

DOCTORAL STUDIES COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Name of subject	Field of science, code	Faculty / Center	Institute / Department
Classical and contemporary sociological theories	S 005	Faculty of Philosophy	Institute of Sociology and Social Work
Student's workload	Credits	Student's workload	Credits
Lectures		Consultations	2
Independent study	6	Seminars	

Course annotation
<p>The concepts of sociological theory and paradigm. Th. Hobbes ir Ch. Montesquieu as pioneers in modern social theory and sociology. The sociological ideas of A. de Tocqueville. Historical materialism and economic sociological analysis of capitalism by K. Marx. The sociology of A. Comte. The evolutionist sociology of H. Spencer. The sociology of E. Durkheim: the rules of sociological method and their application in the explanation of suicides; sociological analysis of division of labour, law and religion. The interpretive sociology of M. Weber: ideas of social science methodology, social action theory, sociology of domination and religion. The sociology of G. Simmel. The system of sociology of V. Pareto. K. Mannheim's sociology of knowledge. The Chicago school: R. E. Park, W. I. Thomas ir F. Znaniecki. Classics in symbolic interactionism: Ch. C. Cooley ir G. H. Mead. The principles of functionalist theory of social action by T. Parsons, his analysis of social systems and social evolution. Empirical functionalism of R. Merton. The development of conflict sociology (L. Coser, R. Dahrendorf, R. Collins) and symbolic interactionism (H. Blumer, A. Strauss). The dramaturgical sociology of E. Goffman. Phenomenological sociology: A. Schutz, P. Berger, Th. Luckmann. H. Garfinkel's ethnomethodology. Neofreudism and the Neomarxism of Frankfurt school. The theory of communicative action of J. Habermas. Structuralist and analytical neomarxisms and Neomarxist sociologies of economy and culture. I. Wallerstein's World System (WS) analysis. The rise and development of sociological exchange theory. Core ideas of the rational choice theory (RCT) and methodological problems of rational choice approach (RCA). Social theories of J. S. Coleman and ir F. A. Hayek. Structuralist vision of cultural and social world (C. Levi-Strauss, R. Barthes, J. Lacan). Sociological theories of P. Bourdieu and N. Elias. A. Giddens' synthesis of sociological theory. Neofunctionalist sociology of N. Luhmann. U. Beck's sociology of risk society. Z. Bauman's postmodernist sociology. Post-structuralist social theory of M. Foucault. J. Baudrillard's social theory of postmodernity. M. Castell's theory of information society. Public sociology of M. Burawoy. J. Alexander's sociology of culture. Contemporary post-marxist critical theory (D. Harvey, S. Žižek, G. Agamben). Feminism and contemporary social theory. Postcolonial theory. The sociology of culture of Vytautas Kavolis.</p>
Reading list
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Valantiejus A. <i>Sociologijos istorija: teorinės idėjos, problemas ir sąvokos</i>. I tomas. <i>Sociologijos filosofija</i>. V.: VU leidykla, 2007 2. Valantiejus A. <i>Socialinė struktūra: nuo makro prie mikro modelių</i>. V.: VU leidykla, 2007. 3. Leonavičius V.; Norkus Z.; Tereškinas A. <i>Sociologijos teorijos</i>. Kaunas: VDU leidykla, 2005 4. Aron R. <i>Main Currents in Sociological Thought</i>. Vol. 1-2. New York: Doubleday, 1981 5. Dillon, M. <i>Introduction to Sociological Theory: Theorists, Concepts, and their Applicability to the Twenty-First Century</i> 2nd ed. Wiley Blackwell 2014. 6. Ritzer G. <i>Modern Sociological Theory</i>. 7th ed. Boston [Mass.] : McGraw-Hill, 2009. 7. Ritzer G., J. Stepnisky. <i>Classical Sociological Theory</i>. 7th ed. Los Angeles [etc.] : SAGE, 2018. 8. Edles, L.E.; Appelrouth S.. <i>Sociological Theory in the Classical Era</i>. 2nd ed. Los Angeles [Calif.] [etc.] : Pine Forge Press, 2010. 9. Baert P., Carreira da Silva F. <i>Social Theory in the Twentieth Century and Beyond</i>. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Polity., 2010.

10. Treviño, A. Javier. <i>The Development of Sociological Theory: Readings from the Enlightenment to the Present</i> . Los Angeles: Sage, 2018.
11. Seidman S. <i>Contested Knowledge: Social Theory Today</i> . 5th ed. Chichester: Wiley, 2013.
12. Calhoun, C. et al. (Ed.) <i>Classical Sociological Theory</i> . Chichester: Wiley, 2012.
13. Kivisto P. <i>Social Theory: Roots and Branches</i> . Oxford: Oxford UP, 2013.
14. Lemert, Ch. <i>Social Theory: The Multicultural, Global, and Classic Readings</i> . 5th ed. Westview press, 2013.

The names of consulting teachers	Science degree	Main scientific works published in a scientific field in last 5 year period
Zenonas Norkus	Habil. Dr.	<p>Norkus Z. (2018) <i>An Unproclaimed Empire the Grand Duchy of Lithuania: From the Viewpoint of Comparative Historical Sociology of Empires</i>. Abingdon: Routledge 2018</p> <p>Norkus Z. (2018) "Varieties and patterns of post-communist transformations: a qualitative comparative retrospective scenario analysis", in <i>The Routledge International Handbook of European Social Transformations</i> / ed. by Peeter Vihalemm, Anu Masso, and Signe Opermann. London : Routledge, 2018. p. 71-83.</p> <p>Norkus Z. (2018) "Long waves and changes in the structure of the capitalist world system" in <i>Global inequalities in world-systems perspective: theoretical debates and methodological innovations</i> / ed. by by Manuela Boatca, Andrea Komlosy, Hans-Heinrich Nolte. London : Routledge, p. 78-93</p> <p>Norkus Z. (2018) "The glory and demise of monetary nationalism in the post-communist Baltic states", <i>Nations and nationalism</i>, 2018, vol. 24, no 4, p. 871-892.</p> <p>Norkus Z. (2014) <i>Du nepriklausomybės dvidešimtmečiai: Kapitalizmas, klasės ir demokratija Pirmojoje ir Antrojoje Lietuvos Respublikoje lyginamosios istorinės sociologijos požiūriu</i> . V.: Aukso žuvys, 2014.</p>

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