1 Preliminaries

1.1 8/25

Casing Classical Theory


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1.2 8/30

Traditions of Social Theory


2 Karl Marx

2.1 9/1

Marx as the Theorist of Modernity


2.2 9/6

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


2.3 9/8
The Theory of Society and the Theory of Social Change II: The Historical Model


2.4 9/13
Ideas and Ideology


The Philosophical Anthropology: Alienation and Estrangement


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


Max Weber

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


### 3.2 9/27

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


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


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


3.5 10/6

Authority, Charisma, Routinization


3.6 10/11

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


3.7 10/13

Class, Stand, (Political) Power and Lifestyles


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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**


4 Èmile Durkheim

4.1 10/27

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


4.2 11/1

Durkheim, Dualism, Representations

4.3 11/3

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


4.4 11/8

Mechanical Solidarity: Crime, Punishment and Deindividuation


4.5 11/10

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

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4.6 11/15

Religious Phenomena as the Key to the Social


4.7 11/17

Durkheim’s Epistemology I: Sacred, Profane, the “Notion of Kind” and the First Classification


4.8 11/22

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


[Thanksgiving Break 11/23 - 11/27]

5  Georg Simmel

5.1 11/29

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


### 5.2 12/1

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


5.3 12/6

Simmel’s Eidetic Sociology

- 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