

Sociology of social change and globalisation
20 hours lectures, 30 hours class instruction
6 ECTS

Master Programme in Sociology, speciality intercultural mediation
Winter semester 1st

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The goal of the course:

To get students acquainted with the discussion on the importance of the theories of social change in the sociological analysis of contemporary problems resulting from globalization;

To provide an overview of the basic theories of social change and to develop skills of critical reception of the contemporary theories of social change and globalization.

Methods of students' assessment:

1. Assessment of individual student's preparation for the classes and participation in the discussions during the classes (knowledge based on critical reading, interpretation capabilities, competences for finding and using new concepts and data, capacities of critical assessment of other students' work)

2. Assessment of an oral presentation (15 minutes) on the subject related to the themes of the module based on individually selected data and additional readings;

3. Assessment individual student's preparation for the final oral exam based on the knowledge presented during the lecture and knowledge and skills acquired during the classroom instruction

The final mark for class room instruction will be based on criterions 1-2 reflecting the average of two marks: (1) the preparation for classroom discussions; (2) the preparation for oral presentation, with the emphasis on skills and competences (60%). The mark for the oral exam will be based on the evaluation of oral answers to two questions, of which one will be theoretical question (knowledge assessment) and the second will be a question aiming at assessing students' skills at interpreting concrete social phenomenon related to the themes of the module.

Themes and additional reading list – lecture:

1. Theories of social change: dimensions of the debate.

Noble T. 2000. Social Theory and Social Change. Pelgrave. ch. 3 Evolutionary and Neo-Evolutionary Theories: Necessity and Possibility. pp.40-70

2. Social change and the contemporary idea of progress and its critique. "Sociology of endings" and the global crisis of neoliberal model of capitalism /D. Harvey/.

Harvey D. 2005. A Brief History of Neoliberalism. Oxford University Press, pp.152-182.

<http://davidharvey.org/2009/12/organizing-for-the-anti-capitalist-transition/>

3. Social memory as a dimension of social change.

Misztal B. 2003. Theories of Social Remembering. Open University Press. Ch.6 Studying Memory, p.127-154.

Connerton Paul. 2009. How Modernity Forgets. Cambridge: ch. 1 Two types of place memory, p.7-39.

4. Neomodernization and theories of late modernity /A. Giddens, U. Beck/.

Beck U. & Giddens A. & Lash S. 1994. Reflexive Modernization. Politics, Tradition and Aesthetics in the Modern Social Order. Cambridge.

5. Theories of cyclical change: the example of the neo-marxist analysis of the cycles of contestation /B. Silver/.

Silver B. 2006. Forces of Labour. Worker's Movements and Globalization since 1870. Cambridge University Press, Ch.Labour Movements and Capital Mobility, 2 pp. 41-74.

6. In search of agency / M. Archer, A. Giddens/.

Archer M. 2007. Making Our Way Through the World. Cambridge. pp.25-62.

Giddens A. The Constitution of Society. Outline of The Theory of Structuration. University California Press. Berkeley and Los Angeles. Ch.1, pp.1-28.

Archer M. 2004. Culture and Agency The Place of Culture in Social Theory. Cambridge University Press. Ch.1. The Myth of Cultural Integration. Pp. 1-24.

7. Theories of globalization in the context of economic and cultural inequalities /S. Tarrow/.

Tarrow, S. 2005. The New Transnational Activism. Cambridge University Press, Ch.1 pp.15-42.

8. Feminist critique of globalization /S. Sassen/.

Sassen S. 2007. Deciphering the Global: Its Scales, Spaces and Subjects. Routledge.

Delamont S.2006. Feminist Sociology. SAGE Publications. Ch.3 The New Forms Possible to Women? The Achievements of Feminist Sociology. Pp. 35-59.

9. System theories: functional integration and global convergence /A.G. Frank, I.Wallerstein/.

Noble T.2000. Social Theory and Social Change. Palgrave. Ch.8, pp.172-201.

Wallerstein I. 2004: World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction. Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press.

10. Social change and social movements.

Castells M. 1997. The Power of Identity, The Information Age: Economy, Society and Culture Vol. II. Cambridge, MA; Oxford, UK: Blackwell. Ch.2 pp.71-167.

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6. In search of agency / M. Archer, A. Giddens/.
7. Change in social institutions.
8. Theories of globalization in the context of economic and cultural inequalities /S. Tarrow/.
9. Feminist critique of globalization /S. Sassen/.
10. System theories: functional integration and global convergence /A.G. Frank, I.Wallerstein/.
11. Social change and social movements.
12. The theories of revolutionary change: is another world possible? /Ch. Tilly and Th. Skocpol/.
13. Theories of sustainable development and radical theories

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1. Noble T. 2000. Social Theory and Social Change. Palgrave. Introduction, p.1-16
2. Harvey D. 2005. A Brief History of Neoliberalism. Oxford University Press, pp.152-182.
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8. Elder-Vass D. 2010. The Casual Power of Social Structures. Emergence, Structure and Agency. Cambridge University Press. Ch.6 Normative Institutions, pp.115-143.
9. Tarrow, S. 2005. The New Transnational Activism. Cambridge University Press, Ch.1 pp.15-42.
10. Sassen S. 2007. Deciphering the Global: Its Scales, Spaces and Subjects. Routledge.
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13. Castells M. 1997. The Power of Identity, The Information Age: Economy, Society and Culture Vol. II. Cambridge, MA; Oxford, UK: Blackwell. Ch.2 pp.71-167.
14. Skocpol Th. 1979. States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia, and China, Cambridge University Press New York, Ch. 1.

15. Burns T.R. 2012. Sustainable Development. Sociological Perspectives.

[http://www.ceres21.org/media/UserMedia/Burns%20\(2012\)%20sustainable%20development.%20sociological%20perspektives.pdf](http://www.ceres21.org/media/UserMedia/Burns%20(2012)%20sustainable%20development.%20sociological%20perspektives.pdf)

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