

Sociology 611

Classical Sociological Theory

Fall 2008

Thursdays 1:30-4:00

Saunders 229

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Office Hours: By appointment at Krauss Hall, 116. Call 956 7297 and get on my calendar.

Required Books

L.H. Simon (ed.), *Karl Marx: Selected Writings*(Hackett, 1994).

H.H. Gerth and C. Wright Mills, *From Max Weber*(New York: Oxford University Press, 1969).

Emile Durkheim, *Division of Labor in Society*(New York: Free Press, 1964).

_____, *Suicide* (New York: Free Press, 1997).

Gerda Lerner, *The Creation of Patriarchy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986).

George Herbert Mead, *Mind, Self and Society*(Chicago: University of Chicago Press,).

There will be a number of items available only on the internet site, and class handouts, indicated in the syllabus.

SYLLABUS

August 28

Introduction:

What is expected of me; what is expected of you; historical background and rationale of the course.

Read: "Why Study the Classics?" and Routledge Encyclopedia Part I (all) and Part II, through Rousseau, on Website. Optional: Burawoy, Patterson, Manicas on this site.

Early Modern Antecedents

September 4, 11

Read: Selections from Hobbes, Locke, Adam Smith and Rousseau. Available on internet. Go to Table of Contents. See also, "Big Picture," "Psychometric Paradigm." .

COMTE

September 18 (First Essay Due: See Assignments)

Read Comte (handout) and materials on Website.

MARX

September 25

Philosophical Premises

Assign: Website materials: "Guide to Reading..," "Aspects of ...," "General Philosophy," "Human Nature and Alienation.:" Simon, "On the Jewish Question," "Toward a Critique of Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*," "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts," "Thesis on Feuerbach."

Theory of History and Society

October 2

Website: "Society and History," "Historical Materialism: Two Views." Simon, "German Ideology, Part I," "Communist Manifesto," "The Eighteenth Brumaire," "Preface to a Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy." (The complete, 18th Brumaire is available below, and is to be recommended.

Analysis of Capitalism

October 9

Simon, "Capital, Volume One." Website: "Reading Capital".

Best Secondary Source, Shlomo Avineri, *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx* (Cambridge University Press, 1971)

WEBER

Philosophical Premises

October 16

Assign: Website: "Reading Weber," "Encyclopedia," through Weber. ,

Weber, "'Objectivity' in Social Science" (handout).

October 23, 30

Economic History/Political Sociology

Website, "Chapter 5, Realist Historical Sociology," Weber, "General Economic History" (excerpts: handout); Girth and Mills, "Capitalism and Rural Society in Germany," pp. 363-385; "Politics as a Vocation," pp. 77-128; Part II (all). "Class, Status." Optional: Girth and Mills, Part III; and Chapters XVI, "India," and XVII, "The Chinese Literati."

Secondary Source: Virtually every contemporary theorist has a version of Weber. I favor C.W. Mills and H. H. Gerth, Introduction, *From Max Weber*.

LERNER

November 6

The Creation of Patriarchy (all).

DURKHEIM

November 13

Philosophical Premises

Website: "Reading Durkheim," *Rules of Sociological Method* (excerpts: handout).

November 20

Solidarity

The Division of Labor in Society(all)

Explaining Suicide

Website: "Confusions over Causality," "Limits of Multiple Regression, Durkheim, *Suicide* (all) (Purchase this from Amazon.)

Best secondary source: Steven Lukes, *Durkheim* (New York: Harper and Row, 1972).

Thanksgiving Break

December 4

MEAD

Mind, Self and Society, pp. 1-18; 42-90; 125-158; 173-178; 186-226; 317-336.

Mead Glossary.

December 11

PARSONS

Read Handout and materials on this site under Parsons.

Final Paper: Due 18 December 2004

Have a wonderful Holiday!!!