

Sociology 211
Fall 2009
Introduction to Sociology

Monday lecture at noon in PSYCH 105
Wed/Fri or Tue/Thursday conferences in ETC 205

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The following books can be purchased from the Reed College Bookstore:

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Capitalism*
Michael Burawoy, *Manufacturing Consent*
Robert Dahl, *Who Governs?*

These and other course readings have been placed on reserve at the library. Please consult the sociology department website for links to on-line syllabi for Sociology 211 as well as other departmental offerings: <http://academic.reed.edu/sociology/>

Most journal articles are available through JSTOR, a web-based archive of academic journals that is available at any networked computer on campus (<http://www.jstor.org/>). JSTOR can also be located through the Reed College Library web page. Note that only one or two paper copies of electronically available "JSTOR" articles have been placed on reserve. Using JSTOR means you don't have to wait for reserve articles to be returned, and it wastes less paper.

Readings and written assignments: This is a lecture and discussion based course. The class will challenge you to reexamine classical questions (e.g., what caused the industrial revolution, why did industrialization create new kinds of racism, sexism) in order to push you to clearly articulate sociological efforts to test alternative theories empirically. The readings are demanding and require intensive examination of a broad variety of issues and methods. You are likely to encounter strong opinions and it is inevitable that at least some of these opinions will make you or your classmates uncomfortable. You will be expected to strike a healthy balance in conference between arguing your own position on these issues, listening to others, and helping the class as a collectivity to explore how the sociologists you read defend their approaches. Each member of the class is expected to abide by the Reed Honor principle, according to which you must both take responsibility on yourself to think about how your actions and words affect others, and share responsibility with your peers for enabling the class as a whole to achieve its highest intellectual aims without alienating or marginalizing anyone. Your regular attendance at lectures and active participation in conference are necessary for the class to work. Themes and approaches will shift considerably from one week to the next, and in-class discussions will be necessary for you and your colleagues to demonstrate to each other how they fit together. Written work will include a mid-term exam, occasional computer labs and a final exam. We will expect written work to be submitted on time.

Reading Assignments

Week 1 Thinking Sociologically/Marx: The Study of Industrial Capitalism

8/31 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

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- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. "Manifesto of the Communist Party, Part I: Bourgeois and Proletarians." Pp 473-83 in R. Tucker. *The Marx-Engels Reader* (HX39.5 A224 1978).
- Karl Marx, "Preface" to A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy, pp. 3-6 in R. Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (HX39.5 A224 1978). Also on the web at: <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1859/critique-pol-economy/preface.htm>
- Karl Marx, selections from *Capital*, pp. 294-312 and pp. 319-329 in R. Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (HX39.5 A224 1978)

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- Emile Durkheim, *The Rules of Sociological Method* [English translation], chapter 1 and "Author's Preface to the Second Edition" (HM24 .D962)
- Charles Warriner, "Groups Are Real" (reserve folder) OR on line (go to library webpage, <http://library.reed.edu/>; select "Databases & Other Catalogs", then select "JSTOR", search JSTOR for Charles Warriner, "Groups Are Real," *American Sociological Review*)

Week 2 Marx: The Study of Industrial Capitalism, Cont'd

9/7 No lecture

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- Michael Burawoy, *Manufacturing Consent*, Preface & chapters 2-5 (pp. ix-xvii, 13-45; HD6955 .B85)

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- Michael Burawoy, *Manufacturing Consent*, chapters 6-7, 11-12 (HD6955 .B85)

Week 3 Weber: The Study of Domination and Rationalized Authority

9/14 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Max Weber, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (Two editions)
The Stephen Kalberg translation (the Roxbury 3rd edition)
"Prefatory Remarks," pp.149-164;
"Religious Affiliation and Social Stratification," pp. 3-12;
"The Spirit of Capitalism," pp.13-37;
"Calvinism," pp. 53-80;
"Asceticism and the Spirit of Capitalism," pp. 103-125

- All other editions, translated by Talcott Parsons:
 "Author's Introduction," pp. 13-31;
 "Religious Affiliation and Social Stratification," pp. 35-46;
 "The Spirit of Capitalism," pp. 47-78;
 "Calvinism," pp. 95-128;
 "Asceticism and the Spirit of Capitalism," pp. 155-183

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- Max Weber, *Economy and Society*, vol. I (HM57 .W342 1978 v.1) "Domination and Legitimacy," "The Three Pure Types of Authority," and "Legal Authority with a Bureaucratic Staff," pp.212-226;

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- Lauren Edelman, "Legal Environments and Organizational Governance," *American Journal of Sociology* (JSTOR)

Week 4 Durkheim: The Study of Social Solidarity

9/21 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Emile Durkheim, *Suicide* (HV6545 .D813 1951a or HV6545 .D96 S2 1951)
 "Book 2," chapters 1-2, pp. 145-70;
 "Book 2," chapter 3, section I, pp. 171-80
 "Book 2," chapter 3, section IV, pp. 197-216

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- Emile Durkheim, *Suicide* (HV6545 .D813 1951a or HV6545 .D96 S2 1951)
 "Book 2," chapter 4, pp. 217-228;
 "Book 2," chapter 5, pp. 241-258, and note 25 on p. 276.

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- Emile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life* (page numbers refer to Karen Fields' translation for the 1995 edition, GN470 .D813 1995):
 "Book 2," chapter 1, sec. 1 (first 3 pages only, pp. 100-103 [ready only through the first paragraph on page 103]);
 "Book 2," chapter 7, sec. 1, 2, 3 (pp. 207-225)
- Barry Schwartz, "Mourning and the Making of a Sacred Symbol: Durkheim and the Lincoln Assassination," *Social Forces* (1991) (JSTOR)

Week 5 Social Stratification

9/28 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- David Grusky, "The Contours of Social Stratification" (reserve folder)

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- Kingsley Davis & Wilbert Moore, "[Some Principles of Stratification](#)," *American Sociological Review* (search JSTOR)
- Melvin Tumin, "[Some Principles of Stratification](#)," *American Sociological Review* (Click on link to JSTOR)

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- William J. Wilson, *The Declining Significance of Race*, ch. 1, 3-5 (E185 .W73 1980)
- Michael Piore, "The Dual Labor Market" (reserve folder)

Week 6 Mead, Goffman and the Study of Symbolic, Face-to Face Interaction

10/5 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Erving Goffman, "The Interaction Order" *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (Feb., 1983), pp. 1-17 [JSTOR]
- George Herbert Mead, *Mind Self and Society from the Standpoint of a Social Behaviorist* (edited by Charles W. Morris). Select items #1, #3, #5, #7, #12 of "Part III: The Self" at the following website:
http://www.brocku.ca/MeadProject/Mead/pubs2/mindself/Mead_1934_toc.html

Transcripts of Mead's lectures, including most of the above, may also be found in George Herbert Mead, *On Social Psychology* (edited by Anselm Strauss) (B945 .M47 S6) as follows:

- "The Self and the Organism," pp. 199-209;
- "Play, the Game and the Generalized Other," pp. 216-228;
- "The 'I' and the 'Me'," pp. 228-233
- "Mind as the Individual Importation of the Social Process"
- "A Contrast of Individualistic and Social Theories of Self," pp. 241-246

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- Erving Goffman, "The Nature of Deference and Demeanor," *American Anthropologist* (JSTOR). Also on reserve in Erving Goffman, *Interaction Ritual: Essays on Face-to-Face Behavior* (HM291 .G59 1982)
- West and Zimmerman "Doing Gender" *Gender and Society* (1987) (JSTOR)

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- Elijah Anderson, *Streetwise: Race, Class, And Change In An Urban Community*, Chapters 6 and 8 (HN80.P5 A53 1990)

Week 7 Simmel and the Study of Social Networks

10/12 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Georg Simmel "The Stranger," and "Group Expansion and the Development of Individuality" in Levine, D (ed.) *Georg Simmel on Individuality and Social Forms*, The University of Chicago Press, 1971. Pp. 143-9, 251-93.

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- Peter Bearman, 1991. "The Social Structure of Suicide." *Sociological Forum*. 6(3): 501-524.
- **Take-Home Exam distributed in class on Wednesday, October 14**

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- **Take-Home Exam due by 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 16**

Week 8 FALL BREAK

Week 9 Empirical social science: The General Social Survey, Variables Typologies

10/26 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Review: Wilson, *The Declining Significance of Race*, ch. 1, 3 & 5 (E185 .W73 1980)

10/28 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

- Browse the codebook for the General Social Survey (GSS)1972-2000 Cumulative Datafile (<http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/GSS/>)

10/30 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

Week 10 Empirical social science: Linking Cause and Effect

11/2 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

Key resources for the next two weeks:

- Ivy Lee and Minako Maykovich, "Organizing and Describing Nominal and Ordinal Bivariate Data." chapter 4 in *Statistics, A Tool for Understanding Society* (reserve)

READ ONE of the following:

- Frederick Gravetter and Larry Wallnau, "Correlation and Regression." chapter 16 in *Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences* (reserve)
- Eva D. Vaughn, "Correlation: Measuring Relationships Between Variables." chapter 9 in *Statistics, Tools for Understanding Data in the Behavioral Sciences* (reserve)

11/4 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

- Review Monday's reading

11/6 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

- No reading

Week 11 Empirical social science: Controlling for extraneous variables

11/9 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- No reading

11/11 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

- No reading

11/13 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

- No reading

Week 12 The Social Construction of Order

11/16 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Peter Berger and Thomas Luckmann, *The Social Construction of Reality*, chapter II section 1, pp. 47-92 (BD175 B4)

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- Cecilia Ridgeway, "Interaction and the Conservation of Gender Inequality: Considering Employment," *American Sociological Review* (1997) (JSTOR)

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- Kai Erikson, *Wayward Puritans*, pp. 1-29; 67-71; 137-159 (BX9355 .E7 1986)

Week 13 Political Sociology

11/23 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Robert Dahl, *Who Governs?* pp. 1-24; 85-103 (JS 1195.2 .D2, on reserve)

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- Robert Dahl, *Who Governs?* pp. 115-140; 163-165; 184-189; 305-310 (JS 1195.2 .D2 on reserve)

11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 14 Social Movements and Change

11/30 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

- Alexandra Hrycak, "The Coming of 'Chrysler Imperial': Ukrainian Youth and Rituals of Resistance," *Harvard Ukrainian Studies* (1997) (reserve or via the following: <http://academic.reed.edu/sociology/faculty/hrycak/>)

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- Michael Lipsky, "Protest as a Political Resource," *American Political Science Review* (1968) (JSTOR)
- Eric L. Hirsch, "Sacrifice for the Cause: Group Processes, Recruitment, and Commitment in a Student Social Movement," *American Sociological Review* (1990) (JSTOR)

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- Marc Schneiberg. "What's on the Path? Path Dependence, Organizational Diversity and the Problem of Institutional Change in the US Economy, 1900-1950." *Socio-Economic Review* (2007) 5: 47-80. (reserve or via the link below: <http://academic.reed.edu/sociology/faculty/schneiberg/index.html>)

Week 15 Wrap up

12/7 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

12/9 LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Final exam due Friday, DECEMBER 11 at 5:00 p.m.

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