

## **Instructions for the first course meeting (Gothenburg)**

### ***A) Critical lenses of feminism(s) & post-colonialism / Oksana Shmulyar Gréen***

**1. Preparations:** Read all compulsory texts (those not marked with \*) as an introduction to the key debates in Feminist theory, Post-colonialism and an Intersectional perspective. After that, choose one of the books (marked with \*) to read in full, according to your interest.

**2. Assignment to the seminar:** write an individual text of about 1200-1500 words. Bring a printed version to submit at the seminar. The focus should be on:

1) Reviewing the book you chose to read: sum up briefly the main ideas, concepts and arguments. Try to identify how the critical of lenses of the feminist theory, post-colonial and intersectional perspectives allow us to unravel different dimensions of power and inequality persistent in the modern societies. Give examples. Identify the perspectives, models and theories that the book argues against and the main critique offered.

2) Discuss what you find to be the most interesting and the most problematic with the theoretical approach in the book. Give a brief illustration of the possible usefulness of the theoretical approach for your own dissertation, e.g. as concerns the research problem or a broader field of study, theoretical approach, empirical material and methods, as well as analytical strategies. In relation to this discussion, reflect specifically on:

1. If and how different power dimensions appear in your theorization.
2. How you situate yourself as a researcher and a subject of knowing in an institutional context (of your discipline, of your field, etc.) and how your position (of power) influences your theorization.

Be prepared to give a short presentation of your paper at the seminar.

### ***B) Neo-Institutionalism and Cultural sociology/Kerstin Jacobsson***

**1. Preparations:** All read the Alexander article (2004), the Powell & DiMaggio book chapter (1991) as well as the introductory chapters of both books (Alexander 2003 and Thornton et al. 2012). After that, you choose to read one of the books in full, according to your interest.

**2. Assignment to the seminar:** write an individual text of about 1200-1500 words. Bring a printed version to submit at the seminar. The focus should be on:

1) Reviewing the book you chose to read: the main ideas, concepts and arguments, the 'polemic context' in which it is situated as well as discussing what you found most interesting and most problematic with this approach.

2) Giving also a short illustration of the possible usefulness of this approach for empirical analysis, for instance relating to your own dissertation or research interests.

3) Finally, comparing the two theoretical approaches, among other things reflecting on the conceptions of agency- structure, and micro-meso-macro level relationships advanced by the respective authors.

Be ready to give a short presentation of your review at the seminar.

### **C) Axel Honneth's Freedom's right & French pragmatism/Mikael Carleheden**

**1. Preparations:** Read the texts.

**2. Assignment to the seminar:** write an individual text of about 1200-1500 words. Bring a printed version to submit at the seminar.

- Review the two texts. Discuss and compare main ideas, concepts and arguments, the 'polemic contexts' in which these two theoretical approaches are situated as well as what you found most interesting and most problematic.
- Give a short illustration of the possible usefulness of the approaches for your dissertation, e.g. as concerns the problem, approach, material and methods, and analyses.

Be ready to give a short presentation of your review at the seminar.

## **Instructions for the second course meeting (Copenhagen)**

### ***A) The analytics of power today/Mitchell Dean***

**1. Preparations:** Read the texts.

**2. Assignment to the seminar:** write an individual text of about 1200-1500 words. Bring a printed version to submit at the seminar.

- Review the texts. Discuss main ideas, concepts, arguments, and the main advantages and the main challenges of this theoretical approach, as well as the ‘polemic contexts’ in which it is situated.
- Give a short illustration of the possible usefulness of the approaches for your dissertation, e.g. as concerns the problem, approach, material and methods, and analyses.

Be ready to give a short presentation of your review at the seminar.

### ***B) New materialisms and the Anthropocene/ Lars Tønder***

**1. Preparations:** Read the texts.

**2. Assignment to the seminar:** write an individual text of about 1200-1500 words. Bring a printed version to submit at the seminar.

- Review the two texts. Discuss and compare main ideas, concepts and arguments, the ‘polemic contexts’ in which these two theoretical approaches are situated as well as what you found most interesting and most problematic.
- Give a short illustration of the possible usefulness of the approaches for your dissertation, e.g. as concerns the problem, approach, material and methods, and analyses.

Be ready to give a short presentation of your review at the seminar.

### ***C) Hartmut Rosa and Andreas Reckwitz’ diagnoses of the times: Acceleration and singularization/Anders Petersen***

**1. Preparations:** Read the texts.

**2. Assignment to the seminar:** write an individual text of about 1200-1500 words. Bring a printed version to submit at the seminar.

- Review the two texts. Discuss and compare main ideas, concepts and arguments, the ‘polemic contexts’ in which these two theoretical approaches are situated as well as what you found most interesting and most problematic.
- Give a short illustration of the possible usefulness of the approaches for your dissertation, e.g. as concerns the problem, approach, material and methods, and analyses.

Be ready to give a short presentation of your review at the seminar.