

**THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS 2012-2013**

**POL3125 DISSIDENT PERSPECTIVES ON WORLD POLITICS**

<b>Level</b>	3	<b>Credit Value</b>	20
<b>Semester Taught</b>	One		
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**DESCRIPTON**

This module explores key anti-mainstream theories of international relations and approaches to world order, including critiques of International Relations (IR) itself. It first examines the core assumptions of different post-positivist schools of thought by focusing on their epistemic/ontological stances, methodologies, and thematics, as well as their political and deontological commitments. It then moves on to study specific instances of anti-mainstream IR (Critical Theory, Critical Constructivism, Post-structuralism/Postmodernism, Feminism, Post-colonialism and Reflexive Theory), using key empirical studies of Western and non-Western regional/international politics to highlight their critiques of mainstream IR and their own contribution as alternative approaches to world politics.

**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 taken from different parts of the world.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the module, students will be able to:

- Understand the epistemic and ontological assumptions of key post-positivist theories of international politics;
- Critically discuss post-positivism's contribution to the understanding of international reality;
- Apply a range of methodologies to specific international issues and phenomena;
- Problematise the relationship between the nature of world orders and the nature of IR scholarship.

**ORGANISATION**

11 weekly 2-hour seminars, to be held on **Thursdays 15:00-17:00 in Elmfield Room 216.**

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Attendance at seminars, and participation in seminar discussions of weekly readings.
- Submission of two paper copies of one essay of **2,500 words (maximum)** in length, to be handed in by **12.00 noon on Thursday 6 December 2012**; and of one essay of **3,000 words (maximum)** in length, to be handed in by **12.00 noon on Thursday 31 January 2013**. You

**must also submit an electronic copy of each essay via MOLE by the same deadline.**  
Students must include a word count on the title page.

## **ASSESSMENT**

- Essay 1: 40%. This essay is designed to assess students' critical understanding of the theoretical assumptions and methodological commitments of specific theoretical approaches to world politics.
- Essay 2: 60%. This essay is designed to assess students' ability to critically engage one particular theoretical perspective in relation to a given problem of world politics.

## **STUDY HOURS**

For a 20-credit module about 12 hours per week of private study are normally expected (for guidance on study techniques see the Undergraduate Handbook).

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Students should refer to the current Department of Politics Undergraduate Handbook for guidance on essay writing and other academic skills, for details of marking criteria, and for rules governing submission of assessed work and attendance. Please note that students are required to perform satisfactorily in all components of assessment (all elements of assessed coursework) before credits can be awarded for the module.

## **SEMINAR ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at seminars is compulsory and all unauthorised absences are recorded. It is your responsibility to ensure you sign the attendance sheet when you are in the seminar. Students who miss seminars are required to provide either medical evidence or a satisfactory explanation to the Undergraduate Office. Complete non-attendance of this module will result in failure. (For further information see the Undergraduate Handbook).

Each seminar, one or two students will be asked to make a short presentation on a book chapter or article. These presentations are not assessed but will form the basis of the seminar discussions.

## **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* [paper copy available in the Western Bank Library. See also [www.foreignaffairs.com](http://www.foreignaffairs.com)]

*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*

### GENERAL TEXTS ON IR and IR THEORY

References marked (\*\*) are especially recommended to students who have not taken POL223.

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*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Felix Berenskoetter and Michael J. Williams (eds.) (2007) *Power in World Politics*. London: Routledge.

Ken Booth and Steve Smith (1995) *IR Theory Today*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

\*\*Chris Brown and Kirsten Ainley (2010) *Understanding International Relations*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

\*\*Scott Burchill *et al.* (2012) *Theories of International Relations*. 5<sup>th</sup> 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*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Longman.

\*\*Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith (eds.) (2010) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*. London: 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*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Longman.

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

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

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

## **USEFUL 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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Gerard Delanty and Piet Strydom (eds.) (2003) *Philosophies of Social Science. The Classic and Contemporary Readings*. Open University Press.

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

Emile Durkheim (1982) *The Rules of Sociological Method and Selected Texts on Sociology and its Methods*. Edited by Steven Lukes. New York: Free Press.

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

Steve Fuller (2007) *The Knowledge Book: Key Concepts in Philosophy, Science, and Culture*. McGill Queens University Press.

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*. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Russell Keat and John Urry (1975) *Social Theory as Science*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.

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*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Wiley-Blackwell.

Stephen Turner (1994) *The Social Theory of Practices: Tradition, Tacit Knowledge, and Presuppositions*. Cambridge: Polity Press; Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. University of California Press.

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

Raymond Williams (1981) *The Sociology of Culture*. New York: Schocken Books.

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

## WEEKLY SEMINAR OUTLINE

Please note that as of September 2012, Intro Week will count as Week 1.

### Seminar 1 – Week 2 – 27 September 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. [digitised]

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

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

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

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

#### Further 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.

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 Bueger 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.

Ido Oren (2003) *Our Enemies and US: America's Rivalries and the Making of Political Science*. Cornell University Press.

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 Waeber (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](http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/06/06/is_ir_still_an_american_social_science)

Further Readings: History and Sociology of Knowledge/Science/Social Science

These are included here only as general references. However, if you intend to write an essay on the Sociology of IR (theory), or on Reflexivity, or if you are taking POL3126 and intend to address these issues in your project, 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.

Thomas Bender and Carl Shorske (eds.) (1997) *American Academic Culture in Transformation: Fifty Years, Four Disciplines*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

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*, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2009) *The Sociology of Intellectual Life*. Sage.

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.

John G. Gunnell (1993) *The Descent of Political Theory: The Genealogy of an American Vocation*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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.

Karin Knorr Cetina (1981) *The Manufacture of Knowledge. An Essay on the Constructivist and Contextual Nature of Science*. Oxford and New York: Pergamon Press.

Karin Knorr Cetina (1999) *Epistemic Cultures. How the Sciences Make Knowledge*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Thomas Kuhn (1996) *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

George A. Reisch (2005) *How the Cold War Transformed Philosophy of Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Joseph Rouse (1987) *Knowledge and Power: Toward a Political Philosophy of Science*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

C.P. Snow (1993[1959]) *The Two Cultures*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

## Seminar 2 – Week 3 – 4 October 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 characterises “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. [digitised]

Jürgen Habermas (1986[1972]), “Appendix: Knowledge and Human Interests: A General Perspective” in *Knowledge and Human Interests*, New Edition, Cambridge: Polity Press, 301-350. [digitised]

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. [digitised]

### Further 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.

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### **Seminar 3 – Week 4 – 11 October 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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This session will discuss “social constructionism” as the backbone 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 “social reality is 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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**Seminar 5 – Week 6 – 25 October**  
**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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### Seminar 6 – Week 7 – 1 November Genealogy and Deconstruction

This session will provide an introduction to two post-structuralist 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 post-structuralism 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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## Reading Week – Week 8

### Seminar 7 – Week 9 – 15 November Post-structuralist/Post-modern IR

This session draws on the previous one to explore the concepts, themes, and methodological commitments introduced by post-structuralist 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 post-structuralist 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 post-structuralist and postivist IR?
- What new issues, problematics and voices does post-structuralist IR introduce that were previously invisible or irrelevant in the discipline? What other issues, problematics and voices remain marginalised by the post-structuralist perspective?
- What is “subversive” about post-structuralist IR? Why is there a conscious and focused rhetoric on “dissidence” and “marginalisation”?
- What is the properly “political” dimension of a post-structuralist engagement with world politics?

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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?
- What valuable insights does Feminism contribute to our understanding of the relationship between knowledge, power, and social order?

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### Seminar 9 - Week 11 – 29 November Post-Colonial IR

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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?
- Is Post-colonial IR more representative of "marginalised" and "oppressed" voices, peoples and interests, or is it an equally biased perspective/project?

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#### 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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