

SOCIOLOGY III

2025: SECOND TERM

CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORY

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the *Contemporary Social Theory* module. This module is a continuation of your second-year module titled *Classical Social Theory*. The second-year module focused on so-called ‘classical’ theorists, particularly those early theorists (Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber) considered central to the origins of Sociology as a discipline, at least according to the dominant narrative of the history of Sociology. The *Classical Social Theory* module also briefly explored criticisms of the dominant narrative.

In line with these criticisms, this module recognises that the dominant narrative, which highlights exclusively the ‘white founding fathers’ of Sociology, is problematic. At the same time, the widespread acceptance of this narrative over many decades has configured the discipline of Sociology in fundamental ways. This means that the legacy of the ‘white founding fathers’ for contemporary social theory, no matter how controversial, remains significant.

The notion of ‘contemporary’ social theory is open to differing understandings in terms of historical periodisation, but it often refers to European, Northern or Western theory over the past century (from the 1930s). By the 1970s, two important interconnected processes began to take place within ‘contemporary’ social theory. First, a ‘cracking-up’ of theory emerged: specifically, the main theoretical traditions (Weberism, Marx-ism and Durkheim-ism) arising from ‘classical’ theory began to break apart because of the increasing range, diversity and complexity of social theorising. For many sociologists, this involved a sense of disillusionment with the main traditions and a significant proliferation of new theoretical directions.

The second process entails the ‘decolonisation’ and ‘indigenisation’ of social theory. This involves the development of ‘Southern theory’ which challenges the ongoing dominance of Sociology globally by European/Western theorists and theoretical traditions (‘Northern theory’). However, decolonisation does not necessarily entail an outright rejection of Northern theory, as the focus is often (or, at least, sometimes) on moving towards some form of theoretical cross-fertilisation and collaboration.

Additionally, it is important to highlight that sociologists are not respectful of the compartmentalisation of intellectual knowledge as seen in the rigid disciplinary boundaries within academic institutions. Hence, they are widely known for drawing on the works of theorists of related disciplines, such as philosophy, anthropology and political studies. It is quite possible that the most popular books on theory read today by sociologists were not written by self-declared sociologists. In this context, this module is called ‘Social’ Theory and not ‘Sociological’ Theory, as it focuses on the scholarly work of theorists from a range of disciplines.

Over the past century, there has been a bewildering array of theoretical developments which have enriched the discipline of Sociology. In this respect, there are hundreds of important contemporary social theorists, scores of theoretical specialisations (or sub-disciplines) within Sociology, and numerous key theoretical debates within Sociology. This module can only skim the surface of these developments.

MODULE CONTENT

The module has six sections. The first section examines contemporary debates about the history and character of Sociology as a discipline. The second section highlights a key theoretical debate within Sociology. The next three sections focus on theoretical work within different sub-disciplines of Sociology, and the last section considers the significance of theory for examining youth and waitthood.

1. History and Character of Contemporary Social Theory

This section examines theoretical developments since the end of the classical social theory period, the ongoing relevance of classical social theory to contemporary theorising and current attempts at decolonising social theory.

2. Structure and Agency: Margaret Archer & Pierre Bourdieu

Quite likely, the most important debate within Sociology is the structure and agency debate. We unpack this debate with reference to two of the most influential sociologists over the past 50 years (Archer and Bourdieu).

3. Power and State: James Scott & Mahmood Mamdani

This section looks at theories of the state. Scott offers a universal theory of the modern state, while Mamdani develops a theory of the colonial and post-colonial state in Africa.

4. Discourse and Ideology: Louis Althusser & Edward Said

The related concepts of discourse and ideology are central to social theory. We examine two theorists (Althusser and Said) whose works often focus on these two notions, with Said emphasising Western discourses about the Islamic world.

5. Race and Gender: Frantz Fanon & Chandra Mohanty

Sociologists analyse social identities and inequalities. Fanon's work is important for highlighting racial identities and inequalities and Mohanty's work for primarily gender identities and inequalities. Both theorists are said to offer some kind of de-colonial perspective.

6. Youth, Uncertainty, and Waitthood

Youth of today may find themselves 'stuck' in an ongoing and uncertain transition to what is historically identified as adulthood, which may lead to crises of identity and belonging. This stalled transition is conceptualised as waitthood.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This module is one of the foundational modules for your Sociology major. It is conceptually challenging, but also exciting and invigorating intellectually. The literature on social theory is dense in its content and at times difficult to decipher. For this reason, I strongly urge you to attend ALL lectures. Your failure to do so will affect negatively on your understanding of the theorists, theories and debates that are covered in this module.

At the end of this module, you should have achieved the following:

- Developed a solid understanding of some of the key issues addressed within contemporary social and sociological theory.
- Developed a conceptual awareness of the key insights provided by the specific theories and theorists covered in the module.
- Developed the verbal and written skills to effectively communicate your ideas about these issues and insights.

LECTURES AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS

The module covers six weeks. The lectures for the module will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 5th period. In weeks 2, 3 and 6, there will not be a lecture on Friday during the 5th period. This is because Friday in week 2 is a public holiday, and tests for the module are being held on Friday during weeks 3 and 6. The 6th period on Friday, in weeks 1, 4 and 5, will involve a class discussion of an assigned reading for the week.

ASSESSMENT

For this module, you will write two tests, both one-hour in length and held on Fridays during the 5th and 6th periods. The first test will take place on Friday April 25, and the second test on Friday May 16. The format of the tests will differ, as will be explained in class. The year-mark component for the module is based on the two tests – both tests count 50% of the year-mark component. The module will be examined during a three-hour written examination during mid-year exams. The examination counts for 60% of the module mark, and the year-mark component for 40% of the module mark.

Please consult the Sociology Handbook for an outline of the University's policy on plagiarism, guidelines on the formatting and writing of assignments, the departmental rules regarding citations and references, and the criteria for assessing written work. A copy of the Assignment Cover Sheet, which must accompany all assignments submitted to the Department, is also available in the Handbook.

CONSULTATIONS

For consultation purposes, please email me (k.helliker@ru.ac.za) to set up a meeting.

MODULE READINGS

There are no key or compulsory texts assigned for this module. Rather, for each theme or theorist, specific readings are listed. *It is imperative that you do reading throughout the duration of this module.* Ongoing reading will enable you to make the content of

the module your own. Needless to say, *lecture notes are completely insufficient for purposes of exams*. Lectures are designed simply to give you a bare skeleton for the theories, themes, and debates, and to assist you in grasping the rich conceptual discussions found in the literature.

To facilitate your understanding of the overall content of the lectures, I would suggest that you read, if possible in advance, the literature marked with asterisks (***) in each section.

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3. POLITICS & SOCIETY

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6. YOUTH, UNCERTAINTY, AND WAITHOOD

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