

Course Program

Modern Sociological Theory (1945–1989) Fall Semester 2015

Lund (November, 19–20)

Day One

10–12

"Course introduction": Carl-Göran Heidegren, Bo Isenberg (Bjørn Schiermer, Jens-Christian Hermansen)

"German sociology 1945–1989: an overview" (Carl-Göran Heidegren).

"Theory of institutions, diagnosis of the present: A. Gehlen, H. Schelsky" (Carl-Göran Heidegren).

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"Phenomena of power: H. Popitz" (Carl-Göran Heidegren).

"Stigma and charisma: W. Lipp" (Carl-Göran Heidegren).

15.30–18

Texts by German sociologists to be read, presented and discussed.

Additional reading: selected chapters and parts in Joas/Knöbl, *Social Theory*.

Day Two

10–12

Guest lecture by Ron Eyerman, professor of sociology at Yale University:

"Critical Theory, American Style. From Horkheimer and Adorno to Hannah Arendt and C. Wright Mills"

13–15

"American Moralists: from Riesman to Sennett" (Bo Isenberg).

15.30–18

Texts by American sociologists to be read, presented and discussed.

Additional reading: selected chapters and parts in Joas/Knöbl, *Social Theory*.

Copenhagen (December, 9–10)

Day Three

10–12

Guest lecture by Mikael Carleheden, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen: "The Golden age of Social Theory?"

13–15

"Criticism, theory and the concept of the social in modern language philosophy" (Jens Christian Hermansen)

15.30–18

Texts on theory/theorizing in the social sciences to be read, presented and discussed

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Social dinner at a Copenhagen restaurant (optional)

Day Four

10-12

Guest lecture by Christian Borch, Professor, Department of Politics, management and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School (CBS): "Sociology as a General Theory of 'Air Conditioning': Peter Sloterdijk – and the Frankfurt school"

13-15

"The neglect of the social in sociological theory – Michel Maffesoli versus Critical Theory" (Bjørn Schiermer).

15.30-18

Philosophical and sociological texts by Maffesoli, Theodor W. Adorno and Jürgen Habermas to be read, presented and discussed

January, 10

Deadline for paper submission

Lund (January, 14)

Day Five

Paper presentations

Course ending, evaluation