

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology, BGU

Course: Introduction to Sociological Theories

B.A. Mandatory course

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Requirement: reading, attendance and two examinations.

Course textbook:

Raymond Aron: Main Currents in Sociological Thought (Hebrew; OU Press)

George Ritzer: Modern Sociological Theories (Hebrew; OU Press)

Social and intellectual background

Ritzer, chap. 1 pp. 3-49

Social life and sociological approaches

Durkheim, in Aron: 330-344 ; 358-367

Weber, in Aron: 529-532

Max Weber: "General definitions of social action"

Values and ethics

Durkheim, in Aron: 380-388

Weber, in Aron 506-511

Materialism, Consciousness and Alienation

Marx, in Aron 168-175, 194-196

History and Social Change

Comte, in Aron 79-87, 94-119

Marx, in Aron 152-157, 175-182

Modern society, capitalism and classes

Durkheim, in Aron 321-330

Marx, in Aron 149-169, 175-190,

Weber, 512-516, 532-539

Weber "Class, Status and Party"

Weber, "Legitimate order"

Modern theories

Ritzer, chap 2. Pp. 51-102

Functionalism and Conflict

Ritzer, chap 3, pp 105-152

Symbolic interactionism

Ritzer, chap. 6, 249-276

Phenomenology and ethnomethodology

Ritzer, chap. 7, pp. 277-307

Neo-Marxism

Ritzer, chap. 4, pp. 153-173, 463-459

Structuralism and post-structuralism

Ritzer, chap. 13, pp. 516-526

Derek Layder, *Understanding Social Theory*: 6: "Foucault and the Postmodern Turn."
pp. 94-113

Post-modernism

Ritzer, chap. 13, pp. 527-548

Steven Best and Douglas Kellner, *Postmodern Theory* , Guilford Press, pp. 1-5,
118-128, 182-192

Structure and action

Ritzer, chap. 11, pp. 436-442