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Course Description and Objectives:

Seminar and discussion. An examination of selected issues and debates of ongoing concern to sociologists.

Required Text:

Detailed Reading List:

08 September: Introduction, no required reading.

15 September: Some sociological agendas

22 and 29 September: The Agency-Structure Problem

6 October: Social Construction

13 October: Local/Gobal/Game-Theoretic

20 October: Actor-Network-Theory/Science and Technology Studies

27 October READING WEEK

3 November: Foucault and the Theory of Power

10 November: Pierre Bourdieu and the Logic of Practice

17 November: Some Feminist Issues: Standpoint and the Sex Trade
24 November and 1 December:
These two sessions are open; we will decide which among the many subject areas that we have not covered that demand our attention.

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:
Evaluation will be based on course participation (25%) and on a term paper (75% of final grade) on a topic that draws upon an issue raised in the course. Students will be responsible in turn for presenting a brief introduction to each week’s readings (10 minutes max.) intended to stimulate discussion. To satisfy the participation requirement, students must attend the seminar and must deliver in person and in hard copy three (3) written questions/reflections at the beginning of each meeting addressing what they consider to be interesting, controversial, or critically-vulnerable aspects of the week’s assigned readings. 25% of the course grade will be assigned to each participant’s demonstrated mastery of and engagement with course readings. The course paper should demonstrate a mastery of course readings and familiarity with seminar discussion. Topics must be chosen in consultation with the instructor. The paper should not be longer than 30 double-spaced, printed pages.

PAPER DUE DATE: Friday, 9 December 2016. Papers should be handed personally to the instructor or deposited in the Departmental drop slot.

NOTE: All written work may be the subject of a further oral examination by the instructor. Students should keep a clean printed copy of the original paper.

In accordance with the Carleton University Undergraduate Calendar rules and regulations, the letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100       B+ = 77-79       C+ = 67-69       D+ = 57-59
A   = 85-89       B   = 73-76       C   = 63-66       D   = 53-56
A - = 80-84       B - = 70-72       C - = 60-62       D - = 50-52
F    = Below 50    WDN = Withdrawn from the course
ABS = Student absent from final exam
DEF = Deferred (See above)
FND = (Failed, no Deferred) = Student could not pass the course even with 100% on final exam

Academic Regulations, Accommodations, Plagiarism, Etc.
University rules regarding registration, withdrawal, appealing marks, and most anything else you might need to know can be found on the university’s website, here: https://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and
impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable).

*The deadlines for contacting the Paul Menton Centre regarding accommodation for final exams for the Fall exam period is November 11, 2016.

**For Religious Obligations**
Students requesting academic accommodation on the basis of religious obligation should make a formal, written request to their instructors for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory event.
Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student.
Students or instructors who have questions or want to confirm accommodation eligibility of a religious event or practice may refer to the Equity Services website for a list of holy days and Carleton's Academic Accommodation policies, or may contact an Equity Services Advisor in the Equity Services Department for assistance.

**For Pregnancy**
Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a letter of accommodation. The student must then make an appointment to discuss her needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

**Plagiarism**
Plagiarism is the passing off of someone else's work as your own and is a serious academic offence. For the details of what constitutes plagiarism, the potential penalties and the procedures refer to the section on Instructional Offences in the Undergraduate Calendar.

**What are the Penalties for Plagiarism?**
A student found to have plagiarized an assignment may be subject to one of several penalties including: expulsion; suspension from all studies at Carleton; suspension from full-time studies; and/or a reprimand; a refusal of permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program; academic probation; award of an FNS, Fail, or an ABS.

**What are the Procedures?**
All allegations of plagiarism are reported to the faculty of Dean of FASS and Management. Documentation is prepared by instructors and/or departmental chairs.

The Dean writes to the student and the University Ombudsperson about the alleged plagiarism.
The Dean reviews the allegation. If it is not resolved at this level then it is referred to a tribunal appointed by the Senate.

Plagiarism and cheating at the graduate level are viewed as being particularly serious and the sanctions imposed are accordingly severe. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the Carleton University Student Academic Integrity Policy (See http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/advisingcentre/academic-integrity/). The Policy is strictly enforced and is binding on all students. Plagiarism and cheating presenting another’s ideas, arguments, words or images as your own, using unauthorized material, misrepresentation, fabricating or misrepresenting research data, unauthorized co-operation or collaboration or completing work for another student weaken the quality of the graduate degree. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Students who infringe the Policy may be subject to one of several penalties including: expulsion; suspension from all studies at Carleton; suspension from full-time studies; a refusal of permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program; academic probation; or a grade of Failure in the course.

**Assistance for Students:**

Student Academic and Career Development Services: [http://carleton.ca/sacds/](http://carleton.ca/sacds/)

Writing Tutorial Services: [https://carleton.ca/csas/writingservices/](https://carleton.ca/csas/writingservices/)

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS): [https://carleton.ca/csas/group-support/pass/](https://carleton.ca/csas/group-support/pass/)

**Important Information:**

- ✓ Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).
- ✓ Students must always retain a hard copy of all work that is submitted.
- ✓ All final grades are subject to the Dean’s approval.
- ✓ Please note that you will be able to link your CONNECT (MyCarleton) account to other non-CONNECT accounts and receive emails from us. However, for us to respond to your emails, we need to see your full name, CU ID, and the email must be written from your valid CONNECT address. Therefore, it would be easier to respond to your inquiries if you would send all email from your connect account. If you do not have or have yet to activate this account, you may wish to do so by visiting [https://portal.carleton.ca/](https://portal.carleton.ca/)