

SOCI 445: Advanced Sociological Theory

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This course has a theme: classical and modern sociological works dealing with capitalist society. The theories considered show how power, nation and size interfere with market mechanisms.

REQUIREMENTS

Assessment: One final paper, topic to be agreed with me.

Books: Please purchase from Amazon copies of The Great Transformation (Polanyi), Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy (Schumpeter), Keynes: A Very Short Introduction (R. Skidelsky) and Does Capitalism Have a Future (Wallerstein et al).

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September 25: *Adam Smith*

Adam Smith The Theory of Moral Sentiments (available online, free), parts 1-5
Deborah A. Boucoyannis 'The Equalizing Hand: Why Adam Smith Thought the Market Should Produce Wealth without Steep Inequality' in Perspectives on Politics 2013
(<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9122037>)

<u>October 2:</u>	<i>Friedrich List</i>
R. Szporluk D. Lieven	<u>Communism and Nationalism</u> 'Dilemmas of Empire, 1850-1918: Power, Territory, Identity'
<u>October 9:</u>	<i>Karl Polanyi</i>
Karl Polanyi	<u>The Great Transformation</u>
<u>October 16:</u>	<i>Joseph Schumpeter</i>
Joseph Schumpeter	<u>Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy</u>
<u>October 23:</u>	<i>Maynard Keynes</i>
Robert Skidelsky	<u>Keynes: A Very Short Introduction</u>
<u>October 30:</u>	<i>Albert Hirschman</i>
Albert Hirschman	<u>The Essential Hirschman</u>
<u>November 6:</u>	<i>Peter Katzenstein</i>
Peter Katzenstein	<u>Small States in World Markets</u>
<u>November 13:</u>	<i>Fred Hirsch</i>
Fred Hirsch	<u>Social Limits to Growth</u>
<u>November 20:</u>	<i>Thomas Piketty (1)</i>
Thomas Piketty	<u>Capital in the Twenty-First Century</u>
<u>December 4:</u>	<i>Thomas Piketty (2)</i>
Thomas Piketty	<u>Capital in the Twenty-First Century</u>
<u>December 11:</u>	<i>Does Capitalism Have a Future?</i>
I. Wallerstein et al.	<u>Does Capitalism Have a Future?</u>