

IPM4820 Dissident Perspectives on World Politics

Semester Two, 2013–14

Module Handbook

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Description

This module explores key “dissident” perspectives on the international that offer simultaneously a critical understanding of world politics and the global order, and a political critique of the discipline of International Relations (IR) itself. It examines the core features of different post-positivist traditions (Critical Theory, Social Constructionism, Poststructuralism and Postmodernism, Critical Feminism, Postcolonial Theory, and Reflexivism) by highlighting their epistemic-ontological stances, methodologies, and distinctive themes, as well as their historicity, the stakes of their intellectual projects, and their socio-political and ethical commitments. It then turns to an assessment of their theoretical and empirical contributions to knowledge of global realities, and a critical engagement with their criticisms of IR’s assumptions, modes of explanation, and values. The module is framed by a socio-historical understanding of IR knowledge understood as a situated system of beliefs, discourses, and practices, and hence encourages students to reflexively and methodically situate, contextualise, and problematise their own perspectives, representations, and judgments about global realities.

Objectives

The module aims to strengthen and expand students’ understanding of critical approaches to both world politics and the discipline that studies it. Students are trained to understand different cognitive worldviews within their intellectual, historical, and sociological contexts, engage their theoretical assumptions and methodologies, and apply their analytical frameworks to empirical case studies.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the cognitive, social, and ethical dimensions of key post-positivist theories of international politics;
2. Critically assess post-positivism’s contribution to the understanding of international reality and of the discipline that takes it as its subject-matter;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the distinctive features of different post-positivist methodologies, and apply these methodologies to specific issues and problems of world politics;
4. Problematise the relationship between cognitive and normative representations of the world;
5. Problematise the relationship between the nature of social and international orders on the one hand, and the nature of ordinary and academic knowledge on the other;
6. Develop a self-critical and methodically reflexive perspective on their engagement with world politics and academic research.

Module Content and Timetable

Dates	Sessions and Deadlines
7 February	Seminar 1: <i>Mapping Dissidence in IR: Insights from the History and Sociology of the Discipline</i>
14 February	Seminar 2: <i>The Frankfurt School and Social Critique</i>
21 February	Seminar 3: <i>Critical IR Theory</i>
28 February	Seminar 4: <i>Social Constructionism</i>
7 March	Seminar 5: <i>From Conventional to Critical Constructivist IR</i>
14 March	Seminar 6: <i>Genealogy and Deconstruction</i>
21 March	Seminar 7: <i>Poststructuralism and Postmodernism in IR</i>
28 March	Seminar 8: <i>Critical Feminism in IR</i>
31 March	Submission Essay I
4 April	Seminar 9: <i>Postcolonial IR Theory</i>
11 April	Seminar 10: <i>From Reflexivity to Reflexivism</i>
19 May	Submission Essay II

Organization

The module is organized on the basis of ten two-hour weekly seminars (attendance is compulsory). You are expected to prepare the 'core readings' assigned for each seminar and be ready to discuss them in class. A set of questions for each session is provided to facilitate your preparation of the assigned texts and structure our class discussions. You are encouraged to formulate additional questions and problematics informed by your own concerns and interests. 'Additional readings' are listed to help you further engage the literature and write your essays. They are not exhaustive, so don't hesitate to explore any relevant material not listed in this handbook.

Assessment

You will be assessed on the basis of two essays (see details below). The first essay is meant to assess your critical understanding of the conceptual foundations and methodological commitments of specific theoretical approaches to world politics; the second, your ability to critically engage one particular theoretical perspective in relation to a given problem/issue of world politics.

Part of the assessment pertains to your ability to formulate conceptual, theoretical, and empirical questions and problems in relation to the course material. For this reason, there are no preset essay questions for you to choose from. You will be asked to formulate your own essay question for both assignments, based on your course readings and interests, and an individual conversation with the module convenor, who will guide you through this process. Special office hours will be dedicated to these one-on-one conversations. Please make sure that your essay question is approved by the module convenor before you start working on your essays.

<u>Assessment Method</u>			<u>Submission Deadlines</u>
Essay I	2,500 words	40%	Monday, 31 March 2014, Noon
Essay II	3,500 words	60%	Monday, 19 May 2014, Noon

Essay Submission

Please consult the Departmental flyer on

'How to Submit Coursework':

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/interpol/pdf/undergraduate/How-to-submit-COURSEWORK-in-International-Politics-Aug2013--.pdf>

Additional Information

You are expected to have read the Master's Handbook for additional information on departmental and university regulations, including attendance, assessment, submission of coursework, unfair practice, and referencing:

Master's Handbook 2013-14:

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/departmental/interpol/pdf/postgrad/Masters-Handbook-2013-14-ENGLISH-final.pdf>

Recommended Journals

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations
Alternatives
British Journal of Politics and International Relations
Cambridge Review of International Affairs
Cooperation and Conflict
European Journal of International Relations
European Journal of Social Theory
Foreign Affairs
Foreign Policy Analysis
Global Society
International Affairs
International Feminist Journal of Politics
International Organization
International Political Sociology
International Relations
International Security
International Studies
International Studies Perspectives
International Studies Quarterly
International Studies Review
International Theory
Journal of International Relations and Development
Journal of Peace Research
Millennium: Journal of International Studies
Review of International Political Economy
Review of International Studies

Sociological Theory
Third World Quarterly
World Politics

Recommended General Readings on IR and IR Theory

- Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan (eds) (2010) *Non-Western International Relations Theory*, London: Routledge.
- John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (eds.) (2010) *The Globalization of World Politics*. 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Felix Berenskoetter and Michael J. Williams (eds.) (2005) *Power in World Politics*.
- Ken Booth and Steve Smith (1995) *IR Theory Today*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Chris Brown and Kirsten Ainley (2010) *Understanding International Relations*, 4th ed. London: Palgrave.
- Scott Burchill *et al.* (2009) *Theories of International Relations*. 4th ed. London: Palgrave.
- Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse and Beth Simmons (eds.) (2004) *Handbook of International Relations*. London: Sage.
- Fred Chernoff (2005) *The Power of International Theory*. London: Routledge.
- Fred Chernoff (2007) *Theory and Metatheory in International Relations: Concepts and Contending Accounts*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Richard Devetak, Anthony Burke and Jim George (eds) (2007) *An Introduction to International Relations: Australian Perspectives*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- James E. Dougherty and Robert L. Pfaltzgraff, Jr. (2004) *Contending Theories of International Relations: A Comprehensive Survey*. 5th ed. Longman.
- Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith (eds.) (2010) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Jenny Edkins and Nick Vaughan-Williams (eds.) (2009) *Critical Theorists and International Relations*. London: Routledge.
- Martin Griffiths (ed.) (2007) *Encyclopaedia of International Relations and Global Politics*. London: Routledge.
- Stephen Hobden and John M. Hobson (eds.) (2001) *Historical Sociology of International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Naeem Inayatullah and David Blaney (2004) *International Relations and the Problem of Difference*. London: Routledge.
- Naeem Inayatullah and Robin L. Riley (eds.) (2006) *Interrogating Imperialism: Conversations on Gender, Race, and War*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (2011) *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations: Philosophy of Science and its Implications for the Study of World Politics*. New York: Routledge.
- Yosef Lapid and Friedrich Kratochwil (eds.) (1995) *The Return of Culture and Identity in IR Theory*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Pierre Lizée (2011) *A Whole New World: Reinventing International Studies for the Post-Western World*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal (eds.) (2010) *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations*.

Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Steven C. Roach (ed.) (2008) *Critical Theory and International Relations. A Reader*. Routledge.

Robbie Shilliam (2009) *German Thought and International Relations: The Rise and Fall of a Liberal Project*. London: Palgrave.

Steve Smith, Ken Booth and Marysia Zalewski (eds.) (1996) *International Relations Theory: Positivism and Beyond*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Jill Steans, Lloyd Pettiford, Thomas Diez and Imad El-Anis (2010) *An Introduction to International Relations Theory: Perspectives and Themes*. 3rd ed. Longman.

Jennifer Sterling-Folker (2005) *Making Sense of IR Theory*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

Cynthia Weber (2009) *International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction*, 3rd ed. London: Routledge.

Colin Wight (2006) *Agents, Structures and International Relations: Politics as Ontology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Recommended General Texts on Social Theory

Patrick Baert (2001) *Social Theory in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Richard Bernstein (1983) *The Restructuring of Social and Political Theory*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Richard Bernstein (1985) *Beyond Objectivism and Relativism: Science, Hermeneutics, and Praxis*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Pierre Bourdieu (1977) *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Craig Calhoun, Joseph Gerteis, James Moody, Steven Pfaff, and Indermohan Virk (eds.) (2007) *Contemporary Sociological Theory*, 2nd ed., Wiley Blackwell.

Alex Callinicos (1999) *Social Theory: A Historical Introduction*. New York University Press.

Randall Collins (1994) *Four Sociological Traditions*. Revised Edition. Oxford University Press.

François Cusset (2008) *French Theory: How Foucault, Derrida, Deleuze and Co. Transformed the Intellectual Life of the United States*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Michele Dillon (2009) *Introduction to Sociological Theory: Theories, Concepts, and Their Applicability to the Twenty First Century*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Andreas Gofas and Colin Hay (eds.) (2009) *The Role of Ideas in Political Analysis: A Portrait of Contemporary Debates*. London: Routledge.

Austin Harrington (2004) *Modern Social Theory: An Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Martin Hollis (1994) *The Philosophy of Social Science: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Peter Laslett, W.G. Runciman, and Quentin Skinner (eds.) (1972) *Philosophy, Politics and Society*, Fourth Series. Oxford: Blackwell.

Bruno Latour (1993) *We Have Never Been Modern*. Harvard University Press.

Steven Lukes (2004) *Power: A Radical View*. 2nd ed., London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Simon Malpas and Paul Wake (eds.) (2006) *The Routledge Companion to Critical Theory*. Routledge.

Jonathan Potter (1996) *Representing Reality: Discourse, Rhetoric and Social Construction*. London: Sage.

Theodore R. Schatzki, Karin Knorr Cetina and Eike von Savigny (eds.) (2001) *The Practice Turn in*

Contemporary Theory, London and New York: Routledge.

Steven Seidman (2003) *Contested Knowledge: Social Theory Today*, 3rd ed. Wiley-Blackwell.

Max Weber (1949) *The Methodology of the Social Sciences*, edited by Edward A. Shils and Henry A. Finch. Glencoe, The Free Press.

Max Weber (1978) *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology*. 4th ed. University of California Press.

Glyn Williams (1999) *French Discourse Analysis: The Method of Post-Structuralism*, London: Routledge.

Peter Winch (2007) *The Idea of a Social Science and its Relation to Philosophy*. New Edition. London: Routledge.

Useful Websites

The Disorder of Things: www.thedisorderofthings.com

The Duck of Minerva: www.whiteoliphaunt.com/duckofminerva/

Theory Talks: www.theory-talks.org

e-International Relations: www.e-ir.info

Occupy IR Theory: www.occupyirtheory.info

Conversations About Inquiry: www.conductofinquiry.blogspot.co.uk

Seminar 1 – Mapping Dissidence in IR: Insights from the History and Sociology of the Discipline

This first session will focus on the general intellectual and socio-historical context of contemporary IR scholarship, and the main lines of fracture and contention between “mainstream” and “dissident” IR. The core readings will help you identify the major theoretical, methodological, and ethical questions that have emerged since the “third debate,” and situate the different theories addressed in this module within the general context of the development of IR scholarship and the world it studies. This will also help you appreciate their respective contributions to the discipline *in relation to* the tradition(s) they oppose.

Questions

- What are the main divisions and divides in IR today?
- What is the “third debate” about? What new concepts and research questions did it introduce?
- What does “American hegemony” mean, and why is it important in the context of IR scholarship? To what extent does this “hegemony” shape or determine the nature of IR as a field of knowledge?
- Is IR an “international” discipline? If not, what difference does this make to the nature of the knowledge it produces?
- What Western and non-Western voices are currently silenced by disciplinary orthodoxy? What fundamental changes would their inclusion allow?

Core Readings

Yosef Lapid (1989) The Third Debate: On the Prospects of International Theory in a Post-Positivist Era, *International Studies Quarterly*, 33(3):235-254.

Steve Smith (2002) The United States and the Discipline of International Relations: “Hegemonic Country, Hegemonic Discipline”, *International Studies Review* 4(2):67-85.

Steve Smith (2004) Singing our World Into Existence: International Relations Theory and September 11, *International Studies Quarterly* 48(3):499-515.

Arlene B. Tickner and Ole Wæver (2009) “Introduction: Geocultural Epistemologies” in *International Relations Scholarship Around the World*, London and New York: Routledge, 1-31.

Arlene B. Tickner and David L. Blaney (2012) “Introduction: Thinking Difference” in *Thinking International Relations Differently*, London and New York: Routledge, 1-24.

Additional Readings: History and Sociology of IR

John Agnew (2007) Know-Where: Geographies of Knowledge of World Politics’, *International Political Sociology*, 1:138-148.

Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan (2007) Why Is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory? An Introduction, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 7:287-312.

Hayward Alker and Thomas Biersteker (1984) The Dialectics of World Order: Notes for a Future Archeologist of International Savoir Faire, *International Studies Quarterly* 28(2):121-142.

Anne-Marie D’Aoust (2012) Introduction to the Sociology/ies of International Relations, *Journal of International Relations and Development* 15:90-97.

Anne-Marie D’Aoust (2012) Accounting for the Politics of Language in the Sociology of IR, *Journal of International Relations and Development* 15:120-131.

Lucian Ashworth (1999) *Creating International Studies*. Aldershot: Ashgate.

- Ersel Aydinli and Julie Mathews (2000) Are the Core and Periphery Irreconcilable? The Curious World of Publishing in Contemporary International Relations, *International Studies Perspectives* 1:289-303.
- Tarak Barkawi and Shane Brighton (2011) Powers of War: Fighting, Knowledge, and Critique, *International Political Sociology* 5(2):126-143.
- Harry Bauer and Elisabetta Brighi (eds) (2003) *International Relations at LSE: A History of 45 Years*. London: Millennium Publishing Group.
- Duncan Bell (2009) Writing the World: Disciplinary History and Beyond, *International Affairs* 85(1):3-22.
- Thomas Biersteker (1999) Eroding Boundaries, Contested Terrain, *International Studies Review* 1:3-9.
- Henrik Breitenbauch (2013) *International Relations in France: Writing Between Discipline and State*. London: Routledge.
- Marijke Breuning, Joseph Bredehoft and Eugene Walton (2005) Promise and Performance: An Evaluation of Journals in International Relations, *International Studies Perspectives* 16(1):447- 461.
- Christian Bueger (2012) From Epistemology to Practice: A Sociology of Science for International Relations, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 15:97-109.
- Christian Büger and Frank Gadinger (2007) Reassembling and Dissecting: International Relations Practice from a Science Studies Perspective, *International Studies Perspectives* 8(1):90-110.
- Barry Buzan and Richard Little (2002) Why International Relations Has Failed as an Intellectual Project and What To Do About It, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 30(1):19-39.
- Benjamin de Carvalho, Halvard Leira and John Hobson (2011) The Myths that Your Teachers Still Tell You About 1648 and 1919, *Millennium: Journal of International Relations* 39(3):735- 758.
- Stephen Chan (2002) On Different Types of International Relations Scholarship, *Journal of Peace Research*, 39(6):747-756.
- Mathieu Chillaud (2009) International Relations in France: The “Usual Suspects” in a French Scientific Field of Study? *European Political Science* 8(2):239-253.
- Robert Crawford and Darryl S Jarvis (eds.) (2001) *International Relations – Still an American Social Science? Toward Diversity in International Thought*. Albany: SUNY Press.
- Jörg Friedrichs (2004) *European Approaches to International Relations Theory: A House with Many Mansions*, London: Routledge.
- Jim George and David Campbell (1990) Patterns of Dissent and the Celebration of Difference: Critical Social Theory and International Relations, *International Studies Quarterly* 34(3):269-293.
- Daniel S. Gellner and John A. Vasquez (2004) The Construction and Cumulation of Knowledge in International Relations: Introduction, *International Studies Review* 6:1-6.
- Nicolas Guilhot (ed.) (2011) *The Invention of International Relations Theory: Realism, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the 1954 Conference on Theory*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Stefano Guzzini (1998) *Realism in International Relations and International Political Economy: The Continuing Story of a Death Foretold*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Stefano Guzzini (2001) The Significance and Roles of Teaching Theory in International Relations, *Journal of International Relations and Development* 4:98-117.
- Inanna Hamati-Ataya (2011) Contemporary “Dissidence” in American International Relations: The New Structure of Anti-Mainstream Scholarship? *International Studies Perspectives* 12(4):362-298.
- Stanley Hoffmann (1977) An American Social Science: International Relations, *Daedalus* 106(3):41-60.
- Gerard Holden (2002) Who Contextualizes the Contextualizers? Disciplinary History and the Discourse

- about IR Discourse, *Review of International Studies* 28(2):253-270.
- Gerard Holden (2004) The State of the Art in German IR, *Review of International Studies* 30(3):451-458.
- K.J. Holsti (1971) Retreat From Utopia: International Relations Theory, 1945-1970, *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 4(2):165-177.
- K.J. Holsti (1985) *The Dividing Discipline: Hegemony and Diversity in International Theory*, Boston: Allen and Unwin.
- K.J. Holsti (1989) Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Which Are the Fairest Theories of All? *International Studies Quarterly* 33(3):255-261.
- Abraham Itty (2010) The International Study of IR, *International Studies Review* 12(3):470-472.
- Richard Jordan, Daniel Maliniak, Amy Oakes, Susan Paterson, and Michael J. Tierney (2009) *One Discipline or Many? TRIP Survey of International Relations Faculty in Ten Countries*, Williamsburg: Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, College of William and Mary (online publication).
- Knud Erik Jørgensen (2000) Continental IR Theory: The Best Kept Secret, *European Journal of International Relations* 6(1):9-42.
- Knud Erik Jørgensen and Tonny Brems Knudsen (2006) *International Relations in Europe: Traditions, Perspectives and Destinations*. London: Routledge.
- Miles Kahler (1993) "International Relations: An American Social Science or an International One?" In Linda B. Miller and Michael Smith (eds.) *Ideas and Ideals: Essays on Politics in Honor of Stanley Hoffmann*, Boulder: Westview Press.
- Robert O. Keohane (1988) International Institutions: Two Approaches, *International Studies Quarterly* 32(4): 379-396.
- Torbjorn K. Knutsen (1997) *A History of International Relations Theory*. Manchester: University of Manchester Press.
- Ekkehart Krippendorff (1989) "The Dominance of American Approaches in International Relations" in Hugh C. Dyer and Leon Magasarian (eds.) *The Study of International Relations*, New York: St Martin's Press.
- Kevin McMillan (2012) Beyond Geography and Social Structure: Disciplinary Sociologies of Power in International Relations, *Journal of International Relations and Development* 15:131- 144.
- Iver B. Neumann and Ole Waever (eds.) (1997) *The Future of International Relations: Masters in the Making*. London: Routledge.
- Mustapha Kamal Pasha and Craig N. Murphy (eds.) (2002) *International Relations and the New Inequality*. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Alfredo Robies, Jr. (1993) How "International" Are International Relations Syllabi? *PS: Political Science and Politics* 26(3):526-528.
- Brian Schmidt (1998) *The Political Discourse of Anarchy: A Disciplinary History of International Relations*, Albany: SUNY Press.
- Brian Schmidt (2002) Anarchy, World Politics and the Birth of a Discipline, *International Relations* 16(1):9-31.
- Brian Schmidt (2002) "On the History and Historiography of International Relations" in Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse and Beth A. Simmons (eds.) *Handbook of International Relations*. London: Routledge.
- Steve Smith (1995) "The Self-Images of a Discipline" in Ken Booth and Steve Smith, *IR Theory Today*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1-37.
- Steve Smith (2000) The Discipline of International Relations: Still an American Social Science? *British Journal*

of *Politics and International Relations* 2(3):374-402.

Duncan Snidal and Alexander Wendt (2009) Why There is *International Theory* Now, *International Theory* 1(1):1-14.

Susan Strange (1995) ISA as a Microcosm, *International Studies Quarterly* 39(3):289-295.

Andrea Teti (2007) Bridging the Gap: IR, Middle East Studies and the Disciplinary Politics of the Area Studies Controversy, *European Journal of International Relations* 13(1):117-145.

Caroline Thomas and Peter Wilkin (2004) Still Waiting after All These Years: "The Third World" on the Periphery of International Relations, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 6:241-258.

Arlene B. Tickner (2008) Latin American IR and the Primacy of lo práctico, *International Studies Review*, 10:735-748.

Arlene B. Tickner and David Blaney (eds.) (2012) *Thinking International Relations Differently*. London and New York: Routledge.

Arlene B. Tickner and Ole Waever (eds.) (2009) *International Relations Scholarship Around the World*. London and New York: Routledge.

Robert Vitalis (2005) "Birth of a Discipline" in David Long and Brian Schmidt (eds.) *Imperialism and Internationalism in the Discipline of International Relations*. Albany: SUNY Press, 159-182.

Ole Waever (1998) The Sociology of a Not So International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations, *International Organization* 52(4):687-727.

Ole Waever (2007) "Still a Discipline After all These Debates?" in Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith (eds.) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 288-308.

Stephen Walt (2011) Is IR Still "An American Social Science"? *Foreign Policy*, 6 June, http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/06/06/is_ir_still_an_american_social_science

Additional Readings: Sociology of Knowledge/Science/Social Science

These are included here as general references. However, if you intend to write an essay on the Sociology of IR (theory), or on Reflexivity, some of these references will be most useful to you (we will in that case discuss their relevance during individual appointments).

Barry Barnes (1974) *Scientific Knowledge and Sociological Theory*. London: Routledge.

Barry Barnes (1977) *Interests and the Growth of Knowledge*. London: Routledge.

David Bloor (1976) *Knowledge and Social Imagery*. London: Routledge.

David Bloor (ed.) (2010) *The Sociology of Scientific Knowledge*. London: Routledge.

Pierre Bourdieu (1990) *Homo Academicus*. New Edition. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Pierre Bourdieu (1999) "The Social Conditions of the International Circulation of Ideas" in Richard Shusterman (ed.) *Bourdieu: A Critical Reader*, Oxford: Blackwell, 220-228.

Harry Collins (ed.) *Sociology of Scientific Knowledge: A Source Book*. New York: Free Press.

Randall Collins (1998) *The Sociology of Philosophies: A Global Theory of Intellectual Change*. Belknap.

Elizabeth Crawford and Albert D. Biderman (eds.) (1969) *Social Scientists and International Affairs: A Case for a Sociology of Social Science*. John Wiley and Sons.

Paul Feyerabend (1993) *Against Method*, 3rd ed., London: Verso.

Scott Frickel and Kelly Moore (eds.) (2006) *The New Political Sociology of Science: Institutions, Networks,*

and Power. University of Wisconsin.

Steve Fuller, Marc de Mey, T. Shinn and Steve Woolgar (eds.) (2010) *The Cognitive Turn: Sociological and Psychological Perspectives on Science*. Springer.

Peter Galison and David Stump (eds.) (1996) *The Disunity of Science. Boundaries, Contexts, and Power*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Michael Gibbons, Camille Limoges, Helga Nowotny, Simon Schwarzman, Peter Scott and Martin Trow (1994) *The New Production of Knowledge: The Dynamics of Science and Research in Contemporary Societies*. London: Sage.

Yves Gingras and Sébastien Mosbah-Natanson (2010) Where are Social Sciences Produced? In *World Social Science Report: Knowledge Divides*, Paris: UNESCO, 149-153.

Harvey Goldman (1994) From Social Theory to Sociology of Knowledge and Back: Karl Mannheim and the Sociology of Intellectual Knowledge Production, *Sociological Theory* 12(3):266-278.

Ian Hacking (1981) *Scientific Revolutions*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sandra Harding (1998) *Is Science Multicultural? Postcolonialisms, Feminisms and Epistemologies*. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.

Sandra Harding (2008) *Sciences From Below: Feminisms, Postcolonialisms and Modernities*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Martin Hollis and Steven Lukes (eds.) (1990) *Rationality and Relativism*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Sheila Jasanoff (2006) *States of Knowledge: The Co-production of Science and the Social Order*. London: Routledge.

Thomas Kuhn (1996) *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions, 3rd ed.*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Imre Lakatos and Alan Musgrave (eds.) (1970) *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Bruno Latour (1988) *Science in Action*. Harvard University Press.

William T. Lynch (1994) Ideology and the Sociology of Scientific Knowledge. *Social Studies of Science* 24(2):197-227.

Karl Mannheim (1936) *Ideology and Utopia: An Introduction to the Sociology of Knowledge*. New York: Harvest Book.

Karl Mannheim (1952) *Essays on the Sociology of Knowledge*. London: Routledge.

Andrew Pickering (ed.) (1992) *Science as Practice and Culture*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Seminar 2 – Frankfurt School and Social Critique

This session focuses on the origins of Critical IR Theory, through a discussion of early Frankfurt School contributions to social theory and philosophy. An understanding of the meaning of “social critique” in the context of Western inter-war and post-war industrial societies is necessary to grasp Critical IR’s project as discussed in the following seminar session, as well as some of the critiques that have been addressed to it from other “dissident” perspectives.

Questions

- What are the meaning, objects, and objectives of “social critique”?
- According to its proponents, why is “critical theory” more appropriate than “traditional theory” for the study of human societies?
- What does it mean for knowledge to be “historical”? What problems does this “historicity” create for social science?
- What is the relationship between knowledge and interests, between knowledge and ideology?
- Is the lack of “neutrality” that characterizes “critical theory” incompatible with the notion of “scientific truth”? If not, how can they be reconciled?

Core Readings

Max Horkheimer (1997[1937]) “Traditional and Critical Theory”, in *Critical Theory. Selected Essays*. Continuum, 188-243.

Jürgen Habermas (1986), “Appendix: Knowledge and Human Interests: A General Perspective” in *Knowledge and Human Interests*, New Edition, Cambridge: Polity Press, 301-350.

Herbert Marcuse, (2002) “The Historical Commitment of Philosophy”, in *One-Dimensional Man: Studies in the Ideology of Advanced Industrial Society*, New Edition, Routledge, 207-228.

Additional Readings: Critical Theory and the Frankfurt School

Theodor Adorno (1976[1957]) “Sociology and Empirical Research” in Paul Connerton (ed.) *Critical Sociology*. Penguin, 237-257.

Theodor Adorno (1981) *Negative Dialectics*. Continuum.

Theodor Adorno (2006) *Minima Moralia*. New Edition, London: Verso.

Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer (1997) *Dialectic of Enlightenment*. New Edition. London: Verso.

Robert J. Antonio (1981) Immanent Critique as the Core of Critical Theory: Its Origins and Development in Hegel, Marx and Contemporary Thought, *British Journal of Sociology* 32(3):300- 345.

Stephen E. Bronner (2011) *Critical Theory. A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press.

Stephen E. Bronner and Douglas M. Kellner (eds.) (1989) *Critical Theory and Society: A Reader*. London: Routledge.

Hauke Brunkhorst (1999) *Adorno and Critical Theory*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press.

Susan Buck-Morss (1977) *The Origin of Negative Dialectics: Theodor W. Adorno, Walter Benjamin, and the Frankfurt Institute*. Hassocks: Harvester Press. Paul Connerton (ed.) *Critical Sociology*. Penguin.

Erich Fromm (1962) *Beyond the Chains of Illusion: My Encounter with Marx and Freud*. New York: Simon and Schuster.

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- David McLellan (1986) *Ideology*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
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Seminar 3 – Critical IR

This session is dedicated to Critical IR Theory, as both a critique of “traditional” IR theory, and an original contribution to the study of world politics.

Questions

- What are Critical IR’s main criticisms of the positivist tradition, and of IR’s traditional paradigms?
- What are the main conceptual and methodological differences introduced by Critical IR?
- Is the difference between “problem-solving” and “critical theory” a useful one? Are these two kinds complementary or mutually exclusive?
- What difference/contribution does Critical IR make in terms of empirical research and knowledge?
- What type of social and ethical commitments follow from a Critical approach to world politics?
- Is emancipation a necessary component/objective of Critical IR?

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- Kimberly Hutchings (2007) Happy Anniversary! Time and Critique in International Relations Theory, *Review of International Studies*, 33(1): 71-89.
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- Friedrich Kratochwil (2007) Looking Back from Somewhere: Reflections on What Remains "Critical" in Critical Theory, *Review of International Studies*, 33(1): 25-45.
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Seminar 4 – Social Constructionism

This session will discuss “social constructionism” as the origin of Constructivism in IR and the social sciences. It will specifically focus on the relationship between knowledge and reality, to clarify how constructivism differs from traditional, positivist modes of representation in epistemic terms, and what ontological consequences follow from the idea that “reality is socially constructed.”

Questions

- What are the main arguments of constructionism?
- In what sense is social reality constructed? Can this be extended to physical reality as well?
- Is “radical constructionism”, i.e., construction “all the way down,” a reasonable position?
- Who/what constructs social reality? Through what processes?
- How is scientific “objectivity” redefined in constructionism?
- What philosophical, political, and ethical problems does constructionism bring forth?

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- John R. Searle (1996) *The Construction of Social Reality*, New Edition, Penguin.
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- Steven Shapin (1995) *A Social History of Truth: Civility and Science in Seventeenth Century England*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Nico Stehr and Volker Meja (eds.) (2005) *Society and Knowledge: Contemporary Perspectives in the Sociology of Knowledge*. Transactions Publishers.
- Stephen Turner (1991) Social Constructionism and Social Theory, *Sociological Theory* 9(1):22- 33.

Seminar 5 – From Conventional to Critical Constructivist IR

This session will explore the main contributions, but also the many facets, of Constructivist IR, with a secondary focus on the difference between “conventional” and “critical” Constructivism. This difference is particularly important to appreciate the relationship between Constructivist IR on the one hand, and Critical IR and Reflexive IR on the other. The discussion will also consider the important shifts in IR’s objects of study introduced by Constructivism.

Questions

- What are the main contributions of Constructivism to the study of world politics?
- What new objects of study and methodologies does a Constructivist approach introduce?
- What is the “structure vs. agency” debate about?
- How does Constructivism change our understanding of IR’s traditional core concepts, such as “power,” “sovereignty” and “security”?
- What role do knowledge, language, and identity have according to Constructivism?
- How does constructivism change our understanding of foreign policy?
- What are the main differences between “conventional” and “critical” constructivism, and why are these differences important for the discipline of IR?

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Emanuel Adler (1997) Seizing the Middle Ground: Constructivism in World Politics, *European Journal of International Relations*, 3(3): 319-363.

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- Stefano Guzzini (2012) *Power, Realism and Constructivism*. London: Routledge.
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- Alastair Iain Johnston (2001) Treating International Institutions as Social Environments, *International Studies Quarterly* 45(4):487-515.
- Peter Katzenstein (ed.) (1996) *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Vendulka Kubalkova, Nicholas Onuf and Paul Kowert (eds.) (1998) *International Relations in a Constructed World*, Armonk, NY: ME Sharpe.
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- Frédéric Mérand (2008) *European Defence Policy: Beyond the Nation State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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- Mary E. Pettenger (2007) *The Social Construction of Climate Change: Power, Knowledge, Norms, Discourses*. Ashgate.
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- Michael C. Williams (2006) *Culture and Security: Symbolic Power and the Politics of International Security*. London: Routledge.
- Maja Zehfuss (2002) *Constructivism in International Relations: The Politics of Reality*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Seminar 6 – Genealogy and Deconstruction

This session will provide an introduction to two poststructuralist methodologies – genealogy and deconstruction – and to some general themes characteristic of “postmodern” thought and “postmodernity.”

Questions

- Why is genealogy an interesting methodology for the social sciences, and what is critical about it?
- How does the historical perspective involved in genealogy help us understand current social reality?
- What does deconstruction’s focus on dualities and dichotomies add to our understanding of the categories and taxonomies that shape our thought and orient our research?
- What is the realm of deconstruction? What are the values and limits of a focus on the “text”?
- How does poststructuralism change our understanding of “power” and its relation to truth and social order?
- What are the characteristics of the “postmodern” era? Are they universal? Do they significantly change our ethical or praxical attitude towards social problems and future social action?

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- Alan Sokal and Jean Bricmont (1999) *Fashionable Nonsense: Postmodern Intellectuals' Abuse of Science*. Picador.
- Rudi Visker (1995) *Michel Foucault: Genealogy as Critique*. Verso.

Seminar 7 – Poststructuralism and Postmodernism in IR

This session draws on the previous one to explore the concepts, themes, and methodological commitments introduced by poststructuralist IR scholars. Their work will be assessed both in terms of their contributions beyond traditional IR research, and their re-reading of classical IR concepts.

Questions

- How does a poststructuralist engagement with the concepts of “power” and “sovereignty” challenge earlier conceptions in IR theory and research?
- What are the lines of fracture and contention between poststructuralist and positivist IR?
- What new issues, problematics and voices does poststructuralist IR introduce that were previously invisible or irrelevant in the discipline? What other issues, problematics and voices remain marginalised by the poststructuralist perspective?
- What is “subversive” about poststructuralist IR? Why is there a conscious and focused rhetoric on “dissidence” and “marginalisation”?
- What is the properly “political” dimension of a poststructuralist engagement with world politics?

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- Jenny Edkins (1999) *Poststructuralism and International Relations: Bringing the Political Back In*. Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner.
- Richard Falk (1990) "Culture, Modernism, Postmodernism: A Challenge to International Relations" in Jongsuk Chay (ed.) *Culture and International Relations*. New York: Praeger, 267- 279.
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Questions

- What does a focus on “gender” add to the study of world politics?
- How does the inclusion of gender politics shift traditional concepts and perspectives of traditional IR?
- What are the main criticisms of Feminist IR against traditional IR’s concepts of “power” and “security”, and how does the focus on “identity” and “domination” expand our understanding of power politics?
- How are the processes of gender politics informative with respect to other forms of social domination, segregation, and marginalisation?
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Seminar 9 – Postcolonial IR Theory

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Questions

- How does Post-colonial IR change our understanding of the structures and processes that govern world politics?
- What is Post-colonial IR's main critique of traditional IR's core concepts of "power", "state" and "sovereignty"?
- What new objects of inquiry and themes does Post-colonial IR introduce, and how do they shift the discipline's traditional assumptions and methodologies?
- What is at stake in the debate about IR's "Western" identity? How do the structure of the international system and the global historical relations of power among societies and states affect the nature of IR scholarship?
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Seminar 10 – Reflexivity

This session addresses the problem of reflexivity in IR, which originates in the discipline's "third debate" but has become a more substantial focus of inquiry in the past decade. Drawing on reflexive scholarship in the social sciences more generally, on previous readings of Critical, Constructivist, Poststructuralist and Postcolonial IR scholarship, and on the sociology of the discipline, the discussion will focus both on epistemic considerations pertaining to the relation between knowledge and reality, and on praxical and political problems pertaining to the social role, function and ethics of knowledge and scholarship.

Questions

- What are the different origins of reflexivity in the social sciences and IR?
- What are the objects, objectives, and advantages of reflexivity/reflexivism?
- Is reflexivity an option or a necessity in social-scientific research?
- Is reflexivity a cognitive or a praxical/ethical attitude, or necessarily both?
- Can reflexivity lead to a stand-alone empirical research programme or is it merely a complementary critique and rectification of traditional social-scientific knowledge?
- What are the obstacles – individual and collective; intellectual, institutional and socio-political – to the development of reflexivity as both a scholarly attitude/practice and scientific agenda?

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