### Class schedule

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| Wed - 7 June 2000 | The structure of theories  
The ability of theories to solve problems  
The nature of social problems |
| Mon - 12 June 2000 | Structural functionalism and Problem Analysis         |
| Wed - 14 June 2000 | Readings                                               |
| Mon - 19 June 2000 | Conflict Theories and Problem Analysis                 |
| Wed - 21 June 2000 | Readings                                               |
| Mon - 26 June 2000 | Ecological and systems theories and Problem Analysis   |
| Wed - 28 June 2000 | Readings                                               |
| Mon - 3 July 2000  | No class                                               |
| Wed – 5 July 2000  | Exchange theory  
Rational choice theory  
Feminist theory  
Problem Analysis  
Readings |
| Mon - 10 July 2000 | Postmodernism  
Problem Analysis  
Readings  |
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| Wed - 7 June 2000 | Neubeck, Introduction  
Robbins, et. al., Chapter 1. |
| Mon - 12 June 2000 | Ritzer, Chapters 6-7  
Primis, Chapters 1-5  
Robbins, et. al., Chapter 2 |
| Wed - 14 June | Lemert, Durkheim: Suicide and modernity (p.82)  
Riske  
Merton: Social structure and anomie (p. 328)  
Merton: Manifest and latent functions (p. 328)  
Miller, B  
Berger & Luckman: Society as a human product (p. 418)  
Levi-Strauss: The structural study of myth (p. 335)  
Allen, Susan |
|            | Primis, Gans: The uses of poverty  
The University of Toronto Press  
|            | Summary: Key concepts  
Modernity  
Suicide and modernity  
Functions: manifest and latent  
Crime/poverty is functional  
Social/cultural construction of reality:  
Poverty  
Myth |
Child abuse
Deviance

Units where theory is applicable
Explanation and prediction

Methodological implications:
Multivariate, interpretive, or historical?

Mon - 19 June 2000
Robbins, et al., Chapter 3
Ritzer, Chapter 8
Primis, Chapters 6-10

Wed – 21 June 2000
Lemert, Marx: Estranged labour (p.36)………….Houlihan
Marx: Class struggle (p.43)…………….Houlihan
Marx: The fetishism of commodities (p.67)….Maimer
Durkheim: Anomie and the modern division
of labor (p.78)…………….Maimer
Merton: Social structure and anomie (p. 249)
……………………Richardson
Du Bois: Double consciousness and
the veil (p. 177)…..Richardson
Fanon: Decolonizing… (p. 390)…… Martin
Wallerstein: The modern world-system (426)….Friend
Smith: Knowledge as society… (p. 423)….Martin
Mills: The sociological imagination (p. 379)… Seck
Gouldner: Toward a reflexive sociology (p. 465)…Seck

Summary: Key concepts
Alienation
Conflicts,
Within classes
Within modernity
Due to fetishism
In the world-system
Due to different knowledge structures
Abstracted empiricism

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Mon - 26 June 2000
Neubeck, as needed

Wed - 28 June 2000
Lemert, Thomas & Znaniecki: Disorganization of the Polish
Peasant (p. 267)…………….Buckner
Thrasher: Personality and status within the gang (p. 274)
………………………………..Allen, Marisa
Primis: Rostow: Modernization:… (p. 314)… Somsaman


Data-set from: The Plain Dealer.
Summary: Key Concepts
   Definition of the situation
   Ecological units
   Geographic information systems
   Community
   Community of orientation

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Wed – 5 July 2000
Neubeck, as needed
Ritzer, Chapters 11-12, 17

Friedman, J (ed.). The rational choice controversy. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
   Friedman: Introduction: Economic approaches to politics (pp. 1-24).
   Dienneier, Rational choice and the role of theory (pp. 59-70)
   Kelley, Jr. The promise and limitations (pp. 95-106)
   Green & Shapiro, Pathologies revisited (pp. 235-276)
Lemert, de Beauvoir: Woman as other (p 367)
   Friedan: The problem that has no name (p. 387)
   Chodorow: Gender, personality… (p. 4420)
   Collins, Black feminist thought… (p.614)
   West, The new cultural politics (p. 577)

   Lyotard, the postmodern condition (p. 510)
   Derrida, The decentering event (p.447)
   Bourdieu, Structure, habitus… (p. 479)

Summary: Key Concepts
   Rational exchange
   Social exchange
   Rational choice
   The other
   Diversity
   Center and periphery
Postmodernism
Cultural capital

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Mon – 10 July 2000


Chambon, Epstein: The culture of social work (pp. 3-26) ............................................ Houlihan

Chambon: Foucault’s approach... (pp. 51-82) ............................................... Maimer
Chambon & Irving: Conclusion... (pp. 259-268) .................................................. Richardson.


Fee, Fee: The broken dialog... (pp. 1-17).......... Martin
Gergen: The self... (pp. 100-115).......... Friend
Freeman: Modernists at heart? (pp. 116-140) ................................................ Seck.

Summary: Key Concepts
Postmodernism
Knowledge, its variations, and entrapments

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