

## Intro to Science Studies II, Winter 2019

Seminar Leader: Nancy Cartwright

This term we will read some very contemporary classics in Science Studies and works about to become classics. I list my suggestions below, in no special order. We will NOT be discussing whole books...I shall leave it to the person who volunteers to present on a reading to pick for us the sections they find especially useful/interesting/troubling and wish us to talk about.

### Proposed Readings & Discussion Leaders

Week 1. Nikolas Rose & Joelle Abi-Rached, chapters on the 'social brain' in *Neuro: The New Brain Sciences & the Management of the Mind*: Matt

Week 2. Cathy Gere, *Pain Pleasure & Utilitarianism*. Chapters 1,2,4, last 6 pages ch. 6: Angelo & Rowan

Week 3. Michael Oppenheimer, Naomi Oreskes et al., forthcoming book *Discerning Experts*: Ross

Week 4. Hasok Chang, *Is Water H<sub>2</sub>O? Evidence, Realism and Pluralism*: Eugene

Week 5. Sheila Jasanoff, *Science & Public Reason*: Cecelia

Week 6. Mary Morgan et al, *Narrative Science (A special issue of *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, 62)*: Ari

Week 7. Anna Alexandrova, *Philosophy of the Science of Wellbeing*: Dorothy

Week 8. Steve Epstein, *Impure Science (the politics of AIDS trials)*; and Hakan Seckinelgin, *The Politics of Global AIDS: Institutionalization of Solidarity, Exclusion of Context*: Jada

Week 9. Frank W Geels, *Feelings of Discontent & the Promise of Middle Range Theory for STS. *Sci, Tech, & Human Values* 32 #6 627-651 2007. (This one is probably not going to be a classic, but I'd like us to read it because I think Middle Range Theory is an important topic, much ignored in Sci Studies.)* And RK Merton, 'On Sociological Theories of the Middle Range' 1949. (This one definitely is a classic.)

Week 10. Steve Shapin, *The Scientific Life (on innovation economies in the early 20th C & on UCSD)*

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