



**LUNDS**  
UNIVERSITET

Department of Sociology

### **A. Syllabus for Reading Course in SOCIAL CONTROL**

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any traditional teaching and typically only a few students participate in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, where the amount of reading will vary depending on the nature of the texts. The Department of Sociology offers reading courses to its PhD students in areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of Graduate Studies on 2018-01-25.

### **B. Course Details, Assessment and Grading**

This course is offered by Malin Åkerström upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under F, below. There is no teaching involved. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and an oral examination (individually or in group).

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course.

### **C. Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material;
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field;
- 3) Apply some ideas in the literature to a research problem.

### **D. Course Content**

The aim of this course is to provide advanced knowledge of social control. The course aims to broaden criminology’s narrow devotion to obvious norm violations and their societal responses (but certainly not excluding them).

## E. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

## F. Course Literature

### *Mandatory readings*

- Black, Donald. Crime as Social Control. *American Sociological Review*. 48:1:34-45.  
(Eller "Konflikthanteringsens elementära former". I *Kultur, Kriminalitet, Kontroll*. Red M Åkerström, s 55-85)
- Emerson, Robert, M and Sheldon Messinger. 1977. "The Micro-Politics of Trouble".  
*Social Problems*. 25:2:121-134.
- Emerson, Robert, 2008. "Responding to Roommate Troubles: Reconsidering Informal Dyadic Control". *Law and Society Review*. 42:3:483-512.
- Garland, David. 2002. *The Culture of Control*. Oxford University Press. (valda delar)
- Gezelius, Stig S. 2007. "Three Paths from Law Enforcement to Compliance: Cases from the Fisheries", *Human Organization* 66(4): 414-425.
- Noelle-Neumann, Elisabeth. 1984/1993. *The Spiral of Silence: Public opinion-Our Social skin*. University of Chicago Press
- Foucault. *Disciplin and Punish*. (eller svensk utgåva: *Övervakning och kontroll*) (valda delar)
- Mathiesen, T. 1997. "The Viewer Society." *Theoretical Criminology* 1(2):215-234.

Depending on the paper topic, students are encouraged to complement the reading list with relevant books/articles. The list below can serve as a starting point.

- Artiklar från: *Social kontroll: övervakning, disciplinering och självreglering*. 2011. Red. Oscar Engdal och Bengt Larsson. Liber: Malmö.
- Artiklar från *Kontrollens variationer*. Red. Eva Tiby, Lotta Pettersson.
- Sudentlitteratur.
- Crawford, Adam. 2006 "Networked governance and the post-regulatory state? – steering, rowing and anchoring the provision of policing and security".  
*Theoretical Criminology*:10:4:449-479.
- Greer, C. and E. McLaughlin. 2011. "'Trial by media': Policing, the 24-7 news mediasphere and the 'politics of outrage'". *Theoretical Criminology*. 15:1: 23-46
- Klapp, O. "Heroes, Villains and Fools as Social Control". *American Sociological Review*. 19:1:56-62.
- Sarat, A. 1993. "Speaking of Death: Narratives of Violence in Capital Trials". *Law and Society Review*. 27:19-58.

