

Classic writings on the theory of history, spring 2018

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1. Monday 9 April	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1005
2. Monday 16 April	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1005
3. Thursday 19 April	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1005
4. Thursday 26 April	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-0025
5. Monday 7 May	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1008
6. Monday 14 May	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1005
7. Monday 21 May	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1005
8. Monday 28 May	13:15 – 16:00	Eng22-1008

Purpose

The course provides a broad introduction to modern historiography focusing on classic writings, most, though not all of them, written after 1950. The course puts them into context and illustrates their impact on later historical writing. The selection of the readings has been guided by the principle that it is better to read the original words of influential writers than to read large amounts of commentary on them. Since many of the works in question are very long (e.g., Marx's *Capital* runs to several thousand pages) in a great many cases we will be reading excerpts. Seminars are normally two hours and 45 minutes long.

Teaching and Assessment

Seminar members are expected to read the assigned readings and actively participate in discussion. Class members will also take turns reporting on some of the ways the 'Classic Writings' we are reading are being used by scholars today. You should choose a week to do this. Other methods of assessment to be announced.

Reading list

The literature can be read in English or Swedish or any other language. If you can read them in their original language so much the better. Except where noted, all *non e-books* are also in Karin Boye Library and I have asked to have them put on reserve.

Meeting 1 - Introduction: The Discipline of History and its Evolution in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century

Marc Bloch, *The Historian's Craft* (Manchester UP, 1954 or later edition). pp. 36-156. 120 pages. (Recommended to buy). (If you have a different edition these pages correspond to ch. 1 part 7, Chapter 2, part 1-3, Chapter 3, parts 1-3 and Chapter 4, parts 1-3).

William H. Sewell Jr., *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (Chicago UP 2005), pp. 1-80. 80 pages (Available as an e-book)

Total number of pages for this week: 200

Meeting 2 - The Village, the Court and the City

A.V. Chayanov, *On the Theory of Peasant Economy* (Wisconsin UP, 1986), pp. xi-xxiii, 1-28. 40 pages (In Karin Boye library)

Norbert Elias, *The Civilizing Process* (Blackwell, revised ed. 2000), pp. 109 (starting with the section number V, 'Changes in Attitudes Towards the Natural Function' at the bottom of the page)-135 (up to and including section VII, 'Comments on the Quotations on Spitting'); pp. 365-387 (Part Four: Synopsis, sections I-III), 397-414 (Synopsis, section 5) 65 pages (Recommended to buy).

William Cronon, *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West* (New York: Norton, 1992), 'Annihilating Space: Meat', pp. 207-259. 52 pages. (Recommended to buy)

Total number of pages for this week: 157

Meeting 3 - Societies and Change

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (Blackwell, 2001). Author's introduction; Ch. 1; Ch. 2; (skip Ch. 3); Ch. 4 (but only read Section A. Calvinism); Ch. 5. About 123 pages. (Recommended to buy)

Quentin Skinner, *Visions of Politics, Vol. I Regarding Method* (Cambridge UP 2002), Chapter 6, pp. 103-127. 24 pages. (Available as an e-book)

Reinhart Koselleck, *Futures Past: On the Semantics of Historical Time* (Available as an e-book) pages to be announced.

Total number of pages for this week: TBA

Meeting 4 - Great Economic Transformations

Karl Marx, *(Critique of) The German Ideology*, Preface and Part I (Feuerbach, A-D), about 58 pp. Available online at the Marxist Internet Library.

Karl Marx, *Capital*, (available online at the Marxist internet library, and also available in several other languages at Karin Boye including Swedish and the original German)

Chapter 1 (get a quick feel for the difficult first three sections (about 30 pages) but focus on Section 4, 'The Fetishism of Commodities and the Secret thereof' which is about 9 pages). About 42 pages total.

W.W. Rostow, 'The Take-off into Self-Sustained Growth.' *The Economic Journal* 66, no. 261 (1956): 25–48. 23 pages. (e-journal)

E.P. Thompson, *The Making of the English Working Class* (Penguin, 1980, originally published 1963), *Preface* [for the original 1963 edition], *Preface for 1980 edition*, (pages unclear in my copy but the two prefaces are right at the beginning and about 10 pages long in total), and *Part III, Chapter 16*, 'Class Consciousness, I: Radical Culture' pp. 695-729. Circa 44 pages. (Recommended to buy)

Douglass C. North, 'Institutions', *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 5, no 1 (Winter 1991): 97–112 (e-journal)

Total number of pages for this week: 182.

Meeting 5 - Power and Space

Henri Lefebvre, *The Production of Space* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1991), pp. 68-99, 110-29, 140-147, 158-168 'Social Space', 67 pages.) (Available at Carolina öppen samling and KB).

Doreen Massey, *Space, Place and Gender* (Cambridge, Polity, 1994), pp. 146-156, 10 pages. (Available as e-book in the library)

Doreen Massey, 'Places and their Pasts', *History Workshop Journal* 39 (Spring 1995): 182-192, 10 pages (e-journal)

Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* (Vintage, 1995), pp. 3-7 (just contrast between treatment of Damians and Léon Faucher's rules for the House of young prisoners in Paris); 104-228 Also available in Swedish: Michel Foucault, *Övervakning och straff: fängelsets födelse* (Arkiv Förlag 2004). [In case you have a different edition these are Part I, Ch. 1 'The body of the condemned' (only the first five pages on the contrast between the treatment of the would-be regicide, Damians, and Léon Faucher's rules for the House of young prisoners in Paris); Part II, Ch. 2 'The Gentle Way in Punishment', Part III, Ch. 1 'Docile bodies', Part III, Ch. 2 'The means of correct training', and Part III, Ch. 3, 'Panopticism'.] 124 pages. Pay attention to the pictures. (Recommended to buy)

Total number of pages for this week: 211

Meeting 6 - The Weight of Culture

Roland Barthes, *Mythologies* (Farrar, Straus, Giroux 1972), Part II (Myth Today), pp. 109-158. Or you may read it in Swedish: Roland Barthes, *Mytologier*, (Arkiv 2007), Del II (I 1970 års utgåva av samma bok heter artikeln 'Den moderna myten') 49 pages (Recommended to buy)

Pierre Bourdieu, 'Some Properties of Fields' in Bourdieu, *Sociology in Question* (Sage, 1993), pp. 72-77 (also available in Swedish as 'Några egenskaper hos fälten' in *Texter om de intellektuella*, ed. Donald Broady (Brutus Östlings bokförlag Symposion 1992), 6 pages

Miguel A. Cabrera, 'Linguistic approach or return to subjectivism? In search of an alternative to social history,' *Social History*, Vol. 24/1 (1999), pp. 74-89. 15 pages (e-journal)

William H. Sewell Jr., *Logics of History* (Chicago UP 2005), pp. 152-196. 44 pages. (Available as an e-book)

Total number of pages for this week: 114

Meeting 7 - Gender and History

Lyndal Roper, *The Holy Household. Women and Morals in Reformation Augsburg* (Oxford 1989), Chapter 3, 'Prostitution and Moral Order' pp. 89-131; Chapter 5, 'Discipline and Marital Disharmony', pp. 165-205. 82 pages (Available as an e-book)

Joan Scott, 'Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis' in *Gender and the Politics of History* (Columbia U, 1988 or revised ed. 1999), pp. 28-50. 22 pages. (Recommended to buy)

Judith Butler, Chapter 1 'Subjects of Sex/Gender/Desire' in *Gender Trouble* (Routledge 1990 or any later edition), pp. 1-46. 46 pages. Note that at least one e-book has different paging. Look for Chapter 1 with the above-listed title. (Recommended to buy, but there is also an e-book available in some libraries)

Total number of pages for this week: 150.

Meeting 8 - Global Matters

Fernand Braudel, *The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip II*, Revised 1975 edn, 2 vols (Fontana/Collins, 1975), pages to be announced.

Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World-System I : Capitalist Agriculture and the Origins of the European World-Economy in the Sixteenth Century*, Prologue to the 2011 edition, pp. 14-32, and Theoretical Reprise pp. 479-492. In addition please skim ONE of these two chapters: Chapter 5 "The Strong Core-States," pp. 320-419 OR Chapter 6, "The European World Economy: Periphery versus External Arena," pp. 419-478. (Available as an e-book). 38 pages + either 99 or 59 pages.

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