Ph D Course in Classical Sociological Theory Spring 2019

The course has three aims: 1) to provide knowledge about key contributions to sociological theory, defined as "sociological classics" (i.e. Durkheim, Marx, Weber, Simmel, Tönnies and the Chicago-school); 2) to problematize the "classics discourse" and to present examples of "alternative classics", i.e. scholars/texts (particularly focusing on gender and race/ethnicity) that have been influential without having been awarded the status of "classics" (e.g. Du Bois, de Beauvoir and Fanon); 3) to provide the students with ability to discuss and evaluate the significance and usefulness of "the classics" in relation to contemporary sociological theory and empirical research.

The course is held on three occasions (altogether five days). One each occasion, both lectures and seminars will be held. The seminars will he led by the Ph D students, presenting their choice of further reading. At the final seminar the Ph D student examination essays will be presented and discussed.

Programme:

Tuesday 19th – Wednesday 20th February
Department of Sociology and Work Science, University of Gothenburg

Wednesday 3rd –Thursday 4th April
Plats: Department of Sociology, Lund University

Tuesday 4th June
Department of Sociology and Work Science, University of Gothenburg
Examination seminar

Course leaders: Håkan Thörn (Göteborg) and Bo Isenberg (Lund)
Guest Lecturers: Oscar Andersson, Carl-Göran Heidegren, Mikela Lundahl, Diana Mulinari, Lisa Eklund, Fredrik Sunnemark and Kajsa Widergren.

Course reading

Books
Levine, Donald N.  Visions of the Sociological Tradition, University of Chicago Press, 1995, Prologue and Part One,

Compendium of original classical texts

Additional reading of your own choice: 150 p. (Preferably an original classic text and a secondary interpretation of that text).

To sign up for the course, send an email, latest by 30 November, to: hakan.thorn@gu.se