

# **SOC 741: Social Structure and The Individual**

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## **Required text:**

**Emanuel A. Schegloff. 2007. *Sequence Organization in Interaction, Vol. 1.* Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-0-521-53279-2, paperback.**

**August 25: Introduction of people and the course. Garfinkel's theory of accounts. Schegloff's theory of talk and action. Ethnomethodology and conversation analysis. The history of each methodology of inquiry, Husserl, Schutz, and Goffman. Read an article by Alfred Schutz (hand out).**

**September 1: Reciprocity of perspectives or common sense. Common sense categories. The notion of membership and co-membership. Read Harvey sacks' "The baby cried and the mommy picked it up" handout.**

**September 8: What it means to look at the social world and recognize things. Natural sociology. Typifications. Common sense reasoning and your own experience.**

**September 15: An extension of Max Weber's sociology of rational reasoning. A reflection.**

**September 22:** Ethnomethodological research and Michael Lynch and Eric Livingston. Laboratory science talk and the simple act of reading. Read samples of Lynch and Livingston. How do they compare to the study of Agnes?

**September 29:** Collection of ethnomethodological and conversational materials, some ethical considerations. Voice recorders versus video cameras. The issue of insuring the anonymity of subjects. How to preserve the anonymity of subjects.

**October 6:** How to collect conversational materials. Show the video camera and voice recorder. Some examples.

**October 13:** How to transcribe materials. Read the appendix to Schegloff's book.

**October 20:** Group transcription of Britt's conversation materials.

**October 27:** Group transcription of student's conversation materials.

**November 3:** Group transcription of student's conversation materials.

**November 10:** Group transcription and analysis of a student's conversation materials.

**November 17:** Presentation of student transcribed and analyzed conversations.

**November 24 (Holiday):** No class meeting.

**December 1:** Presentation of student transcribed and analyzed conversations.

**December 8 (Last day of Instruction): Summary of the course and evaluation and party.**