Soc. 595 "Culture, History and Memory"

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This course focuses on the interaction among culture, history and memory from a sociological perspective. It draws on the tension between the past and the present to interrogate the location of culture, history and memory across societies.

Readings are available on Course Tools.

Every week, I shall introduce the framework for discussion through an interactive lecture; a team of two students will then lead the discussion of the readings, followed by a general discussion.

The grading for the course will be through class participation including weekly presentations of selected readings in class as well as a final paper which may be on any topic of your choice related to the theme.

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**WEEK ONE (1/10/11)**

**INTRODUCTION: WHY IS THERE AN INTEREST IN CULTURE, HISTORY AND MEMORY? HISTORICAL BACKGROUND – POST-ENLIGHTENMENT DESPAIR**


**WEEK TWO (1/17/11)**

**NO CLASS -- MLK DAY**

**WEEK THREE (1/24/11)**

**LOCATING CULTURE**

Inglis, David. 2007.

“Sociology and Border Disciplines: Opportunities and Barriers to Intellectual Cultural Studies and the Sociology of Culture.” Contemporary Sociology 28/5: 499-507. (8 pp.)

McLennan, Gregor. 2002.
“Sociological Cultural Studies: The Question of Explanation.” Cultural Studies 16/5: 631-49. (18 pp.)

Jones, Paul. 2007. “Beyond the Semantic ‘Big Bang’: Cultural Sociology and an Aesthetic Public Sphere.” Cultural Sociology 1/1: 73-95. (22 pp.)


WEEK FOUR (1/31/11)

LOCATING HISTORY


Kauders, Anthony D. 2003. “History as Censure.” History and Memory 15/1: 97-114. (17 pp.)


WEEK FIVE (2/7/11)

LOCATING MEMORY:

(i) Across time (Remembering):


WEEK SIX (2/14/11)

(ii) Across Space (Collective Memory):


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**WEEK SEVEN  (2/21/11)**

(iii) With Meaning (Power):


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**WEEK EIGHT  (2/28/11)**

**WINTER BREAK**

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**WEEK NINE  (3/7/11)**

**INTERSECTIONS OF CULTURE, HISTORY, MEMORY:**

I. **ARTICULATING THE HEGEMONIC: NATION-STATE**


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**WEEK TEN  (3/14/11)**

**II. RECOVERING THE SUBALTERN: GENDER AND SEXUALITY**


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**WEEK ELEVEN  (3/21/11)**

**III. RECOVERING THE SUBALTERN: RACE AND ETHNICITY**


WEEK TWELVE (3/28/11)

IV. CASE STUDY: THE HOLOCAUST AND ITS AFTERMATH


Herf, Jeffrey. 2004. “Politics and Memory in West and East Germany since 1961 and in Unified Germany since 1990.” Journal of Israeli History 23/1: 40-64. (24 pp.)


WEEK THIRTEEN (4/4/11)

V. CASE STUDY: COMMUNISM AND ITS AFTERMATH


WEEK FOURTEEN (4/11/11)

VI. CASE STUDY: UNITED STATES AND ITS AFTERMATH?


