

Theory Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Reading List
Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
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Departmental Policy on Ph.D. Comprehensives Exam Reading Lists

There will be a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 200 readings in each list, in article units. A book will count as five articles if it involves over 200 pages of assigned reading, as three articles if between 100-200 pages of assigned reading, and one article if less than 100 pages of assigned reading. Chapters and articles are considered equal. Any reading list with at least 20 books may have an upper limit of 240 readings. Supplemental reading lists for each module contain 3-4 readings.

A. Foundations

1. Metatheory

Bhambra, G. K. (2007). *Rethinking Modernity: Postcolonialism and the Sociological Imagination*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. [3 units]

Camic, C., & Gross, N. (1998). Contemporary Developments in Sociological Theory: Current Projects and Conditions of Possibility. *Annual Review of Sociology* 24(1), 453-476. [1 unit]

- Collins, P. H. (2000). Distinguishing Features of Black Feminist Thought, and the Politics of Empowerment, and Black Feminism in Transnational Context. *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment* (2nd ed., pp. 21-43, 227-250). New York: Routledge. [1 unit]
- Go, J. (2016). The Postcolonial Challenge. *Postcolonial Thought and Social Theory* (pp. 64-102). Oxford: Oxford University Press. [1 unit]
- Gouldner, A. (1970). Sociology and Sub-Sociology. *The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology* (pp. 20-60, 481-512). New York: Basic Books. [1 unit]
- Haraway, D. (1988). Situated Knowledge: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Perspective. *Feminist Studies* 14(3), 575-599. [1 unit]
- Harding, S. (1993). Rethinking Standpoint Epistemology: What is 'Strong Objectivity'?. In L. Alcoff & E. Porter (Eds.), *Feminist Epistemologies* (pp. 49-82). New York: Routledge. [1 unit]
- Kuhn, T. (1996). Introduction: A Role for History, and The Route to Normal Science, and The Nature of Normal Science, and The Nature and Necessity of Scientific Revolutions. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (pp. 1-34, 92-110). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]
- Levine, D. N. (1995). Disciplines and their Stories, and Positivist and Pluralist Narratives, and Synthetic Narratives, and Humanist and Contextual Narratives, and On the Heritage of Sociology. *Visions of the Sociological Tradition* (pp. 7-82, 298-316). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]
- Mannheim, K. (1985). The Sociology of Knowledge. *Ideology and Utopia* (pp. 264-311). San Diego: Harcourt Brace. [1 unit]
- Martin, J. L. (2015). On Theory in Sociology and Things and Facts: Who Causes What Constraints? *Thinking through Theory* (pp. 1-44, 45-75). New York: W. W. Norton & Company. [1 unit]
- Merton, R. (1996). On Sociological Theories of the Middle Range. In P. Sztopka (Ed.), *Social Structure and Science* (pp. 41-50). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]
- Mills, C. W. (2000). *The Sociological Imagination*. New York: Oxford University Press, Inc. [5 units]
- Parsons, T. (1937). *The Structure of Social Action: Part 1*. New York: The Free Press. [3 units]

Ritzer, G. (1988). Sociological Metatheory: A Defense of a Subfield by a Delineation of its Parameters. *Sociological Theory*, 6(2), 187-200. [1 unit]

Stinchcombe, A. (1987). Introduction, and The Logic of Scientific Inference. *Constructing Social Theory* (pp. 3-56). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

Supplemental

Abbott, A. (2007). Against Narrative: A Preface to Lyrical Sociology. *Sociological Theory* 25(1): 67-99.

Merton, R. K. (1945). Sociological Theory. *American Journal of Sociology* 50(6), 462-473. [1 unit]

2. Classic Thinkers

Alexander, J. C. (1987). The Centrality of the Classics. In A. Giddens & J. H. Turner (Eds.), *Social Theory Today* (pp. 11-57). Stanford: Stanford University Press. [1 unit]

Camic, C. (1998). Classical Sociological Theory as a Field of Research. In C. Camic (Ed.), *Reclaiming the Sociological Classics: The State of the Scholarship* (pp. 1-10). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. [1 unit]

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels

Marx, K., & Engels, F. (1978). Capital (vol. 1). In R. C. Tucker (Ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (pp. 294-438). New York: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc. [3 units]

Marx, K., & Engels, F. (1978). The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte. In R. C. Tucker (Ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (pp. 594-617). New York: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc. [1 unit]

Marx, K., & Engels, F. (1978). *1844 Manuscripts*. In R. C. Tucker (Ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (pp. 66-125). New York: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc. [1 unit]

Marx, K., & Engels, F. (1978). The German Ideology. In R. C. Tucker (Ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (pp. 146-200). New York: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc. [1 unit]

Marx, K., & Engels, F. (1978). Manifesto of the Communist Party. In R. C. Tucker (Ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (pp. 469-500). New York: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc. [1 unit]

Marx, K., & Engels, F. (1978). The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State. In R. C. Tucker (Ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (pp. 734-759). New York: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc. [1 unit]

Max Weber

Weber, M. (1946). 'Politics as a Vocation', 'Science as a Vocation', 'Class, Status, Party', 'Beauracracy', 'The Sociology of Charismatic Authority' and 'Religious Rejections of the Works and their directions'. In C. W. Mills & H. H. Gerth (Eds.), *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology* (pp. 77-128, 129-156, 180-195, 196-204, 214-216, 224-232, 245-252, 323-359). New York: Oxford University Press. [5 units]

Weber, M. (1949). "'Objectivity' in Social Science and Social Policy" and 'Critical Studies in the Logic of the Cultural Sciences'. In E. A. Shills & H. A. Finch (Eds.), *The Methodology of the Social Sciences* (pp. 1-47, 113-188). New York: Free Press. [1 unit]

Weber, M. (2002 [1904-05]). *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (S. Kalberg, Trans.). Los Angeles: Roxbury Press. [3 units]

Emile Durkheim

Durkheim, E. (1982). Preface to Rules for the Explanation of Social Facts. In S. Lukes (Ed.), *The Rules of Sociological Method and Selected Texts on Sociology and its Method* (pp. 31-146). New York: Free Press. [3 units]

Durkheim, E. (1997). *The Division of Labor in Society* (pp. 1-87, 101-175, 226-245, 329-341). New York: Free Press. [3 units]

Durkheim, E., & (Introduction), K. E. F. (1995). 'Introduction: Subject of Study: Religious Sociology and the Theory of Knowledge,' 'Definition of Religious Phenomena and of Religion,' 'Origins of These Beliefs,' 'Origins of These Beliefs (Conclusion),' and 'Conclusion' (K. E. Fields, Trans.) *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life* (pp. 1-18, 21-44, 169-189, 207-241, 418-448). New York: Free Press. [3 units]

Georg Simmel

Simmel, G. (1964). *Web of Group Affiliations Conflict and the Web of Group Affiliations* (pp. 125-). New York: Free Press. [1 unit]

Simmel, G. (1972). "How is Society Possible", "The Problem of Sociology", "Conflict", "Sociability", "Group Expansion and the Development of Individuality", "The Stranger" and "The Metropolis and Mental Life. In D. N. Levine (Ed.), *On Individuality and Social Forms* (pp. 6-22, 23-35, 70-95, 127-140, 251-293, 142-149, 324-339). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [5 units]

William E.B. Du Bois

Du Bois, W. E. B. (1903) *The Souls of Black Folks* (pp. 1-45, 55-67, 83-89, 115-131). Mineola, NY: Dover Publications. [1 unit]

Du Bois, W. E. B. (1910). Reconstruction and its Benefits. *The American Historical Review*, 15(4), 781-799. [1 unit]

DuBois, WEB (1915). The African Roots of the War, reprinted in *Monthly Review* 24(11): April 1973. [1 unit]

DuBois, WEB (1920). The Souls of White Folk, originally in *Darkwater*, reprinted in *Monthly Review* 55(6): p. 44-58. [1 unit]

DuBois, WEB (1935). The Black Worker, The White Worker and The Propaganda of History, in *Black Reconstruction* (pp. 3-31, 711-730). New York: The Free Press. [1 unit]

Supplemental

Tocqueville, A. de. (2000 [1835, 1940]). Selections *Democracy in America* (Vol. 1, pp. 3-15, 27-52, 63-65, 220-235, 172-180, 180-186, 250-264, 606-617, 673-676). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

Perkins Gilman, C. (1997 [1889]) *Women and Economics: A Study of the Economic Relation Between Men and Women as a Factor in Social Evolution* (pp. 7-8, 8-18, 23-34). Mineola, NY: Dover Publications. [1 unit]

B. Traditions

1. Marxism

Abu Lughod, J. (1989). The Three Routes to the East, Cairo's Monopoly Under the Slave Sultanate, Restructuring the Thirteenth Century World System. *Before European Hegemony* (pp. 137-153, 212-251, 352-373). Oxford: Oxford University Press. [1 unit]

Adorno, T. (1976). Sociology and Empirical Research. In T. Adorno, G. Adey, & D. Frisby (Eds.), *The Positivist Dispute in German Sociology*. (pp. 68-86). New York: Harper & Row. [1 unit]

Anderson, P. (1974). The Absolutist State in the West, Class and State: Problems of Periodization, The Absolutist State in the East, and Nobility and Monarchy: The Eastern Variant. *Lineages of the Absolutist State* (pp. 15-59, 195-235). London: Verso. [1 unit]

Bloch, E. (1977). Nonsynchronism and the Obligation to Its Dialectics. *New German Critique*, 11, 22-38. [1 unit]

Brenner, R. (1977). The Origins of Capitalist Development: A Critique of Neo-Smithian Marxism. *New Left Review* 104: 25-92. [1 unit]

- Cabral, A. (2016). Analysis of a few types of resistance and The role of culture in the struggle for independence. *Resistance and Decolonization* (pp. 73-156, 157-180). London: Rowman and Littlefield. [1 unit]
- Eagleton, T. (2011). In Praise of Marx. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. April 10.
- Gramsci, A. (1971). "The Intellectuals", "Notes on Italian History" in "Problems of History and Culture"; "State and Social Civility" in "Notes on Politics"; "The Study of Philosophy" in "The Philosophy of Praxis" *Selections from the Prison Notebooks* (pp. 5-14, 52-63, 102-104, 210-217, 325-343). New York: International Publishers. [3 units]
- Jones, C. (2011). An end to the Neglect of the Problems of Negro Women (1949), American Imperialism and the British West Indies (1958), and A peoples' art is the genesis of their Freedom (1959). In Carole Boyce Davies Ed. *Claudia Jones: Beyond Containment* (pp. 74-86, 156-165, 166-167). Oxfordshire: Ayebia. [1 unit]
- Marcuse, H. (1964). One-Dimensional Society and One-Dimensional Thought *One Dimensional Man* (pp. 1-199). Boston, MA: Beacon Press. [1 unit]
- Marcuse, H. (1969 [1932]). Contributions to a Phenomenology of Historical Materialism. *Telos*, 4, 3-34. [1 unit]
- Rodney, W. (1972). Colonialism as a System for Underdeveloping Africa. *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa* (pp. 203-281). Washington, DC: Howard University Press. [1 unit]
- Sartre, J.-P. (2004 [1960]). Introduction and I. The Dogmatic Dialectic and the Critical Dialectic *Critique of Dialectical Reason* (Vol. 1). London: Verso. [1 unit]
- Thompson, E. P. (1978). The Poverty of Theory or an Orrery of Errors *The Poverty of Theory & Other Essays* (pp. 193-242). London: Merlin Press. [1 unit]
- Wallerstein, I. (2004). *World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. [1 unit]

2. Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology

- Beauvoir, S. de. (2011). The Second Sex (C. B. a. S. Malovany-Chevallier, Trans.) (pp. 62-75; 126-156 ; 721-766). New York: Vintage. [1 unit]
- Garfinkel, H. (1984). What is Ethnomethodology *Studies in Ethnomethodology* (pp. 1-34). Cambridge: Polity Press. [1 unit]
- Garfinkel, H. (2002). *Ethnomethodology's program: Working out Durkheim's aphorism*. Chicago: Rowman & Littlefield. [3 units]

- Hoffman, S. G. (2015). Thinking Science with Thinking Machines: The Multiple Realities of Basic and Applied Knowledge in a Research Border Zone. *Social Studies of Science*, 45(2), 242-269. [1 unit]
- Law, J., & Lien, M. E. (2013). Slippery: Field notes in empirical ontology. *Social Studies of Science*, 43(3), 363-378. [1 unit]
- Lynch, M. (1993). *Scientific Practice and Ordinary Action: Ethnomethodology and Social Studies of Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [1 unit]
- Lynch, M. (2013). Ontography: Investigating the production of things, deflating ontology. *Social Studies of Science*, 43(3), 444-462. [1 unit]
- Rawls, A. W. (2009). An essay on two conceptions of social order: constitutive orders of action, objects and identities vs aggregated orders of individual action. *Journal of Classical Sociology*, 9(4), 500-520. [1 unit]
- Sacks, H. (1989). Lecture One: Rules of Conversational Space. *Human Studies*, 12(3), 217-227. [1 unit]
- Schutz, A. (1945). On Multiple Realities. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 5(4), 533-576. [1 unit]
- Schutz, A. (1967). The Phenomenology of the Social World *The Constitution of Meaningful Lived Experience in the Constitutor's Own Stream of Consciousness* (pp. 45-96). Evanston Northwestern University Press. [1 unit]
- Smith, D. (1987). Institutional Ethnography: A Feminist Research Strategy *The Everyday World as Problematic: A Feminist Methodology* (pp. 105-146; 151-180). Boston: Northeastern University Press. [2 units]
- Smith, D. (1990). Introduction, and Women's Experience as a Radical Critique of Sociology *Conceptual Practices of Power: A Feminist Sociology of Knowledge* (pp. 3-30). Toronto: University of Toronto Press. [1 unit]

3. Pragmatism, Symbolic Interactionism and the Dramaturgical Approach

- Blumer, H. (1986). The Methodological Position of Symbolic Interactionism, and What is Wrong with Social Theory *Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method* (pp. 1-60; 140-152). Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press. [1 unit]
- Dewey, J. (1988). John Dewey, The Middle Works, 1899-1924: Human Nature and Conduct, vol. 12 *Human Nature and Conduct*. (pp. 4-75) Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press. [1 unit]

Goffman, E. (1959). *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life* (pp. xi-xii; 1-76; 106-140; 238-255). New York: Anchor Books. [2 units]

Goffman, E. (1974). Introduction and The Anchoring of Activity *Frame Analysis: An Essay on the Organization of Experience* (pp. 1-16; 247-300). New York: Harper Colophon. [1 unit]

Goffman, E. (1983). The Interaction Order. American Sociological Association 1982 Presidential Address. *American Sociological Review*, 48, 1-17. [1 unit]

James, W. (1981). What Pragmatism Means *Pragmatism* (pp. 25-39). Indianapolis: Hackett. [1 unit]

Joas, H. (1996). The Emergence of the Theory of Action and Situation--Corporeality--Sociality: The Fundamentals of a Theory of the Creativity of Action. *The Creativity of Action* (pp. 7-49,145-195). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

Mead, G. H. (1967). The Point of View of Social Behaviorism, and The Self. In C. W. Morris (Ed.), *Mind, Self, & Society* (pp. 1-41; 135-222). Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. [3 units]

Peirce, C. (1992). The Fixation of Belief, How to make our ideas clear, Deduction, Induction, and Hypothesis. In *The Essential Peirce Volume I: Selected Writings* (pp. 109-141, 186-199). Bloomington: Indiana University Press. [1 unit]

4. Exchange Theory and Rational Choice Theory

Becker, G. (1976). The Economic Approach to Human Behavior. *The Economic Approach to Human Behavior*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (pp. 3-14). [1 unit]

Blau, P. (1964). Social Exchange *Exchange and Power in Social Life* (pp. 88-115). New York J. Wiley. [1 unit]

Coleman, J. (1987). Microfoundations and Macrosocial Behaviour. In B. G. Jeffery C. Alexander, Richard Münch, and Neil Smelser (Ed.), *The Micro-Macro Link* (pp. 153-173). Berkeley: University of California Press. [1 unit]

Friedman, D. and Hechter, M. (1988). The Contribution of Rational Choice Theory to Macrosociological Research. *Sociological Theory* 6 (2):201-218. [1 unit]

Hayek, F. A. (1998). Cosmos and Taxis, Social or Distributive Justice, The Market Order or Catallaxy. In *Law, Legislation, and Liberty* (vol. I pp 8-54, vol. II pp. 62-84; 107-129). London: Routledge. [1 unit]

Hedström, P., & Swedberg, R. (1996). Rational Choice, Empirical Research, and the Sociological Tradition *European Sociological Review* 12(2), 127-146. [1 unit]

Olson, M. (1965). A Theory of Groups and Organizations. *The Logic of Collective Action; public goods and the theory of groups*. (pp. 5-52). Cambridge: Harvard University Press. [1 unit]

Schelling, T. (1978). Micromotives and Macrobehavior. *Micromotives and Macrobehavior*. New York: Norton (pp. 9-44). [1 unit]

5. Functionalism

Alexander, J. C., & Colomy, P. (1985). Toward neo-functionalism. *Sociological Theory*, 3(2), 11-23. [1 unit]

Eisenstadt, S. N. (2000). Multiple modernities. *Daedalus*, 129(1), 1-29. [1 unit]

Merton, R. K. (1957). Manifest and Latent Functions; The Bearing of Sociological Theory on Empirical Research *Social Theory and Social Structure* (pp. 21-111). Glencoe Free Press. [1 unit]

Merton, R. K. (1996). Social Structure and Anomie. In P. Szotompa (Ed.), *On Social Structure and Science* (pp. 132-151). Chicago & London: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

Luhmann, N. (1995) (J. B. J. w. D. Baecker, Trans.) *Social Systems* (pp. ix-xxxvi, 12-58). Stanford, California: Stanford University Press. [1 unit]

Parsons, T. (1985). On the Concept of Influence; Hierarchy of Control; Double Interchanges in Economy and Society; Some Considerations on the Theory of Social Change. In L. H. Mayhew (Ed.), *Talcott Parsons on institutions and social evolution: selected writings*. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

Supplemental

Luhmann, N. (2002). Theories of Distinction: Redescribing the Descriptions of Modernity. In J. O. N. William Rasch, Elliott Schreiber, Kerstin Behnke and William Whobrey (Ed.), (pp. 1-30). Stanford, California Stanford University Press. [1 unit]

6. Structuralism and Post-structuralism

Althusser, L. (2001). Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses (B. Brewster, Trans.) *Lenin and Philosophy and Other Essays* (pp. 85-126). New York and London Monthly Review Press. [1 unit]

Foucault, M. (1970). Preface and Classifying. *The Order of Things: An Archaeology of the Human Sciences* (pp. xv-xxiv, 125-165). New York: Vintage Books. [1 unit]

- Foucault, M. (1978). The Body of the Condemned, The Means of Correct Training, and Panopticism (pp. 3-31; 170-228). *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. New York: Vintage Books. [1 unit]
- Lévi-Strauss, C. (1963). Social structure (C. J. a. B. G. Schoepf, Trans.) *Structural Anthropology* (pp. 277-323). New York Basic Books. [1 unit]
- Lévi-Strauss, C. (1969). Nature and Culture and The Principles of Kinship. *Elementary Structures of Kinship* (pp. 3-11, 478-498). Boston: Beacon Press. [1 units]
- Martin, J. L. (2009). Introduction. *Social Structures* (pp. 1-25). Princeton, U.S.: Princeton University Press. [1 unit]
- Maryanski, A., & Turner, J. H. (April 1991). The Offspring of Functionalism: French and British Structuralism. *Sociological Theory*, 9(1), 106-115. [1 unit]
- Nadel, S. F. (1957). Preliminaries *The Theory of Social Structure* (pp. 1-19). London Cohen & West. [1 unit]
- Porpora, D. V. (1989). Four Concepts of Social Structure. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior* 19: 195-211. [1 unit]
- Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. (1940). On Social Structure. *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland* 70: 1-12. [1 unit]

C. Contemporary Developments and Debates

1. Syntheses

- Abbott, A. (2016). The Problem of Excess. *Processual Sociology* (pp. 122-163). Chicago; London: The University of Chicago Press. [1 unit].
- Beck, U. (1999). Introduction: The Cosmopolitan Manifesto', and 'Risk Society Revisited' *World Risk Society* (pp. 1-18; 133-152). Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, Ltd. [1 unit]
- Fanon, F. (1963). *The Wretched of the Earth*. New York Grove Press. [3 units]
- Giddens, A. (1984) *The Constitution of Society* (pp. 1-40, 162-226, 227-280). Cambridge: Polity Press. [3 units]
- Habermas, J. (1984). Relations to the World and Aspects of Rationality in Four Sociological Concepts of Action *The Theory of Communicative Action* (pp. 75-101). Boston: Beacon Press. [1 unit]
- Habermas, J. (1989). *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [5 units]

Latour, B. (1993). *We Have Never Been Modern* (pp. 1-48). Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. [1 unit]

Latour, B. (2005). Introduction: How to Resume the Task of Tracking Associations, Introduction to Part I: Learning to Feed off Controversies, and First Source of Uncertainty: No Group, Only Group Formation. *Reassembling the social: An introduction to actor-network-theory* (pp. 1-42) UK: Oxford university press. [1 unit]

Supplemental

Fraser, N. (1992). Rethinking the Public Sphere: A Contribution to the Critique of Actually Existing Democracy. In C. Calhoun (Ed.), *Habermas and the Public Sphere* (pp. 109-142). Cambridge: MIT Press. [1 unit]

2. Central Debates and Developments

Action, Practice, and Social Order

Alexander, J (1987). Selections. In J. C. Anderson, B. Giese, R. Munch, & N. J. Smelser (Eds.), *The Micro-Macro Link* (pp. 155-175). Berkeley Los Angeles: University of California Press. [1 unit]

Archer, M. (1990). Human Agency and Social Structure. A Critique of Giddens. In J. Clark, C. Modgil, & S. Modgil (Eds.), *Anthony Giddens: Consensus and Controversy* (pp. 73-84). London: Falmer Press. [1 unit]

Cohen, I. J. (1996). Theories of action and praxis. In Bryan S. Turner (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, first edition (pp. 111-142) Oxford: Blackwell. [1 unit]

Collins, R. (2000). Situational Stratification: A Micro-Macro Theory of Inequality. *Sociological Theory* 18(1), 17-43. [1 unit]

Emirbayer, M., & Mische, A. (1998). What is Agency? *American Journal of Sociology* 103(4), 962-1023. [1 unit]

Fuchs, S. (2001). Beyond Agency. *Sociological Theory*, 19(1): 24-40. [1 unit]

Sewell, William. 1992. "Theory of Structure: Duality, Agency and Transformation." *American Journal of Sociology* 98: 1-29 [1 unit]

Laws and Historicity

Abbott, Andrew. 2001. "Transcending General Linear Reality, and Conceptions of Time and Events in Social Science Methods." Pp. 37-63; 161-82 in *Time Matters: On Theory and Method*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

- Bryant, J. M. (1994). "Evidence and explanation in history and sociology," *British Journal of Sociology* 45(1): 3-19. [1 unit]
- Calhoun, Craig. 1999. "The Rise and Domestication of Historical Sociology," pp.305-338, Terrance McDonald, ed., *The Historic Turn in the Human Sciences*, 1999.
- Goldstone, Jack A. 2004. "Response: Reasoning about History, Sociologically ..." *Sociological Methodology* 34(1): 35-61. [1 unit]
- Goldthorpe, John. 1991. "The Uses of History in Sociology," *British Journal of Sociology* 42(2): 211-230. [1 unit]
- Goldthorpe, John. 1994. "The uses of history in sociology – a reply," *British Journal of Sociology* 42(2): 55-77. [1 unit]
- Hall, Stuart. 1996. "The West and the Rest: Discourse and Power." Pp. 184-228 in Stuart Hall, David Held, Don Hubert, and Kenneth Thompson (eds.) *Modernity: An Introduction to Modern Societies*. Malden, MA: The Open University. [1 unit]
- Hart, Nicky. 1994. "John Goldthorpe and the relics of sociology." *British journal of sociology* 45(1): 21-30. [1 unit]
- Gorski, Philip S. 2004. "The Poverty of Deductivism: A Constructive Realist Model of Sociological Explanation." *Sociological Methodology* 34(1); 1-33. [1 unit]
- Gorski, Philip S. 2004. "A Brief Rejoinder to Goldstone: The Varieties of Deductivism." *Sociological Methodology* 34 (1): pp. 71-73. [1 unit]
- Mann, Michael. 1994. "In praise of macro-sociology: A reply to Goldthorpe." *British Journal of Sociology* 45(1): 37-54. [1 unit]
- Mouzelis, Nicos. 1994. "In defence of 'grand' historical sociology," *British journal of sociology* 45(1): 31-36. [1 unit]
- Sewell, W. H. (2005). Three temporalities: Toward an eventful sociology. *Logics of History* (pp. 81-123). Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [1 unit]

Constructivism vs. Realism

- Archer, Margaret, et al., eds. 1998. "Introduction: Basic Texts and Developments," by Roy Bhaskar and Tony Lawson, pp.3-15; and Margaret Archer, "Introduction: Realism in the Social Sciences," pp. 189-205, *Critical Realism: Essential Readings*. London: Routledge. [1 unit].
- Berger, Peter and Stanley Pullberg. 1965. "Reification and the Sociological Critique of Consciousness." *History and Theory* 4/2: 196-211. [1 unit]

Berger, Peter L. and Thomas Luckman. 1967. "Introduction through Scope and Modes of Institutionalization." Pp. 1-91 in *The Social Construction of Reality: A Treatise in the Sociology of Knowledge*. Garden City, NY: Anchor Books. [1 unit]

Daston, Lorraine. 1992. "Objectivity and the Escape from Perspective." *Social Studies of Science* 22(4): 597-618. [1 unit]

Elster, J. (1989). *Explaining Social Behavior: More Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [3 units]

Hacking, Ian. (1986). Pp. 161-171 in *Making Up People*.

Searle, John. 2006. "Social ontology: Some basic principles." *Anthropological theory* 6(1): 12-29. [1 unit]

Explanation and Mechanisms

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D. Appendix: Exam Guidelines

A competent (i.e., passable) exam answer will do each of the following:

- engage with the test question as asked
- present a thesis (a central argument to be defended)
- structure the answer so as to defend this thesis
- demonstrate familiarity with the key issues, thinkers and/or traditions pertinent to the exam question
- back up assertions with citations (and where necessary, quotes or other appropriate evidence)
- consider conflicting positions on the question asked
- present ideas in a style that is clear and cogent

A superior exam answer will also:

- display an awareness of hidden or deeper issues whose outcome affects or modifies the position advanced
- show a sufficient command of the literature to offer creative synthesis (e.g., by discerning hidden differences, connections, or implications)
- offer fresh insight into the question