Philosophy of science for PhD students in social science

SCHEDULE SPRING 2019

Lecture 1: truth and knowledge
Monday 19-03-04 13.15-15.00 HC108 Hum PM
No readings.

Lecture 2: philosophical problems in social science
Tuesday 19-03-05 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM
No readings.

Seminar 1: naturalism versus interpretivism
Wednesday 19-03-06 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM

Seminar 2: collectivism versus individualism
Thursday 19-03-07 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM
http://www.jstor.org/stable/685790

Seminar 3: functional explanation in social science
Friday 19-03-08 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM

**Seminar 4: social construction**
Monday 19-03-11 13.15-15.00 HC104 Hum PM

**Seminar 5: social norms and norm change**
Wednesday 19-03-13 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM

**Seminar 6: social science, gender and feminism**
Friday 19-03-15 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM

**Seminar 7: evidence-based policy and practice**
Monday 19-03-18 13.15-15.00 HC104 Hum PM

**Seminar 8: postmodernism, poststructuralism and “theory”**
Wednesday 19-03-20 13.15-15.00 HC106 Hum PM

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All of the course literature, except for the links, will be available as pdf:s on the course’s Cambro page.

The **examination** consists of a take home exam in which the student is asked to discuss some of the issues and concepts that have been covered in the course and relate them to his or her discipline (sociology, political science, economics etc.) or his or her own research project. The student is expected to submit between 3 000 and 6 000 words.