

**SOC. 195-001 HONORS SEMINAR:
AN INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
THROUGH AMERICAN AND IRAQI SOCIETIES**

Time: MW 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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This class is designed specifically to introduce you to the field of sociology through the study of two societies that are of deep concern to us at the moment, one because we live in it and the other because we fight in it: namely, the American and Iraqi societies. The purpose of the course is to gain insight into how to approach and analyze sociologically the American and Iraqi societies that are alternately portrayed as being structurally and culturally very different from one another on the one hand, yet very similar to one another on the other.

Each week commences with an outline on the topic that summarizes the pertinent sociological points as well as a summary of the significant aspects of the assigned readings. The outline will be available on the *CTools* website ahead of time so as to provide guidance to the readings; I shall also try to have it available during the lecture. The students are expected to do the readings on a weekly basis as they will be tested on them.

The course requirements comprise the following:

I. Midterm Examination (30%): In-class examination on **3 November 2010 Wednesday** selected from among the study questions submitted by you, compiled by me and handed out the week before.

II. Final Paper (30%): On any pertinent topic of your choice; I shall distribute hand-outs on how to go about writing the final paper. The Final Paper is due via e-mail on **20 December 2010 Monday** at midnight.

III. Surprise Quizzes (40%): Given throughout the course to make sure you stay on top of the readings.

COURSE SUMMARY OUTLINE

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| September 8 W | Introduction |
| 9/13 M | Issues of Our Times |
| 9/15 W | Issues of Our Times |
| 9/20 M | The Sociological Lens |
| 9/22 W | The Sociological Lens |
| Sociological Approaches to Society: | |
| 9/27 M | I. Social Conflict |
| 9/29 W | Social Conflict |
| October 4 M | II. Social Consensus |
| 10/6 W | Social Consensus |
| 10/11 M | III. Symbolic Interaction |
| 10/13 W | Symbolic Interaction |
| 10/18 M | FALL BREAK |
| 10/20 W | Film on Iraq |
| 10/ 25 M | IV. Critical Interrogation |
| 10/27 W | Critical Interrogation; midterm study questions handed out |
| November 1 M | NO CLASS; midterm study break |
| 11/3 Wednesday | IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAMINATION |
| Sociological Dimensions of Society: | |
| 11/8 M | i. Gender and Sexuality |

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| 11/10 W | Gender and Sexuality |
| 11/15 M | ii. Race and Ethnicity |
| 11/17 W | Race and Ethnicity |
| 11/22 M | Film on Iraq |
| 11/24 W | THANKSGIVING RECESS |
| 11/29 M | iii. Politics and the State |
| December 1 W | Politics and the State |
| 12/6 M | iv. Economy and the Market |
| 12/8 W | Economy and the Market |
| 12/13 M | Conclusion |
| 12/20 M | Final Papers are due electronically at midnight. |

COURSE READING OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

(9/8) W

The U.S. Experience in Iraq through Political Cartoons
 The Doonesbury Cartoon: B.D. in Iraq

ISSUES OF OUR TIMES

(9/13) M

Newton, Julianne. 2007.

"Trudeau Draws Truth." *Critical Media Studies in Communication* 24/1: 81-5. [4]

Trudeau, Gary. 2007.

"Death and Politics on the Funny Pages: Garry Trudeau Addresses American Newspaper Editors." *Critical Studies in Media Communication* 24/1: 86-92 [6].

Bronner, Stephen Eric. 2005.

"Iraq Redux: How Things Looked Then and How They Look Now." *Logos* 4.3: 1-10 [9]

Everts, Philip and Pierangelo Isernia. 2005.

"The Polls – Trends: the War in Iraq." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 264-75 [11].

Ramirez, Levin. 2005.

"A Rough Road for Recruiters in 2005." *Objector*. 3-5 [2]

ICG (International Crisis Group). 2006.

"After Baker-Hamilton: What to do in Iraq." [6]

(9/15) W

Wolman, Neil. 2005.

"Despite Rise in Overall Poverty in 2004, Gaps between Races, Social Groups and Gender Continue to Drop." [2]

Sikkink, Kathryn. 2004.

"Understanding the September 11 Terror Attacks: A Human Rights Approach." Pp. 309-13 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [4]

Bronner, Stephen Eric. 2002.

"Us and them: The State of the Union and the Axis of Evil." *Logos* 1.2: 42-52. [10]

"A Conversation between American and Iraqi Intellectuals: Baghdad, Iraq – January 16th, 2003." *Logos* 2.1: 1-12. [12]

"The Prospect for Democracy in the Middle East: a conversation with Saad Eddin Ibrahim in 2005" *Logos* 4.2: 1-7 [6]

THE SOCIOLOGICAL LENS

(9/20) M

Berger, Peter L. 2004.

"Invitation to Sociology." Pp. 6-9 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [3]

Mills, C. Wright. 1999.

"The Sociological Imagination." Pp. 348-352 in *Social Theory* Charles Lemert, ed. Boulder, CO: Westview. [4]

Restivo, Sal. 1991.

"Thinking About Society." Pp. 14-30 in *The Sociological Worldview*. New York: Basil Blackwell. [16]

Vander Zanden, James. 1993.

"The Sociological Perspective" and "Perspectives in Sociology." Pp. 2-29, 52-61 in *Sociology*. New York. [36]

(9/22) W

Strover, Eric, H. Megally and Hania Mufti. 2005.

"Bremer's 'Gordian Knot:' Transitional Justice and the US Occupation of Iraq." *Human Rights Quarterly*. 27/3: 830-57 [27]

Brown, Nathan J. 2005.

"Iraq's Constitutional Conundrum." *Paper for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. [5]

SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO SOCIETY:

I. THROUGH SOCIAL CONFLICT

(9/27) M

Marx, Karl. 1994.

"The Workings of Social Class." Pp. 84-8 in *Windows on Society* J. Heeren and M. Mason, eds. New York: Roxbury. [4]

Mills, C. Wright. 2002.

"The Power Elite." Pp. 420-427 in *Mapping the Social Landscape* Susan Ferguson, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill. [7]

Hacker, Andrew. 2004.

"Who Has How Much and Why." Pp. 192-8 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [7]

Cookson, P.W. and C.H. Persell. 2002.

"Preparing for Power: Cultural Capital and Curricula in America's Elite Boarding Schools." Pp.572-582 in *Mapping the Social Landscape* Susan Ferguson, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill. [10]

(9/29) W

Schor, Juliet. 1994.

"The Overworked American." Pp. 162-9 in *Windows on Society* J. Heeren and M. Mason, eds. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury. [7]

Harris, Jerry. 2008.

"US Imperialism after Iraq." *Race and Class* 50/1: 37-58. [21]

Reyna, Steve. 2005.

"'We Exist To Fight:' The Killing Elite and Bush II's Iraq War." *Social Analysis* 49/1: 190-7. [7].

Eglitis, Daina Stukuls. 2004.

"The Uses of Global Poverty: How Economic Inequality Benefits the West." Pp. 199-206 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [7]

II. THROUGH SOCIAL CONSENSUS

(10/4) M

Weber, Max. 1994.

“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.” Pp. 184-8 in *Windows on Society* J. Heeren and M. Mason, eds. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury. [4]

Durkheim, Emile. 1999.

“The Division of Labor in Society.” In *Social Theory* Charles Lemert, ed. Boulder, CO: Westview. [3]

Durkheim, Emile. 2004.

“The Functions of Crime.” Pp. 136-8 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [2]

Merton, Robert. 2004.

“Manifest and Latent Functions.” Pp. 35-6 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [2]

Gans, Herbert. 2002.

“Positive Functions of the Undeserving Poor: uses of the underclass in America.” Pp. 300-13 in *Mapping the Social Landscape* Susan Ferguson, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill. [13]

(10/6) W

Ritzer, George. 2002.

“The McDonaldisation of Society.” Pp. 625-633 in *Mapping the Social Landscape* Susan Ferguson, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill. [8]

Huber, John. 2003.

“Sleepwalking Democrats and American Public Support for President Bush’s Attack on Iraq.” *Constellations* 10/3: 392-407. [15]

III. THROUGH SYMBOLIC INTERACTION

(10/11) M

Goffman, Erving. 2004.

“The Presentation of Self.” Pp. 93-8 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [5]

Berger, Peter and T. Luckmann. 1996.

“Socialization: The Internalization of Society.” Pp. 34-6 in Joel Charon, ed. *The Meaning of Sociology*. New York.

Miner, Horace. 2004.

“Body Ritual among the Nacirema.” Pp. 14-17 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [3]

Bernstein, Stan. 1994.

“Getting It Done: Notes on Student Fritters.” Pp. 7-12 in *Windows on Society* J. Heeren and M. Mason, eds. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury. [5]

Tannen, Deborah. 2004.

“You Just Don’t Understand: Women and Men in Conversation.” Pp. 99-104 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [5]

(10/13) W

Fassihi, Farnaz. 2004.

“Baghdad Diary.” *Columbia Journalism Review* 43/4: 36-41. [5]

Graham, Patrick. 2004.

"When the Fighting is Glimpsed from Another Perspective." *Nieman Reports* 58/3: 66-9. [3]

Bonds, Eric. 2009.

"Strategic Role Taking and Political Struggle: Bearing Witness to the Iraq War." *Symbolic Interaction* 32/1: 1-20 [19]

(10/18) M Fall Break -- NO CLASS

(10/20) W Film on Iraq

IV. THROUGH CRITICAL INTERROGATION

(10/25) M

Weber, Max. 2004.

"The Disenchantment of Human Life." Pp. 486-7 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [2]

Durkheim, Emile. 2004.

"Anomie and Modern Life." Pp. 481-5 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [4]

Levy, Daniel and Natan Sznaider. 2004.

"The Holocaust." Pp. 378-81 in *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. G. Ritzer, ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Zimbardo, Philip E. 1996.

"Pathology of Imprisonment." Pp. 76-8 in Joel Charon, ed. *The Meaning of Sociology*. New York. [2]

Meyer, Philip. 1996.

"If Hitler Asked You to Electrocute a Stranger, Would You? Probably." Pp. 79-83 in Joel Charon, ed. *The Meaning of Sociology*. New York. [4]

Kelman, Herbert and V.L. Hamilton. 1996.

"The My Lai Massacre: a military crime of obedience." Pp. 88-101 in Joel Charon, ed. *The Meaning of Sociology*. New York. [3]

Storey, John. 2003.

"The Articulation of Memory and Desire: From Vietnam to the War on the Persian Gulf." Pp. 99-119 in *Memory and Popular Film* P. Grainge, ed. Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press. [20]

(10/27) W MIDTERM STUDY QUESTIONS HANDED OUT/SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Solomon, Alisa. 2005.

"War Resisters Go North." *The Nation* 280/1: 4-6. [2]

Arsenault, Amelia and Manuel Castells. 2006.

"Conquering the Minds, Conquering Iraq: The Social Production of Misinformation in the United States – a case study." *Information, Communication and Society* 9/3: 284-307. [23]

Aday, Sean. 2010.

"Chasing the Bad News: An Analysis of 2005 Iraq and Afghanistan War Coverage on NBC and FOX News Channel." *Journal of Communication* 60/1: 144-64. [20]

Johnson, Allan G. 2002.

"What Can We Do? Becoming Part of the Solution." Pp. 655-60 in *Mapping the Social Landscape* Susan Ferguson, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill. [6]

(11/1) M NO CLASS – MIDTERM STUDY BREAK

(11/3) W IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAMINATION

**DIMENSIONS OF SOCIETY:
I. GENDER AND SEXUALITY**

(11/8) M

Benokraitis, Nikole V. 2004.

“How Subtle Sex Discrimination Works.” Pp.213-218 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [5]

Williams, Christine L. 1999.

“Real-Life Sexual Harassment.” Pp. 49-57 in *Qualitative Sociology as Everyday Life* B. Glassner and R. Hertz, eds. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. [8]

Collins, Patricia Hill. 2004.

“Controlling Images and Black Women’s Oppression.” Pp. 232-9 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [7]

Michael, Robert et al. 2004.

“Sex in America: How Many Partners Do We Have?” Pp. 166-72 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [6]

(11/10) W

Martin, Patricia and R. Hummer. 1996.

“Fraternities and Rape on Campus.” Pp. 220-230 in Joel Charon, ed. *The Meaning of Sociology*. New York. [10]

Sherman, Nancy. 2010.

“The Guilt They Carry: Wounds of Iraq and Afghanistan.” *Dissent* 57/2: 80-84. [4]

Al-Mashat, Kasim, et al. 2006.

“Iraqi Children’s War Experiences: The Psychological Impact of ‘Operation Iraqi Freedom.’” *International Journal for the Advancement of Counseling* 28/2: 195-211. [16]

II. RACE AND ETHNICITY

(11/15) M

Du Bois, W.E. 2004.

“The Souls of Black Folk.” Pp. 227-31 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [4]

Hacker, Andrew. 1996.

“Being Black in America.” Pp. 178-86 in Joel Charon, ed. *The Meaning of Sociology*. New York. [10]

(11/17) W

Moskos, Charles. 1994.

“The Army’s Racial Success Story: How Do They Do It?” Pp. 170-174 in *Windows on Society* J.W. Heeren and M. Mason, eds. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury. [4]

Brodkin, Karin. 2004.

“How Did Jews Become White Folks?” Pp. 240-9 in *Seeing Ourselves* J.J. Macionis and N.V. Benokraitis, eds. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. [7]

Popp, Richard and Andrew Mendelson. 2010.

“X-ing Out Enemies: Time Magazine, Visual Discourse and the War in Iraq.” *Journalism* 11/2: 203-21 [18]

Wimmer, Andreas. 2003-04.

"Democracy and Ethno-Religious Conflict in Iraq." *Survival* 45/4: 111-34. [23]

(11/22) M

Film on Iraq

(11/24) W

THANKSGIVING RECESS

III. POLITICS AND THE STATE

(11/29) M

Gotham, Kevin Fox. 2004.

"The State." Pp. 789-93 in *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. G. Ritzer, ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. [4]

Perrow, Charles. 2004.

"Organizing America." Pp. 29-42 in *The Sociology of the Economy*. Frank Dobbin, ed. New York: Russell Sage. [13]

McCartney, Paul. 2004.

"American Nationalism, U.S. Foreign Policy from September 11 to the Iraq War." *Political Science Quarterly* 119/3: 399-423. [24]

Schmitt, Michael. 2005.

"Humanitarian Law and Direct Participation in Hostilities by Private Contractors or Civilian Employees." *Chicago Journal of International Law* 5/2: 511-22 [11]

(12/1) W

Diamond, Larry. 2004.

"What Went Wrong in Iraq." *Foreign Affairs* 83/5: 34-44. [10]

Encarnacion, Omar. 2005.

"The Follies of Democratic Imperialism." *World Policy Journal* 22/1: 47-60. [13]

Montgomery, John and D. Rondinelli. 2004.

"A Path to Reconstruction: Proverbs of Nation-Building." *Harvard International Review* 26/2: 26-9. [3]

Hashim, Ahmed S. 2003.

"Military Power and State Formation in Modern Iraq." *Middle East Policy* 10/4: 29-47. [18]

IV. ECONOMY AND THE MARKET

(12/6) M

Dobbin, Frank. 2004.

"The Sociological View of the Economy." Pp. 1-42 in *The Sociology of the Economy*. Frank Dobbin, ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. [41]

Mazaheri, Nimah. 2010.

"Iraq and the Domestic Political Effects of Economic Sanctions." *Middle East Journal* 64/2: 253-68. [15]

(12/8) W

Looney, Robert. 2004.

"Petroeuros: A Threat to the U.S. Interests in the Gulf?" *Middle East Policy* 11/1: 26-37. [11]

Jhaveri, Nayna. 2004.

"Petroimperialism: US oil interests and the Iraq war." *Antipode* 2-11. [9]

Looney, Robert. 2005.

“Postwar Iraq’s Financial System: Building from Scratch.” *Middle East Policy* 12/1: 134-49. [15]

(12/13) M Conclusion

(12/20) Monday FINAL PAPERS DUE electronically at midnight.