**The Process of Research II: Theories and Methods:  
Schedule and reading instructions**

Fall 2022

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**Date Time Lecture room**

**Thursday 29 September 10.15-12.00 Venue: Q**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Q**

**Seminar on the interplay of structure and agency**

**Monday 3 October** **10.15-12.00** **Venue: Framtiden**

**Classification, power and discourse**

**The legacy of Foucault**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required reading

Barker, Philip. 1998. *Michel Foucault. An introduction*. Chapter 1: Body and text. Chapter 2: Power, truth and strategy. Edinburgh. Edinburgh University Press. Pages 1-47.

Foucault, Michel. 2000. *Essential works of Foucault 1954-1984. Power. Vol. 3.* Truth and Power. London. Penguin Books. 111-134.

Hacking, Ian. 2004. The Archeology of Michel Foucault. *Historical Ontology?* Cambridge. Harvard University Press. Pages 73-86.

Recommended Additional Reading

Inglis, David. 2012. Structuralist and post-structuralist paradigms. Post-modernist paradigms. In *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 165-207

**Tuesday 4 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: FRamtiden**

**Foucault to Fairclough**

Lecturer: Kjell Hansen

Required reading

Fairclough, Norman 2001. *Language and Power*. Harlow: Longman. Chapters: 2, 3, 4, 10

Richardson, John E. (2007). *Analysing Newspapers: An Approach from Critical Discourse Analysis*. Chapters 1 and 2. Basingstoke [etc.]: Palgrave Macmillan.

Recommended Additional Reading

Fairclough, Norman. 2003. *Analysing Discourse. Textual analysis for social research*. London. Routledge.

**Thursday 6 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Y**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Y**

**Theorizing exercise seminar**

**Monday 10 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Dvalin**

**Governmentality, policies and assemblage**sLecturer: Kjell Hansen

Required reading

Dean, Mitchell. Governmentality. Power and rule in modern society. Chapter 1: Basic concepts and themes. Los Angeles. Sage. Pages 1-51.

Foucault, Michel 1991. Governmentality. In: Burchell, G.; Gordon, C; Miller P. (eds.): *The Foucault Effect. Studies in Governmentality.* Hemel Hempstead: Harvester Wheatsheaf.

Recommended reading

Ferguson, James and Ghupta, Akhil. 2002. Spatializing states: Toward an Ethnography of Neoliberal Governmentality. In *American Ethnologist*. Vol. 29(4): 981-1002

Inglis, David. 2012. Structuralist and post-structuralist paradigms. Post-modernist paradigms. In *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 165-207

**Tuesday 11 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Framtiden**

**Assemblages and actor network theory**

Lecturer: Kjell Hansen

Required reading

Callon, Michel 1986: Some elements of a sociology of translation: domestication of the scallops and the fishermen of St Brieuc Bay In: Law, John (ed.): *Power, action and belief: a new sociology of knowledge?* London, Routledge, 1986, pp.196- 223.

Latour, Bruno 2005: *Reassembling the Social. An Introduction to Actor-Network-Theory.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Introduction + parts of Part 1 (=100 pp)

Murray Li, Tania. 2007. Practices of assemblage and community forest management. In *Economy and Society*. Vol 36(2): 263-293

Recommended reading

Latour, Bruno. 1999. Actor Network Theory and After. In *The Sociological Review*.

Law, John. 1992. Notes on the Theory of the Actor-Network: Ordering, Strategy, and Heterogeneity. In *Systems Practice*. Vol. 5 (4)

**Wednesday 12 October 10.15-12.00 The venue will be announced later**

**Epistemologies of the South and theories of emancipation and decolonization: Paulo Freire and Frantz Fanon**

Lecturer: Cristian Alarcón Ferrari

Required reading

The literature for the lecture will be published soon.

**Thursday 13 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Y**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Y**

**Theorizing exercise**

**Monday 17 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Framtiden**

**To listen to the voice of others: from structuralism to post-structuralism**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required reading

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1987. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge University Press. Page: 22-30, 87-95

Clifford, James. 1986. Introduction. Partial Truths. In *Writing Culture. The Poetics and Politics of Ethnography* (ed. Clifford, James.; Marcus, George, E. 1986). University of California Press. Pages 1-26

Eriksen, Thomas Hylland. *Small Places, Large Issues. An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*. Pluto Press. Page: 102-105

Inglis, David. 2012. Structuralist and post-structuralist paradigms. In *An Invitation to Social Theory*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 165-188

**Monday 17 October 13.15-15.00 The venue will be announced later**

**Habermas: Understanding the acts of communication**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required reading

Habermas, Jürgen 1989: VI. Intermediate Reflections: System and Lifeworld. In: *The Theory of Communicative Action. Volume 2. Lifeworld and system: a critique of functionalist reason.* Boston: Beacon Press (pp 113 - 197)

Outhwaite, William. 2009. *Habermas.* The Colonization of the Lifeworld. Cambridge. Polity Press. Pages 80-105

**Tuesday 18 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Framtiden**

**What is meant by critique and critical theory?**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required reading

Delantey, Gerard. 2011. *Varieties of critique in sociological theory and their methodological implications for social research*. Irish Journal f Sociology. Vol. 19(1): 68–92

**Thursday 20 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Q**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Q**

**Theorizing exercise 4  
Örjan**

**Monday 24 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Framtiden**

**From gender relations to a feminist theoretical approach**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required reading

Lovell, Terry. 2003. Resisting with Authority: Historical Specificity, Agency and the Performative Self. In *Theory, Culture & Society*. Vol. 20(1): 1-17

Moore, Henrietta. 1994. Kinship, labour and household: Understanding Women’s work. *Feminism and Anthropology*. Cambridge. Polity Press. Page 42-73

Ortner, Sherry. 2005. Chapter 1: Making Gender. Chapter 2: Is Female to Male as Nature is to Culture? *Making Gender. The Politics and Erotics of Culture*. Boston. Beacon Press. Pages 1-42

**Tuesday 25 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Framtiden**

**Feminism from a Marxist perspective**

Lecturer: Katarina Landström

Required Reading

Federici, Silvia. 2004. *Caliban and the Witch: Women, the Body and Primitive Accumulation*. New York. Autonomedia. Pages to read will be announced later.

**Wednesday 26 October 10.15-12.00 The venue will be announced later**

**Theories of the state and questions of ecology and development: A focus on the understanding and explanation of the welfare state and the neoliberal state.**

Lecturer: Cristian Alarcón Ferrari

Required reading

The literature will be published later.

**Thursday 27 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Y**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Y**

**Monday 31 October**

**Deadline exam 23.59**

**Literature**

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

**Note that a couple of more texts will be added to the list soon.**

Books:

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

Excerpts of Books:

Barker, Philip. 1998. *Michel Foucault. An introduction*. Chapter 1: Body and text. Chapter 2: Power, truth and strategy. Edinburgh. Edinburgh University Press. Pages 1-47

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1987. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge University Press. Page: 22-30, 87-95.

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

Fairclough, Norman 2001: *Language and Power*. Chapters: 2, 3, 4, 10. Harlow: Longman

Federici, Silvia. 2004. *Caliban and the Witch: Women, the Body and Primitive Accumulation*. New York. Autonomedia. Pages to read will be announced later.

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Foucault, Michel. 2000. *Essential works of Foucault 1954-1984. Power. Vol. 3.* Truth and Power. London. Penguin Books. 111-134.

Habermas, Jürgen 1989: VI. Intermediate Reflections: System and Lifeworld. In: *The Theory of Communicative Action. Volume 2. Lifeworld and system: a critique of functionalist reason.* Boston: Beacon Press (pp 113 - 197)

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Latour, Bruno 2005: *Reassembling the Social. An Introduction to Actor-Network-Theory.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Introduction + Part 1 (=156 pp)

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Articles:

Delantey, Gerard. 2011. *Varieties of critique in sociological theory and their methodological implications for social research*. Irish Journal f Sociology. Vol. 19(1): 68–92

Lovell, Terry. 2003. Resisting with Authority: Historical Specificity, Agency and the Performative Self. In *Theory, Culture & Society*. Vol. 20(1): 1-17

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**Exam**

Formulate a research problem, ideally related to your forthcoming master thesis, and a short background to this research problem, related to your area of interest. Discuss from what different theoretical angels this problem can be approached. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages with the approach(es) you outline, drawing on the literature and lectures; what is gained by using this specific approach, which aspects of your research field will you be able to comprehend and which will you not be able to comprehend using the suggested approach(es). Please use concrete examples.

The deadline of the exam is on **Monday 31 October, 16.00**. You shall write a paper of about 7-8 pages or approximately 3 000 words. The content of the examination will be based on the literature and the lectures.