1. Theorizing theory.


Seminar readings:


Recommended readings:


2. Theorizing theory (2): Discussion of seminar readings.


Seminar readings:


Recommended readings:


4. Phenomenological sociology and Ethnomethodology.


Seminar readings:
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Recommended readings:


New philosophy of social sciences. Post-Parsonian period in sociology. Fields of reconstruction and continuation (action, order, equilibrium, ideology). Neofunctionalist research programs in sociology of culture (Alexander) and in sociology of social change (Colomy).

Seminar readings:


Recommended readings:


Richard Munch: structure—action dilemma. General theory of action: symbolic complexity and action contingency. Niklas Luhmann: types of systems and their modes of reproduction; temporality of social systems; communication as an elementary unit of sociological analysis.

**Seminar readings:**


**Recommended readings:**


9. In search of the conceptualization of our time. Postmodernism and social theory.

Postmodernism as a way out, as an attitude, as a transition. Postmodernism and modernity. Postmodernism and ambivalence. Deconstructing narratives in the era of simulation (Derrida—Lyotard—Baudrillard). Postmodern conceptions of social sciences. Discontinuity and dissemination; linguistic turn: the postmodern conception of fact; localization of truth; limited methodology and methodological polycentrism. Sociologist as an anti-foundational, self-critical, interpreter.

**Seminar readings:**


Recommended readings:


Various conceptualizations of social change and history in postmodern thought. The problem of technology and the new world order: Derrida, Fukuyama, Jameson. Deconstruction of ‘the social’ and the return of the deconstructed. Towards reflexive modernization?

Seminar readings:


Recommended readings:


