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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in Sociology of Emotions (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 2024-03-07.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Lisa Flower 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:

Ahmed, S. (2004). *The Cultural Politics of Emotion*. New York: Routledge. ISBN: 9780748691135 (250p)

Barbalet J. M. (1998) *Emotion, Social Theory, and Social Structure - A Macrosociological Approach*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (170p)

Bericat, E. 2016. "The sociology of emotions: Four decades of progress." *Current Sociology* 63 (3):491-513. (23p)

Clark, C. (1987). Sympathy Biography and Sympathy Margin. *American Journal of*

- Sociology*, 93(2), 290-321. (32p)
- Collins, R. (2012). Interaction Ritual Chains. In C. Calhoun, J. Gerteis, J. Moody, S. Pfaff, & I. Virk (Eds.), *Contemporary Sociological Theory* (pp. 75-90): John Wiley & Sons. (16s)
- Hochschild, Arlie Russel. 1983/2003. *The Managed Heart - Commercialization of Human Feelings*. Los Angeles: University of California Press. ISBN: 9780520272941 (250p).
- Kemper, T. D. 1984. "Power, Status, and Emotions: A Sociological Contribution to a Psychophysiological Domain." In *Approaches to Emotion*, edited by K. R. Scherer and P. Ekman, 369-384. New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum. (15p)
- Scheff, Thomas J. (2000) "Shame and the Social Bond. A Sociological Theory." *Sociological Theory* 18:1, 84-99 (16s).
- Thoits, P. A. 1989. "The Sociology of Emotions." *Annual Review of Sociology* 15:317-342. (25p)
- Turner, Jonathan, H. 2009. "The Sociology of Emotions: Basic Theoretical Arguments." *Emotion Review* 1 (4):340-354. (15p)
- Wetherell, Margaret. 2012. *Affect and Emotion: A New Social Science Understanding*. London: Sage Publications. ISBN: 9780857028570 (192p).

Total: 1004 pages.

Elected readings:

- Ahmed, S. (2004). "Affective economies." *Social Text*, 79 22(2): 117-139. (23p)
- Clément, M., 2021. Emotions and affect in terrorism research: Epistemological shift and ways ahead. *Critical studies on terrorism*, 14(2), pp.247-270. (24p)
- Hochschild, Arlie Russel. 1979. "Emotion Work, Feeling Rules, and Social Structure." *American Journal of Sociology* 85 (3):551-575. (25p)
- Illouz, E. (2013). *Why Love Hurts*. Polity Press. ISBN: 9780745671079. (340s)
- Lambevski, A., 2001. Foucault, gay, subjectivity and the microsociology of emotions. *Werkdocument voor Foucault*, 25.
- Liu, W., 2017. Toward a queer psychology of affect: Restarting from shameful places. *Subjectivity*, 10, pp.44-62. (18p)
- Wright-Neville, D. and Smith, D., 2009. Political rage: terrorism and the politics of emotion. *Global Change, Peace & Security*, 21(1), pp.85-98. (14p)

Total: 444 pages.