

## Reading List: Theory Qualifying Exam

### 1. THEORIES OF MODERNITY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

- A) MARX: All the readings from Robert Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- B) WEBER: (1) Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 1958; (2) Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, translated by Talcott Parsons, (any edition is fine); (3) Max Weber, *Economy and Society* (edited by Roth and Wittich), University of California Press, 1978.
- Selections from *The Protestant Ethics*: Introduction, pp. 13-31; Chap. I-III, pp. 35-92; Chap. V, pp. 155-83.
  - Selections from *Economy and Society* on power/domination (pp. 53-54, 31-38, 212-31, 941-48, 952-54) the process and the meaning of rationalization (pp. 24-26, 85-86, 1393-1405).
  - From Gerth & Mills, Chap. VI, *Structure of Power*, and Chap VII, *Class, Status, Party*, pp. 159-195.
  - From Gerth and Mills:
    - *Bureaucracy*, pp. 196-244
    - *The Sociology of Charismatic Authority*, pp. 245-252
    - *The Meaning of Discipline*, pp. 253-264
- C) 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)
  - 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
  - Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*, translated by John Spaulding, New York: Free Press. read Book I, Chapter 1. Book III, Chapters 2 and 3
- D) Georg Simmel, *On Individuality and Social Forms*, University of Chicago

Press, 1977. Part One: Philosophy of Social Sciences Chapter 1,2,3,4

## 2. THEORIES OF STRUCTURE AND AGENCY

### A) STRUCTURALISM:

- Fe Ferdinand de Saussure, 1959 (1916), selections from *Course in General Linguistics*, pp. 8-17, 65-69, 110-119.
- Frederic Jameson, 1972, "The Linguistic Model," from *The Prison-House of Language*, pp. 3-39.
- Louis Althusser, 1971, "Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses," from *Lenin and Philosophy*, pp. 158-86.

### B) CRITIQUE OF STRUCTURALISM

- Paul Ricoeur, 1994, "Althusser's Theory of Ideology," in *Althusser: A Critical Reader*, edited by Gregory Elliot, pp. 44-72.
- E. P. Thompson, 1978, "The Poverty of Theory or an Ornery of Errors," from *The Poverty of Theory and Other Essays*, pp. 147-153.
- 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.

### C) SELF, SOCIETY, AND SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM

- George Herbert Mead, *Mind, Self and Society*, Morris, Charles W. (Charles William), 1903-1979, editor.; Huebner, Daniel R., editor.; Joas, Hans, 1948- editor. Chicago ; London : University of Chicago Press; 2015 Part III: The Self, Chapter 20, 21, 22
- Herbert Blumer, *Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method*, University of California Press, 1986. Chapters 1, 2, 3
- Erving Goffman, *Interaction Ritual*, Pantheon, 1982. Introduction, Chapter 1 "On Facework".
- Erving Goffman, *The Presentations of Self I Everyday Life*, Anchor, 1959.

## 3. THEORIES OF POWER

- C. Wright Mills, *The Power Elite*, Oxford University Press, 1957.
- Pierre Bourdieu, *Language and Symbolic Power*, Harvard University Press, 1999.
- Paul Rabinow (ed.), *The Foucault Reader*, Random House, 1984. Read "Disciplines and Sciences of the Individual," "Biopower," "Sex and Truth"
- Chris Weedon, *Practice and Poststructuralist Theory*, Blackwell, 1997.

#### 4. MARXISM AND SOCIOLOGY

- Antonio Gramsci, 1971, "Problems of History and Culture," in *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*, pp. 3-42.

Stephen Bronner and Douglas Kellner (eds.) 1990. *Critical Theory and Society: A Reader* (1<sup>st</sup> edition). Routledge.

#### 5. Theories of Postmodernity, Post-Industrial Society, World Systems

- Steven Seidman, 2003, "Revisions and Revolt: The Postmodern Turn," in *Contested Knowledge*, pp. 159-203.
- Fredric Jameson, "Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism," *The New Left Review*, I-146, 1984: 53-92.
- David Harvey, *The Condition of Postmodernity*, Blackwell, 1992.
- Immanuel Wallerstein, *World Systems Analysis: An Introduction*, Duke University Press, 2004.

Giddens, Anthony. 1984 *The constitution of society: Outline of the theory of structuration*. Univ of California Press. Chapter 1.

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

Du Bois, W.E.B. 2015. *The Souls of Black Folk*. Routledge. Read "Of Our Spiritual Strivings" and "Of the Dawn of Freed."

Morris, Aldon D. *The Scholar Denied: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Birth of Modern Sociology*, 1st ed., University of California Press, 2015, pp. Chapters 1, 2, 3

Omi, Michael, and Howard Winant. 2014. *Racial Formation in the United States*. Routledge. Read Introduction and the Racial Formation chapters.

Said, Edward. 1978 *Orientalism*. New York: Penguin Books.

Collins, Patricia Hill. 2022. *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment*. Routledge. Read Chapters 1, 2, 4, 11

Go, Julian., 2020. "Race, empire, and epistemic exclusion: Or the structures of sociological thought." *Sociological Theory*, 38(2): 79-100.

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.

Stuart Hall's *Fateful Triangle: Race, Ethnicity, and Nation*. HUP

Nancy Fraser. *Fortunes of Feminism: From State-Managed Capitalism to Neoliberal Crisis*. Verso. Read Ch. 1, 2, 5, and 10

Wendy Brown. *Politics out of History*. Princeton. Read Intro, ch. 2 and ch. 5

Kohei Saito. *Karl Marx's Ecosocialism: Capitalism, Nature, and the Unfinished Critique of Political Economy*. Monthly Review Press. Read Part I.

Franz Fanon. *Wretched of the Earth*. "On Violence," "The Pitfalls of National Consciousness" and "On National Culture."

Butler, Judith. 2006. *Gender Trouble*. Routledge Classics. London, England: Routledge. Read Preface, Part 1 - Subjects of Sex/Gender/Desire, Conclusion