SOCI 445. READINGS: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
Fall 2019

Mondays, Leacock 819, 2.30-5.30

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
The course has a theme: social theories dealing with the mechanisms of capitalism. Particular attention is paid to the interrelations between class, nation and state, and the way in which these affect market mechanisms.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
A final paper, topic to be agreed with me, worth 80% of the grade, an in-class presentation during the semester worth 10% of the grade, and an in-class presentation in December of a draft of your paper worth 10% of the grade.

September 16: Commercial Sociability

Adam Smith, The Theory of Moral Sentiments, Parts I-VI

Also essential: The Equalizing Hand: Why Adam Smith Thought the Market Should Produce Wealth without Steep Inequality by Deborah A. Boucoyannis in Perspectives on Politics 2013 (http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9122037)

September 23: Nationalism from Above

D. Levi-Faur, `Friedrich List and the political economy of the nation-state’
D. Levi-Faur, `Economic nationalism: from Friedrich List to Robert Reich’
D. Lieven, `Dilemmas of Empire, 1850-1918: Power, Territory, Identity’

October 7: Nationalism from Below

K. Polanyi, The Great Transformation

October 21: Anti-Victorian Intelligence

R. Skidelsky, Keynes
J.M. Keybes, The Essential Keynes, ed. R. Skidelsky, Penguin

October 28: The Great Compression

W. Scheidel, The Great Leveller
November 4: The Politics of Inclusion
A.O. Hirschman, Exit, Voice and Loyalty

November 11: Small States, National Homogeneity
J. Campbell and J.A. Hall, The Paradox of Vulnerability

November 18: Globalization and Its Discontents
D. Rodrik, The Globalization Paradox

November 25: Global Inequality
B. Milanovic, Global Inequality

LATE NOVEMBER Problems with Growth
F. Hirsch, Social Limits to Growth

December 2: Papers

December 4: Papers

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