, Boston, MA
- Weber, M. (1963b). The attitude of the other world religions towards the social and economic orders. In *The Sociology of Religion*, pages 262–274. Beacon Press, Boston, MA
- Weber, M. (1963d). The different roads to salvation. In *The Sociology of Religion*, pages 151–165. Beacon Press, Boston, MA

### 3.3 9/29

#### The Protestant Ethic I: Traditionalism, Rationality and The Spirit of (Rational) Capitalism

- Kalberg, S. (1996). On the neglect of Weber's *Protestant Ethic* as a theoretical treatise: Demarcating the parameters of Postwar American sociological theory. *Sociological Theory*, 14(1):49–70\*
- Campbell, C. (2006). Do today's sociologists really appreciate Weber's essay *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*? *The Sociological Review*, 54(2):207–223
- Weber, M. (2011d). The “spirit of capitalism”. In *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pages 76–98. Oxford University Press, New York, the revised 1920 edition
- Weber, M. (2011b). Luther's conception of the calling. In *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pages 99–109. Oxford University Press, New York, the revised 1920 edition
- **Optional:** Weber, M. (1946b). The protestant sects and the spirit of capitalism. In Gerth, H. H. and Mills, C. W., editors, *For Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, pages 302–322. Oxford University Press., New York

### 3.4 10/4

#### The Protestant Ethic II: Living in a Shell as Hard as Steel

- Baehr, P. (2001). The ‘iron cage’ and the ‘shell as hard as steel’: Parsons, Weber, and the *Stahlhartes Gehäuse* metaphor in the *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. *History and Theory*, 40(2):153–169\*
- Scaff, L. A. (1987). Fleeing the Iron Cage: Politics and Culture in the Thought of Max Weber. *The American Political Science Review*, 81(3):737–756\*
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- Weber, M. (2011a). Asceticism and the spirit of capitalism. In *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pages 158–179. Oxford University Press, New York, the revised 1920 edition

### 3.5 10/6

#### Authority, Charisma, Routinization

- Weber, M. (1994c). Legitimacy and the types of authority. In Heydebrand, W., editor, *Sociological Writings*, pages 28–32. Continuum, New York
- Weber, M. (1994b). Charismatic authority. In Heydebrand, W., editor, *Sociological Writings*, pages 32–37. Continuum, New York
- Weber, M. (1994d). The routinization of charisma. In Heydebrand, W., editor, *Sociological Writings*, pages 37–46. Continuum, New York
- Weber, M. (1963e). Gods, magicians and priests. In *The Sociology of Religion*, pages 20–31. Beacon Press, Boston, MA

### 3.6 10/11

#### Trapped in an Artificial Mechanism: Bureaucracy, Bureaucratization and the Bureaucratic Ethic

- Weber, M. (1994a). Bureaucratic authority. In Heydebrand, W., editor, *Sociological Writings*. Continuum, New York
- Ritzer, G. (1975). Professionalization, Bureaucratization and Rationalization: The Views of Max Weber. *Social Forces*, 53(4):627–634
- Harrington, A. (2007). Alfred Weber’s essay ‘The Civil Servant’ and Kafka’s ‘In the Penal Colony’: The evidence of an influence. *History of the Human Sciences*, 20(3):41–63

### 3.7 10/13

#### Class, *Stand*, (Political) Power and Lifestyles

- Weber, M. (1946a). Class, status, party. In Gerth, H. H. and Mills, C. W., editors, *For Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, pages 180–195. Oxford University Press., New York
- Weber, M. (1963c). Caste, estates, classes and religion. In *The Sociology of Religion*, pages 80–94. Beacon Press, Boston, MA

- Wenger, M. (1980). The Transmutation of Weber's *Stand* in American Sociology and Its Social Roots. *Current perspectives in social theory*, 1:357–378
- Barnes, B. (1992). Status groups and collective action. *Sociology*, 26(2):259–270
- Cockerham, William C. and Rütten, Alfred and Abel, Thomas (1997). Conceptualizing contemporary health lifestyles: Moving beyond weber. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 38(2):321–342\*
- **Optional:** Abel, T. and Cockerham, W. C. (1993). Lifestyle or *Lebensführung*? Critical Remarks on the Mistranslation of Weber's "Class, Status, Party". *The Sociological Quarterly*, 34(3):551–556\*

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### 3.8 10/25

#### Max Weber's Grand Project III: Rationalization and the Differentiation of Value Spheres as the Grand Cultural Dynamic of the West

- Meyer, J. W., Boli, J., and Thomas, G. M. (1994). Ontology and rationalization in the western cultural account. In Scott, W. R. and Meyer, J. W., editors, *Institutional environments and organizations. Structural complexity and individualism*, pages 9–27. Sage, Thousand Oaks, CA
- Kalberg, S. (1980). Max weber's types of rationality: cornerstones for the analysis of rationalization processes in history. *American Journal of Sociology*, 85:1145–1179\*
- Weber, M. (1946c). Religious rejections of the world and their directions. In Gerth, H. H. and Mills, C. W., editors, *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, pages 323–359. Oxford University Press, New York
- Weber, M. (1946d). The social psychology of the world religions. In Mills, H. H. G. and Wright, C., editors, *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, pages 267–301. Oxford University Press, New York
- Eisen, A. (1978). The meanings and confusions of weberian 'rationality'. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 29:57–70\*
- **Optional:** Habermas, J. (1988). Max webers theory of rationalization. In *The Theory of Communicative Action: Reason and the Rationalization of Society*, volume One, pages 143–215. Beacon Press, Boston



## 4 Èmile Durkheim

### 4.1 10/27

#### Durkheim on Method: Non-Reductive Individualism and Treating Social Facts as “things”

- Durkheim, E. (1982). *The Rules of the Sociological Method*. Free Press, New York (Pp. 34-84)
- Durkheim, E. (1982). *The Rules of the Sociological Method*. Free Press, New York (Pp. 116-163)
- Schmaus, W. (1994). *Durkheim’s philosophy of science and the sociology of knowledge: creating an intellectual niche*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago (Pp. 37-117)
- **Optional:** Stedman Jones, S. (1996). What does durkheim mean by ‘thing’? *Durkheimian Studies/Etudes Durkheimiennes*, 2:43–59
- **Optional:** Sawyer, R. (2002). Durkheim’s dilemma: Toward a sociology of emergence. *Sociological Theory*, 20(2):227–247\*

### 4.2 11/1

#### Durkheim, Dualism, Representations

- Durkheim, E. (1953). Individual and collective representations. In *Sociology and Philosophy*, pages 1–34. Free Press, Glencoe, IL
- Durkheim, E. (2005). The dualism of human nature and its social conditions. *Durkheimian Studies*, 11(1):35–45
- Pickering, W. S. F. (2000a). Representations as understood by durkheim. In Pickering, W. S. F., editor, *Durkheim and Representations*, pages 98–117. Routledge, New York
- Pickering, W. S. F. (2000b). What do representations represent? In Pickering, W. S. F., editor, *Durkheim and Representations*, pages 98–117. Routledge, New York
- Schmaus, W. (2000). Representations in durkheim’s sens lectures: an early approach to the subject. In Pickering, W. S. F., editor, *Durkheim and Representations*, pages 27–36. Routledge, New York

### 4.3 11/3

#### Society as Organism: The Division of Labor and the Forms of Solidarity

- Giddens, A. (1972). *Emile Durkheim: Selected Readings*. Cambridge University Press, New York (Pp. 1-29)
- Émile Durkheim (1964). *Division of Labor in Society*. The Free Press, New York (Pp. 129-132, 226-229, 283-303, and Conclusion)
- Émile Durkheim (1979). *Suicide: A study in Sociology*. The Free Press, New York (Pp. 297-325)
- Durkheim, E. (1978a). Review of Ferdinand Tönnies, *Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft*. In Traugott, M., editor, *Emile Durkheim on Institutional Analysis*, pages 115–122. University Of Chicago Press, Chicago

### 4.4 11/8

#### Mechanical Solidarity: Crime, Punishment and Deindividuation

- Émile Durkheim (1964). *Division of Labor in Society*. The Free Press, New York (Pp. 70-110, 152-164)
- Durkheim, E. (1978b). Two laws of penal evolution. In Traugott, M., editor, *Emile Durkheim on Institutional Analysis*, pages 153–180. University Of Chicago Press, Chicago
- Émile Durkheim (1979). *Suicide: A study in Sociology*. The Free Press, New York (Pp. 217-240)
- Fish, J. S. (2002). Religion and the changing intensity of emotional solidarities in Durkheim's *The Division of Labour in Society* (1893). *Journal of Classical Sociology*, 2(2):203–223

### 4.5 11/10

#### Organic Solidarity: Individuation, Individualism and the Problem of Declining Societal Normativity

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- Émile Durkheim (1964). *Division of Labor in Society*. The Free Press, New York (Pp. 164-173, 283-303)
- Émile Durkheim (1979). *Suicide: A study in Sociology*. The Free Press, New York (Pp. 152-170, 171-216, 241-276)
- **Optional:** Goffman, E. (1955). On face-work; an analysis of ritual elements in social interaction. *Psychiatry*, 18(3):213–231
- **Optional:** Goffman, E. (1956). The nature of deference and demeanor. *American Anthropologist*, 58(3):473–502\*

## 4.6 11/15

### Religious Phenomena as the Key to the Social

- Bloch, M. (2007). Durkheimian anthropology and religion: Going in and out of each other's bodies. In Whitehouse, H. and Laidlaw, J., editors, *Religion, Anthropology and Cognitive Science*, pages 63–80. Carolina Academic Press, Durham
- Shilling, C. and Mellor, P. (1998). Durkheim, morality and modernity: collective effervescence, homo duplex and the sources of moral action. *British Journal of Sociology*, 49(2):193–209\*
- Durkheim, E. (1975). Concerning the definition of religious phenomena. In Pickering, W. S. F., editor, *Durkheim on Religion: A Selection of Readings with Bibliographies*, pages 74–99. Routledge & Kegan Paul, Boston, MA
- Durkheim, E. (1995). *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*. Free Press, New York (Pp. 1-18, 21-67)

## 4.7 11/17

### Durkheim's Epistemology I: Sacred, Profane, the "Notion of Kind" and the First Classification

- Durkheim, E. (1995). *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*. Free Press, New York (Pp. 141-157)
- Durkheim, E. and Mauss, M. (1967). *Primitive Classification*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago (Pp. 3-88)

- Horton, R. (1997). Levy-bruhl, durkheim and the scientific revolution. In *Patterns of thought in Africa and the West: essays on magic, religion and science*, pages 63–104. Cambridge University Press
- Allen, N. J. (1994). *Primitive Classification: The Argument and its Validity*. In Pickering, W. S. F. and (, H. M., editors, *Debating Durkheim*, pages 40–65. Routledge, New York

## 4.8 11/22

### Durkheim's Epistemology II: Feelings, the Category of Force and the Origins of Abstract Concepts

- Durkheim, E. (1995). *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*. Free Press, New York (Pp. 191-240, 303-417, 418-448)
- Rawls, A. (2004). *Epistemology and practice: Durkheim's The elementary forms of religious life*. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 72-138)
- Schmaus, W. (2004). *Rethinking Durkheim and his Tradition*. Cambridge University Press, New York (Pp. 185-243)
- **Optional:** Stedman Jones, S. (2006). Action and the question of the categories: A critique of rawls. *Durkheimian Studies*, 12(1):37–67

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## 5 Georg Simmel

### 5.1 11/29

#### Re-keying Durkheim: Another Look at Individual/Society Duality and the Emergence of Individuality

- Pescosolido, B. and Rubin, B. (2000). The web of group affiliations revisited: Social life, postmodernism, and sociology. *American Sociological Review*, pages 52–76\*
- Coser, R. L. (1975). The complexity of roles as a seedbed of individual autonomy. In Coser, L. A., editor, *The Idea of Social Structure*, pages 237–263. Harcourt, New York

- Simmel, G. (1955). *Conflict and the Web of Group Affiliations*. The Free Press (Pp. 125-195)
- Simmel, G. (1971e). Group expansion and the development of individuality. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 251–293. University of Chicago Press, Chicago
- **Optional:** Simmel, G. (1971d). Freedom and the individual. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 217–226. University of Chicago Press, Chicago

## 5.2 12/1

### Re-keying Marx and Weber: Money, Quantification and the Problem in Modern Culture

- Simmel, G. (1997b). The metropolis and mental life. In Frisby, D., editor, *Simmel on Culture*, pages 174–186. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA
- Simmel, G. (1997c). On the psychology of money. In Frisby, D., editor, *Simmel on Culture*, pages 233–242. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA
- Simmel, G. (1900). A chapter in the philosophy of value. *The American Journal of Sociology*, 5(5):577–603\*
- Simmel, G. (1971a). The conflict in modern culture. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 375–393. University of Chicago Press, Chicago
- Deflem, M. (2003). The sociology of the sociology of money. *Journal of Classical Sociology*, 3(1):67–96
- Holt, D. and Searls, K. (1994). The impact of modernity on consumption: Simmel's philosophy of money. *Advances in Consumer Research*, 21:65–65
- **Optional:** Faught, J. (1985). Neglected affinities: Max weber and georg simmel. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 36(2):155–174\*
- **Optional:** Habermas, Jürgen (1996). Georg simmel on philosophy and culture: Postscript to a collection of essays. *Critical Inquiry*, 22(3):403–414\*

## 5.3 12/6

### Simmel's Eidetic Sociology

- Backhaus, G. (1998). Georg simmel as an eidetic social scientist. *Sociological theory*, 16(3):260–281\*
- Simmel, G. (1906). The sociology of secrecy and of secret societies. *The American Journal of Sociology*, 11(4):441–498\*
- Simmel, G. (1971b). Domination. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 96–120. University of Chicago Press, Chicago
- Simmel, G. (1971f). The poor. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 150–178. University of Chicago Press, Chicago
- Simmel, G. (1971g). The stranger. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 143–149. University of Chicago Press, Chicago
- Simmel, G. (1971c). Exchange. In *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, pages 43–69. University of Chicago Press, Chicago
- **Optional:** Levine, D. (1997). Simmel reappraised: old images, new scholarship. In *Reclaiming the Sociological Classics: The State of the Scholarship*, pages 173–207
- **Optional:** Simmel, G. (1902a). The number of members as determining the sociological form of the group. i. *The American Journal of Sociology*, 8(1):1–46\*
- **Optional:** Simmel, G. (1902b). The number of members as determining the sociological form of the group. ii. *The American Journal of Sociology*, 8(2):158–196\*

## 5.4 12/8

### The Possibility of Society

- Simmel, G. (1909). The problem of sociology. *The American Journal of Sociology*, 15(3):289–320\*
- Simmel, G. (1910). How is society possible? *The American Journal of Sociology*, 16(3):372–391\*
- Simmel, G. (1949). The sociology of sociability. *American Journal of Sociology*, 55(3):254–261\*
- Simmel, G. (1957). Fashion. *American Journal of Sociology*, pages 541–558\*

- Simmel, G. (1997a). Adornment. In Frisby, D., editor, *Simmel on Culture*, pages 206–210. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA