M.Res Philosophy of Social Science: Reading List

Core reading:

Read:

- Chalmers, A. F. (1999) *What is this thing called science?* Open University Press.

And **one** of the following (or at least relevant chunks of it):

- Little, D. (1991) *Varieties of Social Explanation*. Westview Press,
- Blaikie, N. (1993) *Approaches to Social Enquiry*. Polity Press.

Part 1: Philosophical positions

What is philosophy?

- Hollis, M. (1994) *The Philosophy of Social Science : an introduction*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press. Ch 1 and 2
- Webb, K. (1995) An *introduction to problems in the philosophy of social sciences,* London: Pinter.
- *Epistomology*: http://www.ship.edu/%7Ecgboeree/epist.html
- *What is philosophy? A Tour*: http://www.onu.edu/a+s/philosophy/philos.html

Rationalism -v- empiricism

- M Hollis The Philosophy of Social Science, Ch 3
- von Wright, G. H. (1957), The Logical Problem of Induction, Oxford: Oxford University Press, Ch 4
- Karl Popper (1999) The Logic of Scientific Discovery, London, Routledge
- Elster, J. (1989) Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Benton, T. (2001) The Philosophy of Social Science, Ch 1&2
- Theory of Knowledge: http://www.philosophyonline.co.uk/tok/tokhome.htm
- Rationalism and Empiricism: http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Philosophy/UG/Studyguide/rat&emp.html

Constructivism -v- Realism

- Outhwaite, W. (1987) New Philosophies of Social Science – Realism, Hermeneutics and Critical Theory. Macmilllan Education.
- T Benton (2001) The Philosophy of Social Science, Ch 7
- Constructivism: http://carbon.cudenver.edu/~mryder/itc_data/constructivism.html
- Epistemological Constructivism: http://pespmc1.vub.ac.be/CONSTRUC.html
- Lakatos, I. (1970) 'Falsification and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes' In I. Lakatos and A. Musgrave (eds.) Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge, Cambridge University Press.
- Berger, P. L. (1984) The Social Construction of Reality : a treatise in the sociology of knowledg. Harmondsworth : Penguin.

Positivism -v- Pragmatism

- Goodman, R. B. (1995) *Pragmatism – A contemporary reader* London: Routledge
- Giddens, A. (ed.) (1974) *Positivism and Sociology*. London : Heinemann Educational
- *Pragmatism archive*: http://www.pragmatism.org/

Phenomenology and post-modernism

- Richard Rorty (1991) 'Postmodern Bourgeois Liberalism' in Objectivity, relativism and truth, New York: Cambridge University Press.
- John Hassard (1993) 'Postmodernism and Organizational Analysis: an Overview' in J Hasard and M Parker Ed.s Postmodernism and Organizations, London: Sage
- B Latour (1999) ' Do you believe in reality?' in Pandora's Hope, Harvard: Harvard University Press
- T Benton (2001) The Philosophy of Social Science, Ch 9
- T Eagleton (1996) The Illusions of Postmodernism, London: Routledge

The Linguistic Turn
- Pleasants, N. (1999) Wittgenstein and the idea of a critical social theory : a critique of Gidden. London: Routledge.
- Richard Rorty (1989) 'The Contingency of Language' in *Contingency, irony and solidarity*, New York: Cambridge University Press.
- C. Taylor (1971) 'Interpretation and the Sciences of Man', *Review of Metaphysics,* 25: 3-51. (Also published in C. Taylor (1985) *Philosophy and the Human Sciences: Philosophical Papers 2*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Ch 1.)
- A Giddens, New Rules of Sociological Method, Ch 1
- Ayer, A.J. Language, Truth, and Logic. New York, Dover, 1952.
- Winch, P (1958) The Idea of a Social Science and its Relation to Philosophy, London: RKP

Part 2: Philosophical approaches

Institutionalism and new institutionalism
- Williamson (1996) *The Mechanisms of Governance*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- H Simon (1991) 'Organizations and markets' *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 5: 25-44
- W Powell (ed.) (1991) *New institutionalism in organizational analysis*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Ethics and organizational control
- MacIntyre, A (1999) *A Short History of Ethics*, London: Routledge: Ch.s 2-3
- Critchley, S (1999) *The Ethics of Deconstruction*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press
- Parker, M (2003) 'Ethics, Politics and Organizing', *Organization*, 10 (2): 187-203

Aesthetic views of organization
- Ridley, A and Neil, A (eds) (2002) *Arguing about Art: Contemporary Philosophical Debates*, London: Routledge
- Guillen, M (1997) 'Scientific management's lost aesthetic: Architecture, organization, and the Taylorized beauty of the mechanical'. *Administrative Science Quarterly* 42/4: 682-715
- Taylor, S (2000) 'Aesthetic knowledge in academia: Capitalist pigs at the academy of management' *Journal of Management Inquiry* 9/3: 304-328
- Linstead, S and Hopfl, H (2000) *The Aesthetics of Organization*, London: Sage

Stakeholder theory
- Thomas Donaldson; Lee E. Preston (1995) 'The stakeholder theory of the corporation: concepts, evidence, and implications', *Academy of Management Review*, 20 (1): 65-91
- Freeman, E, Liedtka, J 'Stakeholder Capitalism and the Value Chain', *European Management Journal*, 15 (3): 286-296
- M Parker (ed.) (1998) *Ethics and Organizations*, London: Sage
- Werhane, P, Freeman, E (1999) 'Business Ethics: The State of the Art', *International Journal of Management Reviews*, March: 1-16

Classic books to which we (and many others) refer
- D Hume (1748) An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.
- I Kant (1781) Critique of Pure Reason
- E Hussurl (1907) The Idea of Phenomenology
- B Russell (1912) The Problems of Philosophy
- L Wittgenstein (1952) Philosophical Investigations
- W van O Quine (1953) From a Logical Point of View
- JL Austin (1962) How to Do Things with Words.
- K Popper (1965) Conjectures and Refutations
- C Hempel (1966) Philosophy of Natural Science
- T. Kuhn's (1970) The Structure of Scientific Revolutions
- J Derrida (1972) Words and Things
- P Feyerabend (1975) Against Method
- B van Fraassen (1980) The Scientific Image