

Contemporary Theory

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Discussion

New Event

New Assignment

New Exam

Calendar

People

Tuesday - August 26, 2014

Library

Class: What are we doing here?

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Abend, G. (2008). The meaning of 'Theory'. *Sociological Theory*, 26(2), 173-199.

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Syllabus

Settings

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). *What is Theory? Social Theory: Twenty Introductory Lectures*. Cambridge University Press. (Pp. 1-19) (Library)

Excerpt from Martin, J. L. (2013) 'On Theory in Sociology.' Draft chapter from: *Thinking Through Theory* Or Philosophy of Social Science for Dummies (This means you!)*. Forthcoming from W. W. Norton (Library)

Recommended:

Selg, P. (2013). The Politics of Theory and the Constitution of Meaning. *Sociological Theory*, 31(1), 1-23. stx.sagepub.com/content/31/1/1.short

Heiskala, R. (2014) Evidence and interest in social theory: an ontological-practical approach. *Acta Sociologica*

asj.sagepub.com/content/early/2014/08/22/0001699314543568?papetoc

Healy, K. (2008). 'Sociology.' In R. E. Goodin, P. Pettit and T. Pogge (eds), *A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy (Second Edition)*, Pp. 90–122. Blackwell. www.kieranhealy.org/files/papers/sociology-ctcpp-proofs.pdf

Alexander, J. C. (1987). 'What is Theory?' *Twenty Lectures: Sociological Theory Since World War II*. Columbia University Press. (Pp. 1-21) (Library)

Craib, I. (1992) 'What's Wrong with Theory and Why We Still Need it.' *Modern Social Theory*. St Martin's Press. (Pp. 1-13) (Library)

Craib, I. (1992) 'Cutting a Path Through the Jungle.' *Modern Social Theory*. St Martin's Press. (Pp. 15-31) (Library)

Thursday - August 28, 2014

Class: Let's begin at the beginning: Action Theory

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For Class Discussion:

Parsons, T. (1938). The role of ideas in social action. *American Sociological Review*, 3(5):652-664. (JSTOR)

Parsons, T. (1935). The place of ultimate values in sociological theory. *International Journal of Ethics*, 45(3):282-316. (JSTOR)

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). 'The Classical Attempt at Synthesis.' *Social Theory: Twenty Introductory Lectures*. Cambridge University Press. (Pp. 20-42) (Library)

Recommended:

Camic, C. (1987). The making of a method: A historical reinterpretation of the early Parsons. *American Sociological Review*, 421-439 (JSTOR)

Camic, C. (1989). Structure after fifty years. the anatomy of a charter. *American Journal of Sociology*, 95(1):38-107. (JSTOR)

Parsons, T. (1937) *The Structure of Social Action*. The Free Press (Pp. 727-775). (Library)

Rex, J. (1961). 'Values in Sociological Theory.' *Key Problems of Sociological Theory*. Routledge & Kegan Paul. (Pp. 96-114)

Alexander, J. C. (1987). 'Parsons' First Synthesis.' *Twenty Lectures: Sociological Theory Since World War II*. Columbia University Press. (Pp. 22-35) (Library)

The story of contemporary theory begins with the invention of classical theory. Contemporary theory is thus the theory that comes after the classics. The person most responsible for the creation of the classics (and by implication contemporary theory) is Talcott Parsons. Parsons' introduction of "action" as the central analytic category of social theory essentially imposes the agenda for (almost) everything that has come after. Our journey begins here.

Tuesday - September 2, 2014

Class: From Action Theory, to Functionalism, to Theoretical Disintegration

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Required:

Craib, I. (1992) 'Parsons: Theory as a Filing System.' *Modern Social Theory*. St Martin's Press. (Pp. 37-55) (Library)

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). 'Parsons on the Road to Normativist Functionalism.' *Social Theory: Twenty Introductory Lectures*. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 43-67). (Library)

Alexander, J. C. (1987). 'The Revolt Against the Parsonian Synthesis.' *Twenty Lectures: Sociological Theory Since World War II*. Columbia University Press. (Pp. 89-110) (Library)

Recommended:

Turner, J. H. (1974). Parsons as a Symbolic Interactionist: A Comparison of Action and Interaction Theory. *Sociological Inquiry*, 44(4), 283-294. Chicago

Alexander, J. C. (1987). 'Conflict Theory(1): John Rex's Strategy.' *Twenty Lectures: Sociological Theory Since World War II*. Columbia University Press (Pp. 111-139). (Library)

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). 'Elaboration of Normativist Functionalism.' *Social Theory: Twenty Introductory Lectures*. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 68-93). (Library)

Barnes, B. (1995) 'Functionalism.' *The Elements of Social Theory*. University College

London (Pp. 37-68). (Library)

Alexander, J. C. (1987). 'Parsons' Later Theory.' Twenty Lectures: Sociological Theory Since World War II. Columbia University Press. (Pp. 89-110) (Library)

The publication of Structure in 1937 was the foundation of what was to become the massive edifice of the most influential system of post-classical theory (so-called structural-functionalism) during the 1940s and 1950s. No sooner was the last brick laid out, that the whole thing came crashing down. The story of post-functionalist theory is thus a story of critique, fragmentation and (for some) pessimism accompanied by bouts of despair, followed by attempts to put Humpty Dumpty together again ("synthesis"). In the following meetings, we examine some of the major reasons why classical action theory failed, leaving in its wake most of the major unresolved problems of contemporary social theory.

Thursday - September 4, 2014

Class: The Action Theory Legacy I: The (Unsolved)

Problem(s) of (Social) Action

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Alexander, J. C. (1988). Action and its environments: Toward a new synthesis. Columbia University Press, New York (Pp. 301-333) (Library)

Silver, D. (2011). The Moodiness of Action. Sociological Theory, 29(3), 199-222. www.mirror.asanet.org/images/journals/docs/pdf/st/Sept11STFeature.pdf

Warner, R. S. (1978). Toward a redefinition of action theory: Paying the cognitive element its due. American Journal of Sociology, 1317-1349. (JSTOR)

Silver Diagram:

docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FwxKu6OYomCXYTLmhbcHjtTDL_WCKsm_BuOuZ2KIUVk/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Recommended:

Emirbayer, M., & Mische, A. (1998). What is agency? American journal of sociology, 103(4), 962-1023 (JSTOR)

Joas, H. (1996) The Creativity of Action. University of Chicago Press (Pp. 5-69) (Library)

Dawe, (1978) 'Theories of Social Action.' A History of Sociological Analysis, Edited by T. Bottomore and R. Nisbett. Basic Books (Pp. 362-417) (Library)

Rex, J. (1961). 'The Action Frame of Reference.' Key Problems of Sociological Theory. Routledge & Kegan Paul. (Pp. 78-95) (Library)

Rex, J. (1961). 'Values in Sociological Theory.' Key Problems of Sociological Theory. Routledge & Kegan Paul. (Pp. 96-114) (Library)

Tuesday - September 9, 2014

Class: The Action Theory Legacy II: The Phenomenological Critique

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Berger, P. and T. Luckmann (1967) The Social Construction of Reality. Doubleday. (Pp. 29-46, 51-72, 129-147) (Library)

Heritage, J. (1987) Ethnomethodology. In Giddens, A. and Turner, J., editors Social Theory Today. Stanford University Press. (Library)

Hilbert, R. (1992) The Classical Roots of Ethnomethodology. University of North Carolina Press (Pp. 1-45). (Library)

Recommended:

Moran, D. (2000) Introduction to Phenomenology. Routledge (Pp. 1-22). (Library)

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). 'Ethnomethodology.' Social Theory. Twenty Introductory Lectures. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 150-173). (Library)

Schutz, A (1962a) Common-sense and scientific interpretation of human action. In Collected Papers, Volume I: The Problem of Social Reality (Pp. 3-46) (Library)

Schutz, A (1962b) Concept and Theory Formation in the Social Sciences. In Collected Papers, Volume I: The Problem of Social Reality (Pp. 48-66) . (Library)

Heiskala, R. (2011). The Meaning of Meaning in Sociology. The Achievements and Shortcomings of Alfred Schutz's Phenomenological Sociology. Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour, 41(3), 231-246. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2011.00461.x/full

Thursday - September 11, 2014

Class: Structure Enters the Social Sciences I:

Sociological Structuralism

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Porpora, D. V. (1989). Four concepts of social structure. Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour, 19(2), 195–211. (Library)

Maryanski, A. and Turner, J. (1991). The offspring of functionalism: French and British structuralism. Sociological Theory, 9(1):106-115 (JSTOR)

Cook, K. S., & Whitmeyer, J. M. (1992). Two approaches to social structure: Exchange theory and network analysis. Annual Review of Sociology, 109-127 (JSTOR)

Blau, P. M. (1977). A macrosociological theory of social structure. American journal of sociology, 26-54. (JSTOR)

Recommended:

Radcliffe-Brown, A. (1940). On social structure. The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 70:1-12 (JSTOR)

Lizardo, O. (2010). Structuralism, Reloaded: A Review of Social Structures by John Levi Martin. Sociologica 2/2010, doi: 10.2383/32721
www3.nd.edu/~olizardo/papers/sociologica-martin-review.pdf

Smelser, N. J. (1988). Social Structure. Pp. 103-129 in Handbook of Sociology. Sage Publications. (Library)

Blau, P. M. (1974). Presidential address: Parameters of social structure. American Sociological Review, 39(5):615-635 (JSTOR)

Coser, R. L. (1975). The complexity of roles as a seedbed of individual autonomy. In The idea of social structure: Papers in honor of Robert K. Merton, Pp. 237-63. (Library)

Levi-Strauss, C. (1963). Social structure. In *Structural anthropology* (pp. 277–323). Basic Books. (Library)

The conceptual metaphor of "social structure" or, in its most ambitious guise, just "structure" is without a doubt the most influential, seductive, misleading and indispensable one in social theory. It became fully established in the field sometime during the interwar period (mostly via the importation of a functionalist Durkheim into British Social Anthropology) and it, like those uninvited house-guests who never leave (with its problems, prospects and confusions) is still with us today. For the next couple of weeks, we examine the conceptual repercussions that the introduction of this "essentially contested concept" had for contemporary theorizing in sociology.

Tuesday - September 16, 2014

Class: Structure Enters the Social Sciences II: Linguistic ("French") Structuralism

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Giddens, A. (1987) *Structuralism, post-structuralism, and the production of culture*. In Giddens, A. and Turner, J., editors *Social Theory Today*. Stanford University Press. (Library)

Craib, I. (1992) *Modern Social Theory*. St Martin's Press. (Pp. 139-148) (Library)

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). 'Structuralism and Poststructuralism.' *Social Theory: Twenty Introductory Lectures*. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 339-370). (Library)

Recommended:

Glucksmann, M. (1974). *Structuralist analysis in contemporary social thought: a comparison of the theories of Claude Levi-Strauss and Louis Althusser*. Routledge/Thoemms Press (Pp. 14-46) (Library)

Piaget, J. (1970) *Structuralism*. Harper & Row. (Pp. 3-16; 97-143) (Library)

Giddens, A. (1979). 'Structuralism and the Theory of the Subject.' Pp. 9-48 in *Central problems in social theory* University of California Press. (Library)

Merleau-Ponty, M. (1964) 'From Mauss to Claude Levi-Strauss.' Pp. 114-125 in *Signs*. Northwestern University Press.

Lane, M. (1970) 'Introduction.' Pp. 11-39 in M. Lane (Ed.) *Introduction to Structuralism*. Basic Books. (Library)

Saussure, F. (1970) 'On the Nature of Language.' Pp. 43-56 in M. Lane (Ed.) *Introduction to Structuralism*. Basic Books. (Library)

Lincoln, B. (1989) *Discourse and the Construction of Society*. Oxford University Press. (Pp. 131-170) (Library)

Benveniste, E. (1971). *Problems in General Linguistics*. University of Miami Press (Pp. 79-83) (Library)

Thursday - September 18, 2014

Class: The problem(s) of Structure I: The Theory of

Structuration

11:00am - 12:06pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Thompson, J. B. (1989). The theory of structuration. In Held, D. and Thompson, J. B., editors, *Social Theory of Modern Societies: Anthony Giddens and his Critics*, pages 56-77. Cambridge University Press, New York. (Library)

Joas, H. (1993). Anthony Giddens's Theory of Structuration. Pp. 172-187 in *Pragmatism and Social Theory*. University of Chicago Press. (Library)

Cohen, I. J. (1987). Structuration theory and social praxis. In Giddens, A. and Turner, J., editors *Social Theory Today*. Stanford University Press. (Library)

Recommended:

King, A. (2000). The Accidental Derogation of the Lay Actor A Critique of Giddens's Concept of Structure. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 30(3), 362-383.
pos.sagepub.com/content/30/3/362.short

Giddens, A. (1979). 'Agency, Structure.' Pp. 49-85 in *Central problems in social theory*. University of California Press. (Library)

Turner, J. H. (1986). Review Essay: The Theory of Structuration. *American Journal of Sociology*, 91(4), 969-977. (JSTOR)

Anthony Giddens' theory of "structuration" is by far the most influential post-functional attempt to marry structure and action, continuing to inform (in various guises) contemporary theory and research across a wide range of fields. Giddens' effort is equal parts brilliant synthesis, maddening confusion and verbal sleight-of-hand. Here we evaluate in detail Giddens' attempt to solve the structure/action problem and other people's attempt to fix Giddens' fixing.

Friday - September 19, 2014**Assignment: First paper due**

Due: September 19, 2014

So far we have examined several "post-classical" attempts to make sense of the problematic of "action" in social theory. These include Parsonian (action as the deployment of normatively endorsed means for the achievement of ultimate values), pragmatist (action as the creative engagement with problem situations with emergent goals) and phenomenological (action as the routine activity of sense-making). In this paper, I want you to critically review these perspectives on action, show how they link activity to the larger social order (systems, institutions) and argue for the advantage of one conception over the others, or alternatively argue for the advantage of some synthetic conception that incorporates the strengths of each position. Make sure to engage the arguments of each approach seriously and to draw on the class readings.

Recommended overview: Joas, H. (1996) *The Creativity of Action*. University of Chicago Press (Pp. 5-69) (Library)

Recommended example (dimensionalizing): Emirbayer, M., & Mische, A. (1998). What is agency? *American journal of sociology*, 103(4), 962-1023 (JSTOR)

Recommended example (dimensionalizing): Alexander, J. C. (1988). *Action and its environments: Toward a new synthesis*. Columbia University Press, New York (Pp. 301-333) (Library)

Recommended example (analytical): Silver, D. (2011). The Moodiness of Action. *Sociological Theory*, 29(3), 199-222.
www.mirror.asanet.org/images/journals/docs/pdf/st/Sept11STFeature.pdf

Silver diagram:

docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FwxKu6OYomCXYTLmhbcHjtTDL_WCKsm_BuOuZ

2KIUVk/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Alexander diagram:

docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Q5OLgGYefw53xWBTQq94_n5xE3adshnlYpcUI6W1sAY/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Specs: Minimum 2500 words; double-spaced, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins, name in header not body of the paper.

No submissions

Tuesday - September 23, 2014

Class: The Problem(s) of Structure II: Structuration, Duality, Conflation

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Archer, M. S. (1995) Realist social theory: The morphogenetic approach. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 93-134) (Library)

Sewell Jr, W. H. (1992). A Theory of Structure: Duality, Agency, and Transformation. *American Journal of Sociology*, 98(1), 1-29. (JSTOR)

Elder-Vass, D. (2008). Integrating institutional, relational and embodied structure: an emergentist perspective. *The British journal of sociology*, 59(2), 281-299. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-4446.2008.00194.x/full

Recommended:

King, A. (2010), The odd couple: Margaret Archer, Anthony Giddens and British social theory. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 61: 253–260. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-4446.2009.01288.x/full

King, A. (1999). Against structure: a critique of morphogenetic social theory. *The Sociological Review*, 47(2), 199-227. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-954X.00170/abstract

Archer, M. S. (2000). For structure: its reality, properties and powers: A reply to Anthony King. *The Sociological Review*, 48(3), 464-472. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-954X.00226/full

Elder-Vass, D. (2007) For emergence: refining Archer's account of social structure. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 37, 25–44. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2007.00325.x/full

Porpora, D. (2007). On Elder-Vass: Refining a Refinement. *Journal for the theory of social behaviour*, 37(2), 195-200. oxfordseminar.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2008/11/porpora20071.pdf

Varela, C. (2007). Elder-Vass's Move and Giddens's Call. *Journal for the theory of social behaviour*, 37(2), 201-210. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2007.00333.x/full

Elder-Vass, D. (2007). Social structure and social relations. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 37(4), 463–477. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2007.00346.x/full

Thursday - September 25, 2014

Class: The Problem(s) of Structure III: After Realism

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Dépelteau, F. (2008). Relational Thinking: A Critique of Co-Deterministic Theories of structure and Agency. *Sociological theory*, 26(1), 51-73.

onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9558.2008.00318.x/full

Piironen, T. (2014). For "Central Conflation" A Critique of Archerian Dualism.

Sociological Theory, 32(2), 79-99. stx.sagepub.com/content/32/2/79.short

Varela, C. R., & Harré, R. (1996). Conflicting varieties of realism: Causal powers and the problems of social structure. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 26(3), 313-325. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.1996.tb00293.x/abstract

Recommended:

Lizardo, O. (2010). Beyond the antinomies of structure: Levi-Strauss, Giddens, Bourdieu, and Sewell. *Theory and society*, 39(6), 651-688.

link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11186-010-9125-1

Lizardo, O. (2013). Re-conceptualizing Abstract Conceptualization in Social Theory: The Case of the "Structure" Concept. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*.

onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jtsb.12011/full

Wahlberg, T. H. (2013). Elder-Vass on the Causal Power of Social Structures.

Philosophy of the Social Sciences.

pos.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/08/29/0048393113500213.full.pdf

Fleetwood, S. (2008). Institutions and Social Structures. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 38(3), 241-265. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2008.00370.x/full

Kivinen, O., & Piironen, T. (2006). On the limits of a realist conception of knowledge: A pragmatist critique of Archerian realism. *The Sociological Review*, 54(2), 224-241.

onlinelibrary.wiley.com.proxy.library.nd.edu/doi/10.1111/j.1467-954X.2006.00611.x/abstract

Lewis, P. (2000). Realism, causality and the problem of social structure. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 30(3), 249-268. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-5914.00129/abstract

Nash, R. (1999). What is real and what is realism in sociology?. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 29(4), 445-466. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-5914.00112/abstract

Tuesday - September 30, 2014

Class: After structuration: The new sociology of power

11:50am - 12:50pm · Lecture

Joas, H., & Knöbl, W. (2009). Anthony Giddens's theory of structuration and the new British sociology of power. *Social Theory: Twenty Introductory Lectures*. Cambridge University Press.(Pp. 281-307) (Library)

Reed, I. A. (2013). Power Relational, Discursive, and Performative Dimensions.

Sociological Theory, 31(3), 193-218. stx.sagepub.com/content/31/3/193.short

Heiskala, R. (2001). Theorizing power: Weber, Parsons, Foucault and neostructuralism. *Social Science Information*, 40(2), 241-264.

est.sagepub.com/content/16/1/36.abstract

Recommended:

Mann, M. (1986) Societies as organized power networks. In the sources of social

power. Cambridge University Press (Pp. 1-33) (Library)

Jiménez-Anca, J. J. (2013). Beyond power Unbridging Foucault and Weber. *European journal of social theory*, 16(1), 36-50. (Library)

Thursday - October 2, 2014

Class: The Action/Structure Legacy I: Macro and Micro

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Coleman, J. S. (1986). Social Theory, Social Research, and a Theory of Action. *The American Journal of Sociology*, 91(6), 1309-1335. (JSTOR)

Munch, R. & N. J. Smelser (1987). Relating the micro and macro. Pp. 356-387 in J. C. Alexander, B. Giesen, R. Munch, and N. J. Smelser (Eds.) *The Micro-Macro Link*. University of California Press. (Library)

Knorr-Cetina, K. D. (1981). Introduction: The micro-sociological challenge of macro-sociology: Towards a reconstruction of social theory and methodology. Pp. 1-47 in K. D. Knorr-Cetina & A. V. Ciccourel (Eds.), *Advances in Social Theory and Methodology: Toward an integration of micro-and macro-sociologies*. Routledge & Kegan Paul. (Library)

Recommended:

Collins, R. (1981). On the microfoundations of macrosociology. *American journal of sociology*, 86: 984-1014. (JSTOR)

Fine, G. A. (1991). On the macrofoundations of microsociology. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 32(2), 161-177. (JSTOR)

Alexander, J. C. (1988). From reduction to linkage: The long view of the micro macro debate. *Action and its environments: Toward a new synthesis*. Columbia University Press (Pp. 257-298) (Library)

DiTomaso, N. (1982). 'Sociological Reductionism' From Parsons to Althusser: Linking Action and Structure in Social Theory. *American Sociological Review*, 47(1):14-28 (JSTOR)

Hilbert, R. A. (1990). Ethnomethodology and the micro-macro order. *American Sociological Review*, 55: 794-808 (JSTOR)

Harre, R. (1981). Philosophical aspects of the macro-micro problem. Pp. 139-160 in K. D. Knorr-Cetina & A. V. Ciccourel (Eds.), *Advances in Social Theory and Methodology: Toward an integration of micro-and macro-sociologies*. Routledge & Kegan Paul. (Library)

Parson's coupling of a "theory of action" at the level of the agent with a functionalist "systems theory" at the macro-level (and a theory of socialization by way of the internalization of normative imperatives and role-expectations as a way of linking the two) did well for as long as functionalism lasted (which wasn't that long). The dissolution of the Parsonian synthesis also entailed the fragmentation of these two levels of analysis followed by imperialist claims that one of the two wasn't really necessary or was reducible to the other. One of the most stubborn problematics inherited from functionalism is therefore the problem of levels; both the issue of where the locus of the social is (macro or micro) or if we agree that the social is contained in both, then the problem of how the two levels are linked. Here we review some post-functional attempt to make the whole thing work.

Thursday - October 9, 2014

Class: The Action/Structure Legacy II: The Problem with System/Action Theories

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Joas, H. (1993) The unhappy marriage of hermeneutics and functionalism: Jurgen Habermas' theory of communicative action. *Pragmatism and Social Theory*. University of Chicago Press (Pp. 125-153) (Library)

Martin, J. L. (2001). On the Limits of Sociological Theory. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 31(2):187-223 pos.sagepub.com/content/31/2/187.short

Archer, M. (1996). Social integration and system integration: developing the distinction. *Sociology*, 30(4), 679-699. (Library)

Recommended:

Lockwood, D. (1956). Some Remarks on "The Social System". *The British Journal of Sociology*, 7(2), 134-146. (JSTOR)

Mouzelis, N. (1997). Social and System Integration: Lockwood, Habermas, Giddens. *Sociology*, 31(1):111-119 (Library)

Schwinn, T. (1998). False Connections: Systems and Action Theories in Neofunctionalism and in Jurgen Habermas. *Sociological Theory*, 16(1):75-95 (JSTOR)

Tuesday - October 14, 2014

Class: The Cultural Turn and the Rediscovery of the Action/Cognition Link in American Sociology

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Swidler, A. (1986). Culture in action: Symbols and strategies. *American sociological review*, 51,;273-286 (JSTOR)

DiMaggio, P. (1997). Culture and cognition. *Annual review of sociology*, 263-287. (JSTOR)

Vaisey, S. (2008). Socrates, skinner, and aristotle: Three ways of thinking about culture in action. *Sociological Forum*, 23:603-613 (JSTOR)

Swidler, A. (2008). Comment on stephen vaisey's 'socrates, skinner, and aristotle: Three ways of thinking about culture in action'. *Sociological Forum*, 23:614-618 (JSTOR)

The so-called "cultural turn" in American Sociology can be interpreted in a simple way: "cultural theory" is simply the form that "theory" takes when it is required that we confront substantive empirical problems. Thus, the cultural turn is both a "turn" towards culture and a turn away from the abstract, analytical approach to the conceptualization of the key analytic issues typical of post-functionalist theory. It is no wonder that one of the founding documents of the cultural turn (Swidler, 1986), consists of a reconsideration of Parsonian action-theory and the other (Sewell, 1992) consists of a reconstruction of structuration theory. Thus, some of the biggest problematics of analytical action theory and structuralism are given a workable, pre-emptive "resolution" in cultural sociology: (1) action is less the predictable consequence of the pursuit of ultimate ends than the consequence of the capacities of actors to situationally draw from a toolkit of skills and heuristics; (2) culture and society are less macro-level "systems" that constrain activity than a set of loose, provisional congeries of negotiated parts that actors navigate, construct and reconstruct in their everyday activity, and (3) culture merges into structure in the form of "schemas" that recover the cognitive component of action and mute its normative undertones.

Thursday - October 16, 2014

Class: The Cultural Turn and the Rediscovery of the Structure/Action Problem in American Sociology

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Spillman, L. (1995). Culture, social structures, and discursive fields. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, 15:129-154

Swidler, A. (2001). Talk of love: How culture matters. University of Chicago Press, Chicago (Pp. 160-213)

Hays, S. (1994). Structure and agency and the sticky problem of culture. *Sociological Theory*, 12(1):57-72 (JSTOR)

Recommended:

Alexander, J. C. (1990). Analytic debates: Understanding the relative autonomy of culture. In Alexander, J. C. and Seidman, S., editors, *Culture and Society: Contemporary Debates*, pages 1-27. Cambridge University Press, New York.

Kane, A. (1991). Cultural analysis in historical sociology: the analytic and concrete forms of the autonomy of culture. *Sociological Theory*, 9(1), 53-69. (JSTOR)

Norton, M. (2014). Mechanisms and Meaning Structures. *Sociological Theory*, 32(2), 162-187. stx.sagepub.com/content/32/2/162.short

Friday - October 24, 2014

Assignment: Second Paper Due

Due: October 24, 2014

No submissions

Tuesday - October 28, 2014

Class: Institutional Theory I: Linking action and institutions

12:45pm - 1:45pm · Lecture

Barley, S. R., & Tolbert, P. S. (1997). Institutionalization and structuration: Studying the links between action and institution. *Organization studies*, 18(1), 93-117 (Library).

DiMaggio, P. J. (1988). Interest and agency in institutional theory. *Institutional patterns and organizations: Culture and environment*, 1, 3-22. (Library)

Thornton, P. H., Ocasio, W., & Lounsbury, M. (2012). The institutional logics perspective: A new approach to culture, structure, and process. Oxford University Press. (Pp. 20-47, 76-102) (Library)

DiMaggio, P. J. and Powell, W. W. (1991). Introduction. In DiMaggio, P. J. and Powell, W. W., editors, *The New Institutionalism and Organizational Analysis*, pages 1-38. University of Chicago Press. (Library).

Recommended:

Friedland, R. and Alford, R. (1991). Bringing society back in: Symbols, practices, and institutional contradictions. In DiMaggio, P. and Powell, W., editors, *The new institutionalism in organizational analysis*, pages 232-263. University of Chicago Press. (Library).

Jepperson, R. L. (1991). Institutions, institutional effects, and institutionalism. In DiMaggio, P. and Powell, W., editors, *The new institutionalism in organizational analysis*, pages 143-163. The University of Chicago Press. (Library).

Zucker, L. R. (1991). The role of institutionalization in cultural persistence. In DiMaggio, P. and Powell, W., editors, *The new institutionalism in organizational analysis*, pages 83-107. The University of Chicago Press. (Library).

Meyer, J. W., & Rowan, B. (1977). Institutionalized organizations: Formal structure as myth and ceremony. *American journal of sociology*, 83(2): 340-363. (JSTOR)

The emergence and consolidation of a "sociological" institutionalism is arguably (along with the emergence of cultural and economic sociology) the most important development in post-functionalist sociology in the United States, with the institutional approach in organizational theory being the most influential and most fruitful empirical programme of post-War social science. While no empirical subfield has been left untouched by it, institutionalism has a natural home in the study of organizations (organizational theory) and the economy (economic sociology). In the next couple of weeks we will examine the development of institutional theory in the United States. We will see that precisely because of the theoretical ambition of the approach, essentially all of the basic analytical issues that have bedeviled post-functionalist theorizing re-emerge within institutional theory with renewed force.

Thursday - October 30, 2014

Class: Institutional theory II: The macro-dynamics of rationalization

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Meyer, J. W., Boli, J., and Thomas, G. M. (1994). Ontology and rationalization in the western cultural account. In Scott, W. R. and Meyer, J. W., editors, *Institutional environments and organizations and organizations*. Structural complexity and individualism, pages 9-27. Sage Publications (Library).

Frank, D. and Meyer, J. (2002). The profusion of individual roles and identities in the postwar period. *Sociological Theory*, 20(1):86-105 (JSTOR)

Meyer, J. and Jepperson, R. (2000). The actors of modern society: The cultural construction of social agency. *Sociological Theory*, 18(1):100-120 (JSTOR)

Meyer, J. W., & Bromley, P. (2013). The worldwide expansion of "organization". *Sociological Theory*, 31(4), 366-389. stx.sagepub.com/content/31/4/366.abstract

Recommended:

Jepperson, R., & Meyer, J. W. (2011). Multiple Levels of Analysis and the Limitations of Methodological Individualisms. *Sociological Theory*, 29(1), 54-73. (JSTOR)

Strang, D., & Meyer, J. W. (1993). Institutional conditions for diffusion. *Theory and society*, 22(4), 487-511. (JSTOR)

Meyer, J. W., Boli, J., Thomas, G. M., & Ramirez, F. O. (1997). World society and the nation-state. *American Journal of sociology*, 103(1), 144-181. (JSTOR)

Frank, D. J., & Meyer, J. W. (2007). University expansion and the knowledge society. *Theory and society*, 36(4), 287-311. (JSTOR)

Meyer, J. W. (1977). The effects of education as an institution. *American journal of Sociology*, 83, 55-77. (JSTOR)

Tuesday - November 4, 2014

Class: Whatever happened to social structure?

Structural relationism

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Emirbayer, M. and Goodwin, J. (1994). Network analysis, culture, and the problem of agency. *American Journal of Sociology*, 99(6):1411 (JSTOR)

Erikson, E. (2013). Formalist and Relationalist Theory in Social Network Analysis. *Sociological Theory*, 31(3), 219-242. stx.sagepub.com/content/31/3/219.short

Borgatti, S. P., & Halgin, D. S. (2011). On network theory. *Organization Science*, 22(5), 1168-1181. pubsonline.informs.org/doi/abs/10.1287/orsc.1100.0641

Recommended:

Emirbayer, M. (1997). Manifesto for a relational sociology. *American Journal of Sociology*, 103(2):281-317 (JSTOR)

Vaisey, S., & Lizardo, O. (2010). Can Cultural Worldviews Influence Network Composition?. *Social Forces*, 88(4), 1595-1618. mtw160-198.ippl.jhu.edu/journals/social_forces/v088/88.4.vaisey.pdf

The empirical translation of the metaphor of "social structure" (using the mathematical tools of graph theory) as "social networks" is one of the signal developments in post-functional sociology. No area of sociological inquiry has been left untouched by the emergence of network theory and by the application of network methods to concretize and "reveal" social structure for empirical analysis. Along with the emergence of the notion of social structure as networks, there came a theoretically ambitious call to take this effort to its logical conclusion and re-conceive the entire subject matter of the discipline in terms of relations rather than in terms of self-subsisting essences endowed with intrinsic attributes. Here we review the promises and limits of network relationism, its somewhat strained and conflictual relationship to "culture" and the "cultural turn" as well as recent attempts to make networks culture and culture relational. Today the intersection of the study of networks and culture is one of the "hottest" (e.g. attracting the attention of some of the discipline's most creative young minds) and most promising areas of inquiry. Not surprisingly, it is here that some of post-functional theory's most stubborn analytical problems are receiving renewed empirical and analytic treatment.

Thursday - November 6, 2014

Class: Class cancelled (on the road)

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Tuesday - November 11, 2014

Class: Where does social structure come from?

Networks, meaning, and institutions

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Fuhse, J. (2009). The meaning structure of social networks. *Sociological Theory*, 27(1):51-73. (JSTOR)

Fine, G. and Kleinman, S. (1983). Network and meaning: An interactionist approach to structure. *Symbolic Interaction*, 6(1):97-110 (JSTOR)

Martin, J. L. (2009). *Social Structures*. Princeton University Press, Princeton (Pp. 1-25 and Pp. 321-341) (Library)

Mische, A. (2003). Cross-talk in movements: Reconceiving the culture-network link. In Diani, M. and McAdam, D., editors, *Social Movements and Networks: Relational Approaches to Collective Action*, pages 258-280. Oxford University Press. (Library)

Recommended:

Mische, A. (2011). Relational sociology, culture and agency. In Scott, J. and Carrington, P., editors, *Sage Handbook of Social Network Analysis*. Sage Publications. rci.rutgers.edu/~mische/Mische_relational_sociology.pdf

Ikegami, E. (2000). A sociological theory of publics: identity and culture as emergent properties in networks. *Social Research*, 989-1029. (JSTOR)

Pachucki, M. A., & Breiger, R. L. (2010). Cultural holes: Beyond relationality in social networks and culture. *Annual review of sociology*, 36, 205-224. (JSTOR)

Thursday - November 13, 2014

Class: (Micro)Interactionist theory

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Collins, R. (2004). *Interaction ritual chains*. Princeton university press. (Pp. 1-46) (Library)

Harrington, B., & Fine, G. A. (2006). Where the action is small groups and recent developments in sociological theory. *Small group research*, 37(1), 4-19. sgr.sagepub.com/content/37/1/4.short

Eliasoph, N. and Lichterman, P. (2003). Culture in interaction. *American Journal of Sociology*, 108(4):735-794. (JSTOR)

Turner, J. H. (1988) *A Theory of Social Interaction*. Stanford University Press (Pp. 73-117) (Library)

Blumer, H. (1966). Sociological Implications of the Thought of George Herbert Mead. *American Journal of Sociology*, 71(5), 535-544. (JSTOR)

Recommended:

Wiley, N. (1994). *The Internal Conversation*. In *The semiotic self*. University of Chicago Press. (Pp. 40-73) (Library)

Scott, M. B., & Lyman, S. M. (1968). Accounts. *American sociological review*, 46-62. (JSTOR)

Mills, C. W. (1940). Situated actions and vocabularies of motive. *American sociological review*, 5(6), 904-913. (JSTOR)

Archer, M. (2003) *Structure, Agency, and the Internal Conversation*. Cambridge University Press. (Pp. 53-92) (Library)

Gonos, G. (1977). "Situation" versus "frame": the "interactionist" and the "structuralist" analyses of everyday life. *American Sociological Review*, 854-867. (JSTOR)

Goffman, E. (1983). *The interaction order*: American Sociological Association, 1982 presidential address. *American sociological review*, 1-17. (JSTOR)

Campbell, C. (1996). On the concept of motive in sociology. *Sociology*, 30(1), 101-114. (Library)

Fine, G. A. (2010). The Sociology of the Local: Action and its Publics. *Sociological Theory*, 28(4), 355-376. (JSTOR)

Stolte, J. F., Fine, G. A., & Cook, K. S. (2001). Sociological miniaturism: Seeing the big through the small in social psychology. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 387-413. (JSTOR)

Tuesday - November 18, 2014

Class: Neo-pragmatist action theory

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Dalton, B. (2004). Creativity, Habit, and the Social Products of Creative Action: Revising Joas, Incorporating Bourdieu. *Sociological Theory*, 22(4):603-622 (JSTOR)

Whitford, J. (2002). Pragmatism and the untenable dualism of means and ends: Why rational choice theory does not deserve paradigmatic privilege. *Theory and Society*, 31(3), 325-363. (JSTOR)

Gross, N. (2009). A pragmatist theory of social mechanisms. *American Sociological Review*, 74(3), 358-379. (JSTOR)

Recommended:

Joas, H. (1996). *The Creativity of Action*. University of Chicago Press (Pp. 126-167)

Martin, J. L. (2011) *The Explanation of Social Action*. Oxford University Press (Pp. 181-190) (Library)

Emirbayer, M., & Maynard, D. W. (2011). Pragmatism and ethnomethodology. *Qualitative sociology*, 34(1), 221-261. (Library)

Emirbayer, M. and Mische, A. (1998). What is agency? *American Journal of Sociology*, 103(4):9620-1023 (JSTOR)

Thursday - November 20, 2014

Class: The practice turn in cultural analysis

1:45pm - 2:45pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Swidler, A. (2001). What anchors cultural practices. In Schatzki, T. R., Knorr-Cetina, K., and Savigny, E. V., editors, *The Practice Turn in Contemporary Theory*, pages 74-92. Routledge, New York. (Library)

Sewell, W. H. (2005). The concept(s) of culture. In *Logics of History*, pages 152-174. University of Chicago Press. (Library)

Biernacki, R. (2000). Language and the shift from signs to practices in cultural inquiry. *History and Theory*, 39:289-310 (JSTOR)

Reckwitz, A. (2002). Toward a Theory of Social Practices A development in culturalist theorizing. *European journal of social theory*, 5(2), 243-263. (Library)
wiki.sfu.ca/spring13/iat832/images/8/89/Reckwitz-theorySocialPractices.pdf

Recommended:

Lizardo, O. (2014) Taste and the logic of practice in *Distinction*. *Czech Sociological Review* 50, 335-364. sreview.soc.cas.cz/en/issue/171-sociologicky-casopis-czech

[sociological-review-3-2014/3426](#)

Lizardo, O. (2012). The Three Phases of Bourdieu's US Reception: Comment on Lamont. In *Sociological Forum*, 27, 238-244. www3.nd.edu/~olizardo/papers/sf-comment-lamont.pdf

Lizardo, O. (2011). Pierre Bourdieu as a post-cultural theorist. *Cultural Sociology*, 5(1), 25-44. www3.nd.edu/~olizardo/papers/cs-bourdieu.pdf

Lizardo, O. (2009). Is a "special psychology" of practice possible? From values and attitudes to embodied dispositions. *Theory & psychology*, 19(6), 713-727. Chicago

Lizardo, O. (2007). "Mirror neurons," collective objects and the problem of transmission: Reconsidering Stephen Turner's critique of practice theory. *Journal for the theory of social behaviour*, 37(3), 319-350.

Lizardo, O. (2004). The cognitive origins of Bourdieu's habitus. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 34(4), 375-401. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2004.00255.x/full

Lau, R. W. (2004). Habitus and the Practical Logic of Practice An Interpretation. *Sociology*, 38(2), 369-387. faculty.cua.edu/anderson/habitus%20and%20the%20logic%20of%20practice.pdf

Bourdieu, P. (1973). The three forms of theoretical knowledge. *Social Science Information*, 12(1), 53-80 (Library)

Ortner, S. (1984). Theory in anthropology since the sixties. *Comparative studies in society and history*, 26(1):126-166 (JSTOR)

One important theoretical development in recent sociological theory has resulted in a dramatic shift in how sociologists think about the "social": the emergence of what is now referred to as "practice theory." As we have seen, for Parsons (1937), the social "sui generis" that is, what clearly distinguished sociological analysis from psychological, economic or other types of scientific considerations of human behavior was a concern with values and normative justifications for action. Values were important for Parsons, because he thought they were a special type of goal and motivation for action that could not analytically be reduced to other forms of goal-like objects such as physiological or psychological needs (the realm of psychology) or purely instrumental pursuits for material gain (the putative realm of economics). With the dissolution of the Parsonian consensus, there came a dissatisfaction with the way in which Parsons conceptualized action, a key motivation for the "cultural turn" (Swidler, 1986). Today, an influential group of analysts is pushing the proposal that practices, not values, are one of the primary loci of the social. It can be said without much danger of exaggeration that practices now play as central a role in post-functionalist thinking regarding the conceptualization of action as values and normative patterns did during the functionalist period. Here we examine the origins and conceptual resources offered by the "practice turn" in social theory. We will see that while advantageous, this turn is not free of predictable analytic and conceptual pitfalls.

Tuesday - November 25, 2014

Class: The "new" Sociology of Morality

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Ignatow, G. (2009). Why the Sociology of Morality Needs Bourdieu's Habitus. *Sociological Inquiry*, 79(1), 98-114. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1475-682X.2008.00273.x/full

Tavory, I. (2011). The Question of Moral Action: A Formalist Position. *Sociological Theory*, 29(4), 272-293. ts.lemoyne.edu/images/journals/docs/pdf/st/Dec11STFeature.pdf

Abend, G. (2008). Two main problems in the sociology of morality. *Theory and Society*, 37(2), 87-125.
www.sociology.uiowa.edu/nsfworkshop/journalarticleresources/abend_two_problems_morality_2008.pdf

Recommended:

Hitlin, S., & Vaisey, S. (2013). The new sociology of morality. *Sociology*, 39(1), 51.
www.annualreviews.org/eprint/B2Qlftammck4aRVvUu5v/full/10.1146/annurev-soc-071312-145628

Abend, G. (2010). What's new and what's old about the new sociology of morality. In *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality* (pp. 561-584). Springer New York.

Abend, G. (2012). What the Science of Morality Doesn't say About Morality. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 0048393112440597.

Tuesday - December 2, 2014

Class: Dual Process, Cognition, and Action

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Abramson, C. M. (2012). From "Either-Or" to "When and How": A Context-Dependent Model of Culture in Action. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 42(2), 155-180.
onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-5914.2011.00484.x/abstract

Leschziner, V., & Green, A. I. (2013). Thinking about Food and Sex Deliberate Cognition in the Routine Practices of a Field. *Sociological Theory*, 31(2), 116-144.
stx.sagepub.com/content/31/2/116.short

Vaisey, S. (2009). Motivation and justification: Toward a dual-process theory of culture in action. *American Journal of Sociology*, 114(6):1675–1715 (JSTOR)

Lizardo, O., & Strand, M. (2010). Skills, toolkits, contexts and institutions: Clarifying the relationship between different approaches to cognition in cultural sociology. *Poetics*, 38(2), 205-228. www3.nd.edu/~olizardo/papers/poetics-toolkit-practice.pdf

Recommended:

Ignatow, G. (2007). Theories of embodied knowledge: new directions for cultural and cognitive sociology?. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 37(2), 115-135.

Pugh, A. J. (2013). What good are interviews for thinking about culture? Demystifying interpretive analysis. *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, 1(1), 42-68.
www.palgrave-journals.com/ajcs/journal/v1/n1/full/ajcs20124a.html

Vaisey, S. (2013). Is interviewing compatible with the dual-process model of culture? *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. www.palgrave-journals.com/ajcs/journal/vaop/ncurrent/abs/ajcs20138a.html

Srivastava, S. and Banaji, M. (2011). Culture, Cognition, and Collaborative Networks in Organizations. *American Sociological Review*, 76(2):207–233 (JSTOR)

Cerulo, K. A. (2010). Mining the intersections of cognitive sociology and neuroscience. *Poetics*, 38(2), 115-132.

Lamont, M., & Swidler, A. (2014). Methodological Pluralism and the Possibilities and Limits of Interviewing. *Qualitative Sociology*, 37(2), 153-171.

Thursday - December 4, 2014

Class: A Theory of Fields or a Field Theory?

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Fligstein, N. (2001). Social skill and the theory of fields. *Sociological theory*, 19(2):105-125 (JSTOR)

Fligstein, N. and McAdam, D. (2011). Toward a general theory of strategic action fields. *Sociological Theory*, 29(1):1-26. (JSTOR)

Martin, J. L. (2011) *The Explanation of Social Action*. Oxford University Press (Pp. 269-292)

Green, A. I. (2008). The Social Organization of Desire: The Sexual Fields Approach. *Sociological Theory*, 26(1), 25-50. (JSTOR)
orgtheory.wordpress.com/2012/02/13/is-academia-meritocratic/

Recommended:

Lizardo, O. Foreword. In Green, I, editor, *Sexual Fields: Towards a Sociology of Collective Sexual Life*. University of Chicago Press.
www3.nd.edu/~olizardo/papers/sexual-fields-foreword.pdf

Bourdieu, P. (1983). The field of cultural production, or: The economic world reversed. *Poetics*, 12(4), 311-356.
www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/0304422X83900128

Levi Martin, J., & George, M. (2006). Theories of Sexual Stratification: Toward an Analytics of the Sexual Field and a Theory of Sexual Capital. *Sociological Theory*, 24(2), 107-132. (JSTOR)

As we have seen, the metaphor of "structure" emerged and became fully established as the dominant way to conceptualize the external sources of macro-level order in the post-classical period. It is clear that at this point the conceptual and inferential value of this metaphor is pretty close to exhausted. Here we examine a different set of analytic resources useful for the conceptualization of the emergence of predictable organization at the level of collectivities: the notion of field. We will see that field theory can be thought of as a plausible competitor (and in some settings) as a fully effective substitute for theorization of the mechanisms of promoting order and change that we get from structural relationism, while avoiding some of the predictable pitfalls (e.g. its problematic relation to culture and action) of the latter. One particular advantage of field theory is its obvious elective affinity with the notion of action as practice. Thus, field theory and practice theory emerge as natural allies against alternative conceptualizations of action and order and as the most promising resolution to the structure/action problematic in recent social theory.

Tuesday - December 9, 2014

Class: Taking stock: Explanation in contemporary social science

11:00am - 12:15pm · Lecture

Martin, J. L. (2011) *The Explanation of Social Action*. Oxford University Press (Pp. 321-350)

Sewell, W. H. (2005). Refiguring 'The Social' in Social Science: An Interpretivist Manifesto. In *Logics of History*, pages 318-372. University of Chicago Press. (Library)

Reed, I. (2008). Justifying Sociological Knowledge: From Realism to Interpretation. *Sociological Theory*, 26(2), 101-129. (JSTOR)

Thursday - December 11, 2014

Class: Taking Stock: From Theory to Theorizing

2:06pm - 3:06pm · Lecture

For class discussion:

Swedberg, R. (2014) From theory to theorizing. In R. Swedberg (Ed.) Theorizing in social science: The context of discovery. Stanford University Press, Pp. 1-28. (Library)

Cetina, K. K. (2014) Intuitionist theorizing. In R. Swedberg (Ed.) Theorizing in social science: The context of discovery. Stanford University Press, Pp. 29-60. (Library)

Vaughan, D. (2014) Analogy, Cases, and Comparative Social Organization. In R. Swedberg (Ed.) Theorizing in social science: The context of discovery. Stanford University Press, Pp. 61-84. (Library)

Saturday - December 20, 2014

Assignment: Final Paper Due

Due: December 20, 2014

No submissions
