

Reading List: Theory Qualifying Exam

THEORIES OF MODERNITY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

MARX:

- Robert Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2nd Edition, 1978.
 - Engels on Marx: pp. 681-82;
 - *Manifesto of Communist Party*, pp. 473-91
 - *Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*, pp. 53-65
 - *German Ideology*, pp. 146-76 & pp. 177-200
 - *Theses on Feuerbach*, pp.143-46.
 - *The Method of Political Economy*, in *The Grundrisse*, pp. 236-44
 - *Wage Labor and Capital*, pp. 203-217
 - From *Capital*, vol. 1, pp. 302-361 & pp. 392-403
 - *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*, pp. 66-81
 - *Alienation and Social Classes*, pp. 133-35

WEBER:

- Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, translated by Talcott Parsons, (any edition is fine);
- Selections from Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 1958;
 - "Bureaucracy"
 - "Politics as a Vocation"
 - "Class, Status, Party"

DURKHEIM:

- Selections from *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, pp. 21-33, 462- 496. Introduction, Ch. 1 (Book I), Ch. 3 and Ch 6 (Book II), Ch. 4, Ch. 5. and Conclusion (Book III)
- Selections from Emile Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, translated by Lewis Coser, New York: Free Press, 1997 (or any other year). Chapters 1-3 and Book III
- Selections from Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*, translated by John Spaulding, New York: Free Press. read Book I, Chapter 1. Book III, Chapters 2 and 3

THEORIES OF STRUCTURE AND AGENCY

- Frederic Jameson, 1972, "The Linguistic Model," from *The Prison-House of Language*, pp. 3-39.
- Pierre Bourdieu, *The Logic of Practice*, Stanford University Press, 1992. Book 1- Critique of Theoretical Reason
- Pierre Bourdieu, *Outline of a Theory of Practice*, Cambridge University Press, 1977. Ch.1, Ch.2 and Ch. 4.

- William Sewell Jr. 1992. "A theory of structure: Duality, agency, and transformation." *American journal of sociology* 98, no. 1: 1-29

SELF, SOCIETY AND SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM

- Herbert Blumer, *Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method*, University of California Press, 1986. Chapters 1, 2, 3
- Erving Goffman, *Interaction Ritual*, 1982, Pantheon. Introduction, Chapter 1 "On Facework".
- Erving Goffman, *The Presentations of Self in Everyday Life*, Anchor, 1959.

POST-STRUCTURALISM / POST-MODERNISM / Standpoint Epistemology

- Paul Rabinow (ed.), *The Foucault Reader*, Random House, 1984. Read "Disciplines and Sciences of the Individual," "Biopower," "Sex and Truth"
- Fredric Jameson, "Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism," *The New Left Review*, 1-146, 1984: 53-92.
- Jean Baudrillard. *Simulacra and Simulation*, 1994, University of Michigan Press.
- Judith Butler. *Gender Trouble. Routledge Classics. London, England*, 2006, Routledge. Read Preface, Part 1 - Subjects of Sex/Gender/Desire, Conclusion
- Patricia Hill Collins, *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment*. 2022, Routledge. Read Chapters 1, 2, 4, 11
- Haraway, Donna. 2016 "'Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective'." In *Space, gender, knowledge: Feminist readings*, pp. 53-72. Routledge.

Critical Theory and Neo-Marxism

- Antonio Gramsci, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*, 1971, International Publishers, "The Modern Prince," and "Americanism and Fordism."
- Herbert Marcuse. *One-dimensional man : studies in the ideology of advanced industrial society*, 1964, Beacon Press.
- Walter Benjamin, "On the Concept of History," 1940. [Frankfurt School: On the Concept of History by Walter Benjamin](#)
- Max Horkheimer, & Theodor Adorno. *Dialectic of Enlightenment*, 1973, (J. Cumming, Trans.). Herder and Herder.

Racism and Colonialism

- W. E. B Du Bois. *Black reconstruction in America*, (First Free Press edition.). The Free Press. Chapters 4, 14, 15.
- W.E.B Du Bois. 2015. *The Souls of Black Folk. Routledge*. Read "Of Our Spiritual Strivings" and "Of the Dawn of Freed.
- Stuart Hall, *Fateful Triangle: Race, Ethnicity, and Nation*, 2017, Harvard University Press..

- Franz Fanon. *Wretched of the Earth.*, 2001, Penguin. “On Violence,” “The Pitfalls of National Consciousness” and “On National Culture.
- Franz Fanon. *Black Skin, White Masks*, 2008, Groove Presss
- Aime Césaire. *Discourse on colonialism* (J. Pinkham, Trans.), 2001, Monthly Review Press.
- Said, Edward. 1978 *Orientalism*. New York: Penguin Books, Ch. 1
- Achille Mbembe, *Necropolitics*, 2019, Duke University Press.