

# HISTORICAL SOCIOLOGY

CSHS/SOCI 504

FALL 2017

**Class time:** Tuesday 08:30-11:15

**Class location:** ENG B06

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## Course Description

This graduate seminar aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to the field of historical sociology. It will help the students to critically analyze the theoretical content and methodological aspects of some of the key works of the literature. This skill will enable them to design and carry out historical sociological research projects of their own.

**Course Requirements Attendance and Participation:** Unless you have a legitimate excuse, you are expected to attend all classes. If there is an extenuating situation that prevents you from coming to class, please inform me in advance. If you miss more than two classes with or without a legitimate excuse, the possibility of you successfully finishing this class would significantly decrease. The course will primarily run in seminar format. Each student is expected to actively participate in class discussions.

**Presentation:** Each student is required to make a presentation (20 minutes **maximum**) on one of the assigned course materials.

**Position papers:** Each student is required to write a total of **five position papers** (4 double-spaced pages **maximum**) on the assigned texts of her/his own choosing (except the one that the student is assigned to present).

**Final paper:** You first need to consult with the instructor to decide your paper topic and then prepare a proposal with a bibliography (4 double-spaced pages **maximum**), which is due on

**November 15.** Final papers (40 double-spaced pages **maximum** including the bibliography) are due on **January 10**. If you show up with a paper at the end of the semester without going through the proposal stage, your paper will **not** be accepted, and it will not receive any credit.

### **Grade Distribution**

Participation: 15%

Presentation: 10%

Position papers: 25%

Final paper: 50%

### **Koç University's Policy on Academic Honesty**

Official university regulations describe academic dishonesty and sanctions against it as follows: "Academic dishonesty in the form of cheating, plagiarism, or collusion are serious offenses and are not tolerated at Koç University. University Academic Regulations and the Regulations for Student Disciplinary Matters clearly define the policy and the disciplinary action to be taken in case of academic dishonesty. Failure in academic integrity may lead to suspension and expulsion from the University. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying from a classmate or providing answers or information, either written or oral, to others. Plagiarism is borrowing or using someone else's writing or ideas without giving written acknowledgment to the author. This includes copying from a fellow student's paper or from a text (whether printed or electronic) without properly citing the source. Collusion is getting unauthorized help from another person or having someone else write a paper or assignment."

### **Disability statement**

If you have a disability that you think might interfere with your performance in this course, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible for proper accommodation.

### **Reading List & Schedule**

**Week 1: Introduction (September 19)**

**Week 2: Overview of the Field (September 26)**

Richard Lachmann, *What is Historical Sociology?*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2013.

## **Optional:**

Philip Abrams, *Historical Sociology*, Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1982, pp. 1-17.

C. Wright Mills, *The Sociological Imagination*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1959, pp. 143-164.

Dennis Smith, *The Rise of Historical Sociology*, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1991, pp. 1-7.

Michael Mann, "In Praise of Macro-Sociology: A Reply to Goldthorpe," *The British Journal of Sociology*, Vol: 45, No: 1, 1994, pp. 37-54.

Charles Tilly, "Historical Sociology," in *International Encyclopedia of the Behavioral and Social Sciences*, Amsterdam: Elsevier, 2001, pp. 6753-6757.

Gerard Delanty and Engin Işın, "Introduction: Reorienting Historical Sociology," in Delanty and Işın (eds.), *Handbook of Historical Sociology*, London: Sage Publications, 2003, pp. 1-8.

Duncan Kelly, "Karl Marx and Historical Sociology," in Gerard Delanty and Engin Işın (eds.), *Handbook of Historical Sociology*, London: Sage Publications, 2003, pp. 11-26.

Robert Holton, "Max Weber and the Interpretative Tradition," in Gerard Delanty and Engin Işın (eds.), *Handbook of Historical Sociology*, London: Sage Publications, 2003, pp. 27-38.

John Holmwood and Maureen O'Malley, "Evolutionary and Functionalist Historical Sociology," in Gerard Delanty and Engin Işın (eds.), *Handbook of Historical Sociology*, London: Sage Publications, 2003, pp. 39-57.

Peter Burke, "The Annales, Braudel, and Historical Sociology," in Gerard Delanty and Engin Işın (eds.), *Handbook of Historical Sociology*, London: Sage Publications, 2003, pp. 58-64.

Julia Adams, Elisabeth S. Clemens, and Ann Shola Orloff, "Introduction: Social Theory, Modernity, and the Three Waves of Historical Sociology," in Adams, Clemens, and Orloff (eds.), *Remaking Modernity: Politics and Processes in Historical Sociology*, Durham: Duke University Press, 2005, pp. 1-69.

James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer, "Comparative Historical Analysis: Achievements and Agendas," in Mahoney and Rueschemeyer (eds.), *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003, pp. 3-38.

Craig Calhoun, "The Rise and Domestication of Historical Sociology," in Terence J. McDonald (ed.), *The Historic Turn in the Human Sciences*, Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 1996, pp. 305-338.

Theda Skocpol, "Sociology's Historical Imagination," in Theda Skocpol (ed.), *Vision and Method in Historical Sociology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984, pp. 1-21.

### **Week 3: Theory and History of Social Power (October 3)**

Michael Mann, *The Sources of Social Power, Volume 1: A History of Power from the Beginning to A.D. 1760*, Cambridge & New York: Cambridge University Press, 1986.

### **Week 4: Agrarian Roots of Modern Political Power (October 10)**

Barrington Moore, *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*, Harmondsworth: The Penguin Press, 1966.

### **Week 5: The Formation of the Modern State (October 17)**

Charles Tilly. *Coercion, Capital, and European States, AD 990-1992*, Cambridge, MA: Basil Blackwell, 1990.

Marcel van der Linden, "Charles Tilly's Historical Sociology," *International Review of Social History*, Vol: 54, No: 2, 2009, pp. 237-274.

### **Week 6: Origins of Capitalism (October 24)**

T. H. Aston and C.H.E. Philpin (eds.), *The Brenner Debate: Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe*, Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

Jairus Banaji, *Theory as History: Essays on Modes of Production and Exploitation*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2010.

### **Week 7: World-Systems Analysis I (October 31)**

Immanuel Wallerstein, *World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction*, Durham: Duke University Press, 2004.

Terence K. Hopkins, Immanuel Wallerstein, and Associates, *World-Systems Analysis: Theory*

*and Methodology*, Beverly Hills: Sage Publications, 1982.

**Optional:** Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World-System I: Capitalist Agriculture and the Origins of the European World-Economy in the Sixteenth Century*, New York: Academic Press, 1974.

**Week 8: World-Systems Analysis II (November 7)**

Giovanni Arrighi, *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power and the Origins of Our Times*, London & New York: Verso, 1994.

**Week 9: Uneven and Combined Development (November 14)**

Leon Trotsky, *The History of the Russian Revolution Volume 1: The Overthrow of Tzarism*, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1937, pp. 3-15, 33-51.

Marcel van der Linden, “The ‘Law’ of Uneven and Combined Development: Some Underdeveloped Thoughts,” *Historical Materialism*, Vol: 15, No: 1, 2007, pp. 145-165.

Alexander Anievas and Kerem Nişancıoğlu, *How the West Came to Rule: The Geopolitical Origins of Capitalism*, London: Pluto Press, 2015.

**Optional:** Marcel van der Linden, “Gerschenkron’s Secret: A Research Note,” *Critique*, Vol: 40, No: 4, 2012, pp. 553-562.

**DUE DATE OF THE PAPER PROPOSAL IS NOVEMBER 15.**

**Week 10: Comparing the Eastern and Western Trajectories of Social and Political Change I (November 21)**

Dingxin Zhao, *The Confucian-Legalist State: A New Theory of Chinese History*, Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

**Week 11: Comparing the Eastern and Western Trajectories of Social and Political Change II (November 28)**

Ho-fung Hung, *Protest with Chinese Characteristics: Demonstrations, Riots, and Petitions in the Mid-Qing Dynasty*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2011.

### **Week 12: Comparing the Eastern and Western Trajectories of Social and Political Change III (December 5)**

Karen Barkey, *Empire of Difference: The Ottomans in Comparative Perspective*, Cambridge & New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

### **Week 13: Methods of Historical Sociology (December 12)**

Charles Tilly, *Big Structures, Large Processes, Huge Comparisons*, New York: The Russell Sage Foundation, 1989.

Michael Burawoy, "Two Methods in Search of Science: Skocpol versus Trotsky," *Theory and Society*, Vol: 18, 1989, pp. 759-805.

Philip McMichael, "Incorporating Comparison within a World-Historical Perspective," *American Sociological Review*, Vol: 55, No: 3, 1990, pp. 385-397.

Beverly J. Silver, *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization since 1870*, Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003, pp. 25-34.

Alexander Anievas and Kerem Nişancıoğlu, *How the West Came to Rule: The Geopolitical Origins of Capitalism*, London: Pluto Press, 2015, pp. 54-57.

### **Week 14: Data Sources of Historical Sociology (December 19)**

Roberto Franzosi, "The Press as a Source of Socio-Historical Data: Issues in the Methodology of Data Collection from Newspapers," *Historical Methods*, Volume: 20, No: 1, 1987, pp. 5-16.

Beverly J. Silver, "Labor Unrest and World-Systems Analysis: Premises, Concepts, and Measurement," *Review*, Vol: 18, No: 1, 1995, pp. 7-34.

Jamie Faricellia Dangler, "The Times (London) and the New York Times as Sources on World Labor Unrest," *Review*, Vol: 18, No: 1, 1995, pp. 35-47.

Ho-fung Hung, *Protest with Chinese Characteristics: Demonstrations, Riots, and Petitions in the Mid-Qing Dynasty*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2011, pp. 47-67.