

SOC 252: HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY

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COURSE SYLLABUS

The aim of the course is to introduce the students to the history of sociological thought throughout the 20th century. The course will start by discussing structural functionalism as the main current in American sociology, symbolic interactionism, phenomenology, structuralism, extension of Marxist thought into the 20th century like structural Marxism, Critical theory (the Frankfurt School), and finally end by a preparatory introduction into the postmodernist thought at the later part of the 20th century.

Attendance to the class is a must (**15 pnts**), besides there will be two midterm exams (**25 pnts** each) and a final exam (**35 pnts**). Below you'll find a proposed schedule of the course (note: there may be no exact match between the reading material and the dates indicated. Remember, this is a tentative outline).

TENTATIVE OUTLINE

Feb. 8: First Meeting

Feb. 10: -

1. Feb. 15: American Structural Functionalism (Talcott Parsons and Robert Merton) and Conflict Theory.

- Ritzer, George and Douglas J. Goodman, 2004, *Modern Sociological Theory*, McGraw Hill, Boston, pp. 91-130. (39 pgs) (39 pgs)

2. Feb. 17: American Structural Functionalism (Continued – Robert Merton)

3. Feb. 22: Conflict Theory of Ralf Dahrendorf and Lewis Coser

- Wallace, A. Ruth, Alison Wolf, 1995, *Contemporary Sociological Theory: Continuing the Classical Tradition*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, pp. 142-161. (19) (19) ()

4. Feb. 24: Historical Materialism After Marx against Sociology.

- Szacki, Jerzy, 1979, *History of Sociological Thought*, Aldwych Press, London, pp. 374-392. (18) (57)

5. March 1: Karl Mannheim's Sociology of Knowledge

-Zeitlin, Irving M., 1981, *Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory*, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, pp. 292-326. (34)

6. March 3: Mannheim's Sociology of Knowledge (Continued)

7. March 8: Critical Theory (Frankfurt School)

- Held, David, 1980, *Introduction to Critical Theory: Horkheimer to Habermas*, Hutchinson, London, pp. 29-39. (10)

- Szacki, Jerzy, 1979, *History of Sociological Thought*, Aldwych Press, London, pp. 392-402. (10) (20) (77)

8. March 10: Critical Theory (Continued)

- Held, David, 1980, *Introduction to Critical Theory: Horkheimer to Habermas*, Hutchinson, London, pp. 40-76. (36) (36) (113)

9. March 15: Critical Theory (Continued)

10. March 17: FIRST MIDTERM EXAM

11. March 22: Symbolic Interactionism: George Herbert Mead

- Ritzer, George and Douglas J. Goodman, 2004, *Modern Sociological Theory*, McGraw Hill, Boston, pp. 200-217. (17) (17) ()

12. March 24: Symbolic Interactionism: Erwin Goffman

- Ritzer, George and Douglas J. Goodman, 2004, *Modern Sociological Theory*, McGraw Hill, Boston, pp. 217-231. (15)
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13. March 29: Phenomenology (Husserl, Shutz)

- Wallace, A. Ruth, Alison Wolf, 1995, *Contemporary Sociological Theory: Continuing the Classical Tradition*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, pp. 241-244 (4)

- Cuff, E. C., W. W. Sharrock and D. W. Francis, 1990, *Perspectives in Sociology*, Routledge, London and New York, pp. 150-160 (10) (14)

14. March 31: Ethnomethodology of Harold Garfinkel

- Wallace, A. Ruth, Alison Wolf, 1995, *Contemporary Sociological Theory: Continuing the Classical Tradition*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, pp. 244-261 (18)

15. April 5: Phenomenological Sociology of Peter Berger

- Cuzzort, R. P. and Edith W. King, 1995, *Twentieth-Century Social Thought*, Harcourt Brace, Fort Worth, 298-323. (25)
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16. April 7: Radical Sociology of C. W. Mills

- Cuzzort, R. P. and Edith W. King, 1995, *Twentieth-Century Social Thought*, Harcourt Brace, Fort Worth, 177-202. (25)
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17. April 12: Radical sociology of Randall Collins

- Wallace, A. Ruth, Alison Wolf, 1995, *Contemporary Sociological Theory: Continuing the Classical Tradition*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, pp. 161-180. (19) (19) ()

18. April 14: Systems Theory of Niclas Luhmann

- Ritzer, George and Douglas J. Goodman, 2004, *Modern Sociological Theory*, McGraw Hill, Boston, pp. 180-199. (19)

19. April 19: 2ND MIDTERM

20. April 21: Pierre Bourdieu

- Callewaert, Staff, 2000, "Pierre Bourdieu", in Andersen, Heine and Lars Bo Kaspersen (eds.), *Classical and Modern Social Theory*, Blackwell, Oxford, pp. 309-325 (17)

21. April 26: Structuralism (Saussure, Levi-Strauss)

- Sharrock, Wes W., John A. Hughes and Peter J. Martin, 2003, *Understanding Modern Sociology*, Sage Publication, London, pp. 104-126 (22)

22. April 28: Structuralism (Barthes, Lacan)

- Sharrock, Wes W., John A. Hughes and Peter J. Martin, 2003, *Understanding Modern Sociology*, Sage Publication, London, pp. 126-137(11)

23. May 3: Neo-Marxian Sociology

- Ritzer, George and Douglas J. Goodman, 2004, *Modern Sociological Theory*, McGraw Hill, Boston, pp. 148-165. (17)

24. May 5: Structural Marxism (Althusser)

- Sharrock, Wes W., John A. Hughes and Peter J. Martin, 2003, *Understanding Modern Sociology*, Sage Publication, London, pp. 137-145 (9)

- McLennan, Gregor, Victor Molina and Roy Peters, 1978, "Althusser's Theory of Ideology" in *On Ideology*, Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies, Hutchinson, London, pp. 77-82. (6)

25. May 10: Jürgen Habermas

- "The Critical Theory of Jürgen Habermas", pp. 179-197

26. May 12: Work of Michel Foucault

Gutting, Gary, 1994, "Introduction: Michel Foucault: A User's Manual" in Gutting, Gary, 1994, *The Cambridge Companion to Foucault*, pp. 1-27.