LUND UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in Johan Asplund's sociology (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) "reading course" does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on then nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on 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 2019-10-22.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Magnus Karlsson, Bo Isenberg and/or David Wästerfors upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and/or an oral examination.

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 at least four of the listed works below,
2) Critically examine Johan Asplund's contributions to sociology and social psychology by contextualizing his approach (for instance by using the listed reference literature),
3) Discuss some of Asplund's perspectives or concepts in relation to a research problem, or in relation to data from an ongoing project.

D. 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.

H. Course Literature

Mandatory readings:

Eriksson, Björn (2005). "Johan Asplund: Ideas and Position". *Acta Sociologica*, Vol 48 (4): 284–291.

Elective readings (choose at least four works):

Asplund, Johan (1967). *Om mättnadsprocesser*. Uppsala: Argos.

Asplund, Johan (1968). *Sociala egenskapsrymder. En introduktion i formaliseringsteknik för sociologer*. Uppsala: Argos.

Asplund, Johan (1971). *Om attitydbegreppets teoretiska status*. Forskningsrapport Sociologiska institutionen, Göteborgs universitet.

Asplund, Johan (1971). *En mycket fri tolkning av några teser i George Lukács´ Historia och klassmedvetande*. Forskningsrapport Sociologiska institutionen, Göteborgs universitet.

Asplund, Johan (1973). *Inledning till strukturalismen*. Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell.

Asplund, Johan (1979). *Teorier om framtiden*. Stockholm: Liber.

Asplund, Johan (1980). *Socialpsykologiska studier*. Stockholm: AWE/Geber.

Asplund, Johan (1983). *Om undran inför samhället*. Uppsala: Argos.

Asplund, Johan (1983). *Tid, rum, individ och kollektiv*. Stockholm: Liber.

Asplund, Johan, (1987). *Det sociala livets elementära former*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (1987). *Om hälsningsceremonier, mikromakt och asocial pratsamhet*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (1989). *Rivaler och syndabockar*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (1991). *Essä om Gemeinschaft och Gesellschaft*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (1992). *Storstäderna och det forteanska livet*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (2002). *Genom huvudet. Problemlösningens socialpsykologi*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (2003). *Hur låter åskan? Förstudium till en vetenskapsteori*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (2004). *Angående Raymond Chandler*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (2006). *Munnens socialitet och andra essäer*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Asplund, Johan (2017). *Ord för ord – en polygraf*. Göteborg: Korpen.

Reference literature:

Asplund, Johan (1967/1978). “George Herbert Mead”. Asplund, Johan (red.) *Sociologiska teorier. Studier i sociologins historia*. Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell.

Blumer, Herbert (1969/1998). *Symbolic Interactionism. Perspective and Method*. Berkeley, Los Angeles & London: University of California Press.

Burke, Kenneth (1950/1969). *A Rhetoric of Motives*. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press.

Durkheim, Émile (2008). *The elementary forms of religious life.* New York: Oxford Universty Press.

Eriksson, Björn (2007). *Social interaktion: Flöden – positioner – värden*. Malmö: Liber.

Heidegren, Carl-Göran & Wästerfors, David (2008/2019). *Den interagerande människan*. Malmö: Gleerups.

Joas, Hans (1985/1997) *G. H. Mead. A Contemporary Re-examination of his Thought*. Cambridge: Polity.

Mead, George Herbert (1934/1967) *Mind, Self, and Society from the Standpoint of a Social Behaviorist*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Tönnies, Fredinand (1887/2001). *Community and Civil Society*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.