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

Fall 2024

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**Date Time Lecture room**

**Thursday 3 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Lecture room O1**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Lecture room O1**

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

**Monday 7 October** **10.15-12.00** **Venue: A241, Biocentrum**

**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

Recommended Reading

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1990. Chapter 3 -5. *Logic of Practice*.

**Tuesday 8 October** **10.15-12.00** **Venue: A241, Biocentrum**

**Agency, social fields and ideology**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

Required Reading

Bartholdson, Örjan, Abdallah, Jummane, Marquardt, Kristina, Salomonsson, Lennart. 2019. Is REDD+ More of an Institutional Affair than a Market Process? The Concealed Social and Cultural Consequences of an Ongoing REDD+ Project in Kolo Hills, Tanzania. In *Forests*. Vol. 10(618): 1-18  
https://doi.org/10.3390/f10080618

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

**Thursday 10 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: C213, Biocentrum**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: C213, Biocentrum**

**Theorizing exercise seminar**

**Monday 14 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Framtiden, MVM house**

**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

**Monday 14 October 13.15-15.00 Venue: Soon to be announced**

**Governmentality, policies and assemblage**sLecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

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 15 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: A241, Biocentrum**

**How to theorize about governmentality: The case of rural Zambia (Or, how relations of rule are inserted into everyday life)**

Lecturer: Linus Rosén

Required reading

Pels, P. (1997). The anthropology of colonialism: Culture, history and the emergence of Western governmentality. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 26, pp. 163–83.

Rosén, Linus (2023). Race, gender and corporeal resistance: reading colonial settler territory through the scale of the body (fortcoming in *Geoforum*)

**Tuesday 15 October 13.15-15.00 Venue: Soon to be announced**

**Foucault to Fairclough: discourse analysis**

Lecturer: Örjan Bartholdson

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 17 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Lecture room Q**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Lecture room Q**

**Theorizing exercise**

**Monday 21 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: A241, Biocentrum**

**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

**Monday 21 October 13.15-15.00 Venue: To be announced soon**

**How to conduct a Marxist and feminist research project**

Lecturer: Katarina Landström

Required reading

Federici, Silvia. Introduction. The accumulation of labor and the degradation of women. *Caliban and the Witch. Women, the body and primitive accumulation*. New York. Autonomedia. Pages 11-21, 61- 107.

**Tuesday 22 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Venue: A241, Biocentrum**

**The creation of marginality in rural Zambia: A case of postcolonial and post-structuralist theorizing**

Lecturer: Linus Rosén

Required reading:

Stoler, A.L. (2016). *Duress: imperial durabilities in our times*. Durham: Duke Univ. Press. *Read Chapter 1.*

Recommended reading:

Ferguson J. and Gupta, A. (2002) Spatializing States: Toward an Ethnography of Neoliberal Governmentality. *American Ethnologist*29, pp. 981–1002.

Laszczkowski, M. and Reeves, M. (2015). Affective States – Entanglements, Suspensions and Suspicions, *Social analysis*: 59(4), pp. 1–14.

**Thursday 24 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: Lecture room Q**

**13.15-15.00 Venue: Lecture room Q**

**Social and cultural analysis of a movie**

**Monday 28 October 10.15-12.00 Venue: A241, Biocentrum**

**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 28 October 13.15-15.00 Venue: To be announced soon**

**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

**Thursday 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

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

Stoler, A.L. (2016). *Duress: imperial durabilities in our times*. Durham: Duke Univ. Press. *Read Chapter 1.*

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

Pels, P. (1997). The anthropology of colonialism: Culture, history and the emergence of Western governmentality. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 26, pp. 163–83.

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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 **Thursday 31 October, 23.59.** 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.