

**THE PROCESS OF RESEARCH I: THEORIES AND METHODS:
SCHEDULE AND READING INSTRUCTIONS
Fall 2021**

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Date	Time	Lecture room
Monday 30 August	10.30-12.30	Introduction will be held on Zoom
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Why do we need theory: the act of theorizing		
Linking research problems, methodology and theory		
Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson		

Required Reading

- Hacking, Ian. 2000. *Why Ask What? The Social Construction of What?* Cambridge. Harvard University Press. Pages 1-35
- Inglis, David. 2012. *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 1-37
- Swedberg, Rickard. 2012. *Theorizing in sociology and social science: turning to the context of discovery*. In *Theory and Society*. Vol. 41: 1-40

Tuesday 31 August	10.15-12.00	The lecture will be held on Zoom
Philosophy of science and the development of theorizing		
Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson		

Required Reading

- Bratton, John, Denham, David. 2014. *Emile Durkheim: The rules of sociological method and on Suicide. The division of labour in society. Capitalism and classical social theory*. University of Toronto Press. Pages 183-204
- Martínez, Maria, Laura. 2009. *Ian Hacking's Proposal for the Distinction between Natural and Social Sciences*. In *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. Vol. 39: 212-234
- Parsons, Keith. 2014. *It started with Copernicus. Vital Questions about Science*. New York. Prometheus Books. Pages 19-45

Friday 3 September 10.15-12 **The seminar will be held on Zoom**
13.15-15 **The seminar will be held on Zoom**
Discussion seminar: how to sketch a research problem

Monday 6 September 10.15-12 **The lecture will be held on Zoom**
How to reflect on and use the concept of power
Lecturer: Klara Fisher

Required reading

Lukes, Steven. 2005. *Power: A radical view*. Second edition. Hampshire and New York, Palgrave Macmillan.
Tilly, Charles. 1991. *Domination, resistance, compliance...discourse. Sociological Forum*. Vol. 6 (3): 593-602

Tuesday 7 September 10.15-12 **The lecture will be held on Zoom**
Livelihoods- the genealogy of a field and its theoretical connections
Lecturer: Klara Fisher

Required reading

Jacobson, Klara. 2013. Section 3.2. From Betterment to Bt maize: : Agricultural Development and the Introduction of Genetically Modified Maize to South African Smallholders. Department of Urban and Rural Development. Uppsala, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. Pages 49-59.
Online here: https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/10406/1/Jacobson_k_130507.pdf
Scoones, Ian. 2015. Chapter 1 and 6. Sustainable livelihoods and rural development. Warwickshire, Practical Action Publishing.

Wednesday 8 September 10.30-12.30 **The seminar will be held on Zoom**
13.15-15.00 **The seminar will be held on Zoom**
Discussion seminar

Monday 13 September 10.15-12 **Lecture room W**
How people organize themselves and how they perceive the world:
Social organization, social structure, culture and institutions
Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required reading

Eriksen, Thomas Hylland. Chapter 3, 4, 5. *Small Places, Large Issues. An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*. Pages 30-81

Scheper-Hughes, Nancy. 1992. *Death Without Weeping. The violence of everyday life in Brazil*. University of California Press. Part of chapter 1, chapter 3. Pages 31-36, 49-64, 98-127

Tuesday 14 September 10.15-12.00 **The lecture will be held on Zoom**

**The birth of social theory and the problems it addressed:
urbanism, social disintegration, class hierarchy, poverty, rural dispossession, from serfs to rural workers, rural change, possession of resources, colonialism**

Lecturer: Kjell Hansen

Required Reading

Bratton, John, Denham, David. 2014. *Capitalism and classical social theory*. Introduction: Why classical social theory? Pages 1-22. University of Toronto Press.

Inglis, David. 2012. *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 38-61

Recommended reading

Inglis, David. 2012. *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 189-207

Marx, Karl & Engels, Friedrich 1848: *Manifesto of the Communist Party*. 53 pp

Friday 17 September 10.15-12 **The seminar will be held on Zoom**

13.15-15 **The seminar will be held on Zoom**

Discussion seminar on moral economy and gender regimes

Monday 20 September 10.15-12 **Lecture room W**

How people make sense of their own life worlds:

Hermeneutics and ethnomethodology

Lecturer: Kjell Hansen

Required Reading

Geertz, Clifford. 1973. Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight. *The Interpretation of Culture*. New York. Basic Books. Pages 412-454.

Sharrock, Wes & Button, Graham 1991: The social actor: social action in real time. In: Button, Graham (ed.): *Ethnomethodology and the human sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (p 137 - 171)

Recommended reading

Garfinkel, Harold 1966: Ethnomethodology's program. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, vol. 59, no 1. Pages 5 – 21.

Jackson, Michael. 2013. Chapter 3. *Lifeworlds. Essays in existential anthropology*. Chicago. The University of Chicago Press. Pages 51-74.

Monday 20 September 13.15-15.00

Venue will be announced later

**The interplay between structure and agency
(Bourdieu and Giddens)**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required Reading

Bourdieu, Pierre; Wacquant, Lois. 1992. *An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology*. Pages: 94-135, 167-173. Cambridge. University of Chicago.

Giddens, Anthony. 1986. Agency, Structure. *Central Problems in Social Theory. Action, Structure and Contradiction in Social Analysis*. Hong Kong. MacMillan. Pages 49-73

Inglis, David. 2012. Structurationist Paradigms. In *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 208-234

Tuesday 21 September 10.15-12.00

The lecture will be held on Zoom

How people make sense of their own life worlds

Phenomenology

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson/Kjell Hansen

Required Reading

Inglis, David. 2012. Phenomenological paradigms. The symbolic interactionist paradigm. In *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 86-128

Frykman, Jonas & Nils Gilje 2003: Being There. In Frykman, Jonas & Nils Gilje (eds.): *Being There. New Perspectives on Phenomenology and the Analysis of Culture*. Lund: Nordic Academic Press. Page 7 – 49

Jackson, Michael. Introduction. In *Things as They Are. New directions in phenomenological anthropology*. Indiana University Press. Page 1-50

Tuesday 21 September 13.15-15.00

The lecture will be held on Zoom

Agency, social fields and ideology

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required Reading

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1990. Book I: Chapter 3, 4, 5: *The Logic of Practice*. Stanford. Stanford University Press. 52-97.

Callinicos, Alex. *Making History. Agency, Structure, and Change in Social Theory*. Chicago. Haymarket Books. Pages 1-25.

Graeber, David. 2006. Beyond Power/Knowledge- an exploration of the relation of power, ignorance and stupidity. The Malinowski Memorial Lecture, 2006. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Pages 105 – 128

**Friday 24 September 10.15-12
13.15-15**

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**Discussion seminar on structure and agency
Örjan**

Monday 27 September 10.30 – 12.30

Lecture room W

Marxist inspired social theory

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required Reading

Inglis, David. 2012. Marxist and Critical Theory Paradigms. In *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 62-85

Wolf, Eric. 1982. Modes of Production. The Fur Trade. In *Europe and the People Without History*. Berkely. University of California Press. Pages 73-100, 158-194

Recommended Additional Reading

Bloch, Maurice. The Past and the Present in the Present. In *Man*. Vol. 12(2): 278-292.

Tuesday 28 September 10.30 – 12.30

The lecture will be held on Zoom

Uneven geographical development and world system theory

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required Reading

Harvey, David. 2006. *Global Capitalism. Towards a theory of uneven geographical development*. London. Verso .Pages 69-116

Recommended Additional Reading

Wallerstein, Immanuel. 2006. *World System Analysis. An Introduction*. Durham. Duke University Press. .Pages iv-xii, 1-90

Exam

Deadline Wednesday 29 September 23.59

Literature

You will only have to purchase the books marked with a *, that is, the first book mentioned on the list below.

Please note that some literature might be added to the list and some may be changed or omitted.

Books:

*Inglis, David. 2012. *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press.

Excerpts of Books:

Bourdieu, Pierre; Wacquant, Lois. 1992. *An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology*. Pages: 94-135, 167-173. Cambridge. University of Chicago.

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1990. Book I: Chapter 3, 4, 5: *The Logic of Practice*. Stanford. Stanford University Press. 52-97

Bratton, John, Denham, David. 2014. Emile Durkheim: The rules of sociological method and on Suicide. The division of labour in society. *Capitalism and classical social theory*. University of Toronto Press. Pages 183-204

Callinicos, Alex. *Making History. Agency, Structure, and Change in Social Theory*. Chicago. Haymarket Books. Pages 1-25.

Eriksen, Thomas Hylland. *Small Places, Large Issues. An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*. Pluto Press. Pages 30

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Geertz, Clifford. 1973. Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight. *The Interpretation of Culture*. New York. Basic Books. Pages 412-454.

Giddens, Anthony. 1986. Agency, Structure. Central Problems in Social Theory. Action, Structure and Contradiction in Social Analysis. Hong Kong. MacMillan. Pages 49-73.

- Hacking, Ian. 2000. Why Ask What? *The Social Construction of What?* Cambridge. Harvard University Press. Pages 1-35.
- Harvey, David. 2006. *Global Capitalism. Towards a theory of uneven geographical development*. London. Verso .Pages 69-116
- Jackson, Michael. Introduction. In *Things as They Are. New directions in phenomenological anthropology*. Indiana University Press.
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- Sharrock, Wes & Button, Graham 1991: The social actor: social action in real time. In: Button, Graham (ed.): *Ethnomethodology and the human sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (p 137 - 171)
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- Wolf, Eric. 1982. Modes of Production. The Fur Trade. In *Europe and the People Without History*. Berkely. University of California Press. Pages 73-100, 158-194

Articles:

- Esping-Andersen, (1989) “The three political economies of the welfare state”. *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*, 26(1), 1989
- Fraser, N (1995) Recognition or redistribution? A critical reading of Iris Young’s justice and the politics of difference. *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 3 (2) pp 166-180
- Graeber, David. 2006. Beyond Power/Knowledge- an exploration of the relation of power, ignorance and stupidity. The Malinowski Memorial Lecture, 2006. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Pages 105 – 128
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DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE SEMINARS

Discussion seminars will be held each Friday, 10.15-12 or 13.15-15. The students will be divided into two main groups, which will be permanent throughout the course. The seminars will be held on the internet communication channel Zoom.

The seminars will mostly consist of practical exercises, focused on the act of theorizing and critical assessment.

Most Mondays, a text will be uploaded by the teachers on Canvas, which you shall first analyze on an individual basis, and then discuss jointly on the discussion seminar on Fridays. A joint group paper shall be uploaded on Mondays, at the latest at 10.00 am. The discussion papers shall amount to approximately 1-2 pages. The text shall be in 12 pt. Times New Roman.

On Thursdays I will be available on Zoom 10.00-12.00, for those who wish to discuss aspects of the course. We can discuss whatever you want to bring up, for example, aspects of the texts.

EXAM

In order to pass the course you have to upload your weekly discussion paper on Canvas before 18.00 on Fridays, together with the rest of your group, and be active during the discussion seminars.

Those students who wish to obtain grade 4 or 5 will also have to write a short exam and hand it in at the latest on Wednesday 29 September, 23.59. Submission of the exam does not guarantee a grade higher than 3 for the course. The exam will take approximately one week to accomplish. The students are requested to theorize around a specific research problem, either handed out by the teachers of the course or a problem that the student has come up with. If the latter is the case the problem must first have been approved by one of the teachers. The exam shall consist of approximately 4-5 pages and be around 2,000 words. The text must be double-spaced, and in 12 pt. Times New Roman.