1 Confronting the Classics

1.1 Required Readings


• Pels, Dick. 2001. “Three Spaces of Social Theory: Towards a Political Geography of Knowledge.” Canadian Journal of Sociology 26: 31-56. [JSTOR link]


1.2 Recommended readings


• Smith, Anthony D. 1983. “Nationalism and Classical Social Theory.” *British Journal of Sociology* 34: 19-38. [JSTOR link]


2 The Last of the Classical Political Economists: Karl Marx

2.1 Required readings

2.1.1 Contemporary


2.1.2 Primary


2.2 Recommended readings


Hazelrigg, Lawrence E. 1972 “Class, Property, and Authority: Dahrendorf’s Critique of Marx’s Theory of Class.” *Social Forces* 50: 473-487. [JSTOR link]


### 3 Beyond “Marxism”: Rediscovering Marxian Theory

#### 3.1 Required readings

##### 3.1.1 Contemporary

##### 3.1.2 Primary
3.2 Recommended Readings


4 Weber as a the Dark Prophet of Modernity: Main Aims and Sociological Method

4.1 Required readings

4.1.1 Contemporary


4.1.2 Primary


4.2 Recommended Readings


5 Weber on Asceticism, Religion and the Rise of the West

5.1 Required readings

5.1.1 Contemporary


5.1.2 Primary


5.2 Recommended Readings:


• Silber, Ilana Friedrich. “Monasticism and the ‘Protestant Ethic’: Asceticism, Rationality and Wealth in the Medieval West.” *British Journal of Sociology* 44: 103-123. [JSTOR link]

6 Weber on Legitimacy, Status and Domination

6.1 Required readings

6.1.1 Contemporary


6.1.2 Primary


6.2 Recommended Readings:


7 Durkheim on Method, Non-Reductive Individualism and the Problem of Representation(s)

7.1 Required Readings

7.1.1 Contemporary


7.1.2 Primary


7.2 Recommended Readings

- Emirbayer, Mustafa. 1996a “Useful Durkheim.” Sociological Theory 14: 109-130. [JSTOR link]


8 Durkheim on Individualism, Solidarity and the Division of Labor

8.1 Required Readings

8.1.1 Contemporary


8.1.2 Primary


8.2 Recommended Readings


- Hawkins, Mike. 1979. “Continuity and Change in Durkheim’s Theory of Social Solidarity.” *Sociological Quarterly* 20: 155-164. [JSTOR link]


- Hynes, Eugene. 1975. “Suicide and Homo Duplex an Interpretation of Durkheim’s Typology of Suicide.” *Sociological Quarterly* 16: 87-104. [JSTOR link]


9 Durkheim on Collective Representations and the Social Origins of the Categories of the Understanding

9.1 Required Readings

9.1.1 Contemporary


9.1.2 Primary


9.2 Recommended Readings


10 Durkheim on Ritual

10.1 Required Readings

10.1.1 Contemporary


10.2 Recommended Readings


11 The Good Old Fashioned Simmel: Formal Sociology, Conflict and the Web of Group Affiliations

11.1 Required Readings

11.1.1 Contemporary


11.1.2 Primary


• Simmel, Georg. 1902. “The Number of Members as Determining the Sociological form of the Group. II.” *American Journal of Sociology* 8: 158-196. [JSTOR link]

11.2 Recommended Readings


• Erickson, Bonnie H. 1981. “Secret Societies and Social Structure.” *Social Forces* 60: 188-210. [JSTOR link]


12 The “New” Simmel: Process and Culture

12.1 Required Readings

12.1.1 Contemporary


12.1.2 Primary


12.2 Recommended Readings


• Goodstein, Elizabeth. 2002. “Style as Substance: Georg Simmel’s Phenomenology of Culture.” Cultural Critique 52: 209-234. [JSTOR link]


• Levine, Donald N. 1991a. “Simmel and Parsons Reconsidered.” American Journal of Sociology 7: 1097-1116. [JSTOR link]

• Levine, Donald N. 1991b. “Simmel as Educator: on Individuality and Modern Culture.” Theory, Culture and Society 8: 99-117.


• Simmel, Georg. 1900. “A Chapter in the Philosophy of Value.” American Journal of Sociology 5: 577-603. [JSTOR link]


13 George Herbert Mead: Cognition, perception and the origins of the (social) self

13.1 Required Readings

13.1.1 Contemporary


• Stone, Gregory P. and Harvey A. Farberman. 1967. “On the Edge of Rapprochement: Was Durkheim Moving toward the Perspective of Symbolic Interaction?” Sociological Quarterly 8: 149-164. [JSTOR link]
13.1.2 Primary


13.2 Recommended Readings