

## **RN 29: Social Theory**

**Convener: Patrick Baert, Selwyn College, UK**

### **Session 1**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 09.00 – 11.00, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Barbara Misztal: The givens of vulnerability
2. Ursula Dallinger: The rediscovery of institutions and the 'cognitive turn': Are institutions social rules?
3. Frank Welz: From Risk Society (1986) to World Risk Society (2007): How can Social Theory cope with Ulrich Beck?
4. Wolfgang Hofkirchner: A Critical Social Systems View of the Internet
5. Kevin McSorley: Manuel Castells' Networking Logic and the Digital Divide

### **Session 2**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 14.00 – 15.30, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Sylvia Walby: Complexity Theory and Intersectionality
2. Dave Elder-Vass: Searching for social structure in Actor Network Theory
3. Klaus Mueller: Systems Theory and the Social Sciences. Heuristics and Methodology
4. Stephen Kemp: Does Complexity Theory Undermine Sociological Investigation?

### **Session 3**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 16.00 – 17.30, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Alvaro Malaina: The paradigm of complexity and sociology: how to build a 'complex' social science?
2. Olli Pyyhtinen: Simmelian Objects: At the interface of the social and the material
3. Andreas Pickel: Rethinking Systems Theory: The Problem of Culture
4. Craig Browne: System Integration and Social Disintegration

### **Session 4**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 09.00 – 11.00, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Jack Barbalet: Rationality and Emotion
2. Risto Heiskala: How to Justify Public Policy Programmes? Utility, Values, Rights and Human Capabilities.
3. Antti Gronow: Capabilities, Social Integration and the Public Sphere
4. Theodoros Papaioannou: Governance and Justice: the Challenge of Genomics
5. Patrick Baert: Pragmatism, social science and democracy
6. Filipe Carreira da Silva: Mead, sociology and modernity

### **Session 5**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 14.00 – 15.30, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Csaba Szalo: Transnational migration, cosmopolitanisation and cultural critique
2. Marcel Stoetzler: Antisemitism and the formation of sociological theory
3. Heba Batainah: Political Membership and the (non) Citizen 'Other'

4. Kalle Haatanen: Ordinary people and the Politics of Recognition

**Session 6**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 09.00 – 10.30, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Victor Franchuk: New organicism as the bases of integration of social knowledge
2. Agnieszka Kolodziej-Durnas: The Interaction between Social Theory and Social World - the Example of Influence of Theories of Identity and Difference on Organizations

**Session 7a**

**Thursday, 11.00 – 12.30, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Vladimir Kultygin: Developing Universal Knowledge in Sociocultural Contexts: Dual Nature of Social Science
2. Justin Cruickshank: Parsons, the project of general theory and the problem of fallibilism

**Session 7b**

**Thursday, 11.00 – 12.30, Room M404**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Allan Sutherland: Criss Cross: Adorno's Requirements For Theoretical And Conceptual Adequacy Undermine And Counter His Own Explanations
2. Thomas Kron: Integral Actor Theory - Modeling a Frame of Reference for Complex Actors
3. Gilles Verpraet: Social history and axiology in the composition for an european civil society
4. Svitlana S.Babenko: Societal Integration: Research Concept and Social Practice in New European Societies

**Session 8a**

**Thursday, 13.30 – 15.00, Room M323**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Lena Lindgren: P Reflections on Legitimacy as an Analytical Concept.
2. Sari Vesikansa: Patrimonial power, patriarchal institutions and elite power
3. Alex Koutsogiannis: The social premises of citizenship: processes of individualization in the theory of civil society.
4. Jill Campbell: Dependent on expertise? Individualisation in action in a rural community
5. Alan How: Structure, agency and the formation of the sociological canon

**Session 8b**

**Thursday, 13.30 – 15.00, Room M404**

**Chair: Tbc**

1. Anni Greve: The modern city as scene for the construction of trans-national religious imaginaries
2. Wendy Bottero: The uses of Bourdieu
3. Scott Schaffer: Helping Those Who Help Themselves: Traces of the Protestant ethic in the spirit of social development

4. Sergey Kravchenko: The development of sociological theory: keeping in step with the socio-cultural dynamics