

CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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September 7

Introduction

September 14

Introduction (Cont.)

Worldviews and perspectives; focus; thought styles and thought communities; social frameworks of interpretation; epistemological revolutions

Georg Simmel, "The Problem of Sociology," in Kurt H. Wolff (ed.), *Georg Simmel, 1858-1918* (Columbus: Ohio University Press, 1959 [1908]), pp. 310-35.

Ludwik Fleck, *Genesis and Development of a Scientific Fact* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981 [1935]), pp. 38-51, 89-111.

Eviatar Zerubavel, *Social Mindscales: An Invitation to Cognitive Sociology* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997), pp. 24-34, 44-46, 48-50.

September 21

Comte, Marx

Positivism; social physics; social evolution. Social change; historical materialism; ideology; false consciousness; class conflict; social inequality

Auguste Comte, "Social Physics," in Gertrud Lenzer (ed.), *Auguste Comte and Positivism* (New York: Harper Torchbooks, 1975 [1842]), pp. 218-32, 239-52.

Karl Marx, *The German Ideology*, reprinted in Robert C. Tucker (ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (New York: Norton, 1978 [1846], 2nd Edition), pp. 148-50, 154-75.

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party," reprinted in *The Marx-Engels Reader* [1848], pp. 473-83.

September 28

Marx, Spencer

Use value and exchange value; the fetishism of commodities; reification. Social systems; social

differentiation; social structure; functionalism; the division of labor; homogeneity and heterogeneity

Karl Marx, *Capital*, reprinted in *The Marx-Engels Reader* [1867], pp. 302-08, 319-29.

Herbert Spencer, *Principles of Sociology*, reprinted in Robert L. Carneiro (ed.), *The Evolution of Society* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974 [1886]), pp. 3-8, 14-18, 24-27, 214-17.

October 5

Tönnies, Durkheim

Social relations; union and association. Morality and utility; mechanical solidarity; collective consciousness; social deviance; secularization; individualism

Ferdinand Tönnies, *Community and Society* (New York: Harper Torchbooks, 1963 [1887]), pp. 33-35, 42-44, 191-93, 247-54.

Emile Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society* (New York: Free Press, 1984 [1893]), pp. xxxi-xlvi, lv-lvii, 1-7, 11-47, 53-64, 68-72, 77-92, 109-23, 149-65, 172-74, 217-21, 226-44.

Emile Durkheim, *The Rules of Sociological Method* (New York: Free Press, 1982 [1895]), pp. 97-104.

Emile Durkheim, *Moral Education* (New York: Free Press, 1973 [1925]), pp. 55-73.

October 12 (to be rescheduled)

Durkheim

Social integration; social regulation; anomie; social facts

Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, pp. 291-308.

Emile Durkheim, *Suicide* (New York: Free Press, 1966 [1897]), pp. 152-89, 197-216, 241-76, 297-325.

Durkheim, *The Rules of Sociological Method*, pp. 50-59, 69-72.

October 19

Durkheim

Collective representations; language; classification; sacred and profane; totemism; ritual; positive and negative cults; pollution and taboo

Emile Durkheim, "The Dualism of Human Nature and Its Social Conditions," in Robert N. Bellah (ed.), *On Morality and Society* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1973 [1914]), pp. 149-63.

Emile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life* (New York: Free Press, 1995 [1912]), pp. 4-18, 33-44, 99-133, 141-49, 207-08, 216-41, 265-72, 303-29, 348-54, 392-417, 433-48.

October 26

Simmel

Social interaction; forms of sociation; social circles and social networks; social mobility; social

marginality

Georg Simmel, "The Field of Sociology," in Kurt H. Wolff (ed.), *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* (New York: Free Press, 1950 [1917]), pp. 3-16.

Georg Simmel, "The Web of Group Affiliations," in *Conflict and the Web of Group Affiliations* (New York: Free Press, 1964 [1908]), pp. 128-61, 167-84.

Georg Simmel, "The Stranger," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1908], pp. 402-08.

FIRST PAPER DUE

November 2

Simmel

Formal sociology; social conflict; institutionalization; intimacy

Georg Simmel, "Conflict," in *Conflict and the Web of Group Affiliations* [1908], pp. 13-55, 87-123.

Georg Simmel, "The Social and the Individual Level," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1917], pp. 31-39.

Georg Simmel, "Fashion," in Levine (ed.), *On Individuality and Social Forms* [1904], pp. 294-308.

Georg Simmel, "Quantitative Aspects of the Group," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1908], pp. 122-36, 145-69.

Georg Simmel, "The Secret and the Secret Society," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1908], pp. 307-38.

Georg Simmel, "Faithfulness and Gratitude," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1908], pp. 379-87.

November 9

Simmel

Impersonality; urbanism; framing

Simmel, "Quantitative Aspects of the Group," pp. 87, 90-98, 105-17.

Georg Simmel, "The Persistence of Social Groups," *American Journal of Sociology* 3 (1897-98): 662-75.

Georg Simmel, "Written Communication," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1908], pp. 352-55.

Georg Simmel, "The Metropolis and Mental Life," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1903], pp. 409-24.

Georg Simmel, "Sociability," in *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [1917], pp. 40-57.

November 16

Weber

Ideal types; social action; interpretive sociology; mysticism and asceticism; work and career; social values

Max Weber, "Objectivity' in Social Science and Social Policy," in *The Methodology of the Social Sciences* (New York: Free Press, 1949 [1904]), pp. 59-61, 67-68, 72-84, 89-93.

Max Weber, *Economy and Society* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1978 [1925]), pp. 4-26, 541-56.

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (New York: Viking Penguin, 2002 [1904]), pp. 8-36, 69-87, 98-122.

SECOND PAPER DUE

November 22 (Tuesday)

Weber

Charisma; person and role; bureaucracy; routinization; standardization

Max Weber, "Prefatory Remarks to Collected Essays in the Sociology of Religion" [1920], in *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, pp. 356-69.

Weber, *Economy and Society*, pp. 36-38, 212-31, 241-51, 956-63, 998-1003, 1111-48.

November 30

Cooley, Mead

Self and other; identity; reflexivity; socialization; role taking; intersubjectivity; symbols, language, and meaning

Charles H. Cooley, *Human Nature and the Social Order* (New York: Schocken, 1964 [1922 {Revised Edition}]), pp. 181-85, 189-94.

George H. Mead, *Mind, Self, and Society* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1934), pp. 42-51, 117-25, 135-64, 173-75.

THIRD PAPER DUE

December 7

Freud

Id and superego; internalization and identification; transference; conscience; the unconscious; repression

Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents* (New York: Norton, 1962 [1930]), pp. 11-92.

FOURTH PAPER DUE

