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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in Marx and Marxism (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 the 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 2023-05-02.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Carl-Göran Heidegren upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under H, 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

Several of the titles are also available in Swedish.

Mandatory

Karl Marx:

Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844, Lawrence & Wishart, 1981 (selection), 120 pp.

Grundrisse: Foundations of the Critique of Political Economy, Penguin, 1993 [written 1857/58] (selection), 100 pp.

Capital. A Critique of Political Economy, Vol. One, ch. 1–4, Penguin, 1990 [1867], 110 pp.

The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte, International Publishers, 1963 [1852], 70 pp.

Optional

Sven-Eric Liedman, *Karl Marx. En biografi*, Bonnier, 2015 (also available in English), 810 pp.

Georg Lukacs, *History and Class Consciousness*, MIT Press, 2000 [1923], 270 pp.

Alfred Schmidt, *The Concept of Nature in Marx*, Verso, 2014 [1962], 250 pp.

Louis Althusser, *For Marx*, Verso, 2005 [1965], 260 pp.

Sven-Eric Liedman: *En värld att vinna. Aspekter på den unge Karl Marx*, Bonnier, 1968, 220 pp.

Joachim Israel, *Alienation. From Marx to Modern Sociology*, Allyn and Bacon, 1971, 410 pp.

Göran Therborn, *Science, Class, and Society*, Verso, 1976, 400 pp.

Michael Heinrich, *Introduktion till de tre volymerna av Marx Kapitalet*, Tankekraft, 2013, 310 pp (also available in English).

Moishe Postone, *Time, Labor, and Social Domination. A Reinterpretation of Marx's Critical Theory*, Cambridge UP, 2003, 420 pp.

Göran Therborn, *What Does the Ruling Class do When it Rules?* Verso, 2008 [1978], 290 pp.

Eric Olin Wright, *Understanding Class*, Verso, 2015, 270 pp.

John Bellamy Foster, *Marx's Ecology. Materialism and Nature*, Monthly Review Press, 2000, 250 pp.

Carl Cassegård, *Toward a Critical Theory of Nature*, Bloomsbury, 2021, 240 pp.

Articles related to specific interests may also be selected.