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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in “Time: Sociological Perspectives” (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on then nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis, or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of graduate studies on DAY-MONTH-YEAR.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Professor Carl-Göran Heidegren upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and/or an oral examination.

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field
- 3) Apply some of the ideas in the literature to a research problem

D. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

H. Course Literature

Mandatory readings:

High-speed Society. Social Acceleration, Power and Modernity, eds Hartmut Rosa and William E. Scheuerman, Pennsylvania State UP, 2009.

Eviatar Zerubavel, *Hidden Rhythms. Schedules and Calendars in Social Life*, The University of Chicago Press, 1981.

Arlie R. Hochschild, *The Time Bind. When Work Becomes Home and Home Becomes Work*, Metropolitan Books, 1997.

Carl-Göran Heidegren, *Tid. Sociologiska perspektiv*, Liber, 2013.

Elective readings:

Barbara Adam, *Time*, Polity Press, 2004.

- Werner Bergmann, "The Problem of Time in Sociology: An Overview of the Literature", *Time & Society* 1(1), pp. 81–134.
- Pierre Bourdieu, "The attitude of the Algerian peasant toward time", *Mediterranean Countrymen*, ed. Julian Pitt-Rivers, Mouton & Co, pp. 55–72.
- Kathy Charmaz, *Good Days, Bad Days. The Self in Chronic Illness and Time*, Rutgers UP.
- Karen Davies, *Women and Time. Weaving the Strands of Everyday Life*, Lund: Soc. Inst., 1989.
- Gerhard Dohrn-van Rossum, *History of the Hour. Clocks and Modern Temporal Orders*, The University of Chicago Press, 1996.
- Émile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, Allen & Unwin, 1976 (relevant sections).
- Michael G. Flaherty, *A Watched Pot. How We Experience Time*, New York UP, 1999.
- Anthony Giddens, "Time and Social Organization", *Social Theory and Modern Sociology*, Polity Press, pp. 140–165.
- Robert Hassan, *The Age of Distraction. Reading, Writing, and Politics in a High-Speed networked Economy*, Transactions Pub., 2012.
- Karl H. Hörning & Anette Gerhard & Matthias Michilow, *Time Pioneers. Flexible Working Times and New Lifestyles*, Polity Press, 1995.
- Staffan Burenstam Linder, *Den rastlösa välfärds människan*, Ratio, 2007.
- William E. Scheuerman, *Liberal Democracy and the Social Acceleration of Time*, The Johns Hopkins UP, 2004.
- Wolfgang Schivelbusch, *Järnvägsresandets historia. Om rummets och tidens industrialisering under 1800-talet*, Arkiv, 1998.
- Pitirim Sorokin & Robert K. Merton, "Social Time: A Methodological and Functional Analysis", *American Journal of Sociology* 42(5), 1937, pp. 615–639.
- 24/7. *Time and Temporality in the Network Society*, eds Robert Hassan and Ronald E. Purser, Stanford UP, 2007.
- Edvard P. Thompson, "Tid, arbetsdisciplin och industrikapitalism, i dens., *Herremakt och folklig kultur*, Författarförlaget, 1983, s. 7–61, 249–260.
- G. J. Whitrow, *Time in History. Views of time from prehistory to the present day*, Oxford UP, 1989.
- Eviatar Zerubavel, *The Seven Day Circle. The History and Meaning of the Week*, The University of Chicago Press, 1985.