Readings are primarily from *Philosophy of Social Science: A New Introduction* (2014), N Cartwright & E Montuschi (eds), OUP. It is recommended that you buy the book.

**Week 1. January 9, 11. Evidence-based policy: why and how?**
- *PoSS*, Ch 3

**Week 2. January 16, 18. Objectivity: what is it, do we want it, and why?**
- *PoSS*, Ch 7

- *PoSS*, Ch 9

**Week 4.**
**January 30. Feminist standpoint theory.**
- *PoSS*, Ch 8

**Feb 1. Exam**

**Week 5. February 6,8. Measuring and categorizing.**
- *PoSS*, ch 14

**Week 6. February 13,15. Causation in the social sciences.**
- *PoSS*, ch 16

**Week 7.**
**February 20 Catch-up, Review.**
**February 22 EXAM.**

**Weeks 8 & 9. February 27, March 1,6,8. Student presentations.**
- On a choice among *PoSS*, Parts I, II, and IV.

**Week 10. March 13, 15. Case studies.**
- *PoSS*, Ch 15
**Requirements**

- Attendance & participation at all classes (10%)
- 2 class discussion points (a couple sentences long) submitted in writing at the *beginning* of class each Thursday of weeks 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 10 (15%)
- 1 early in-class exam, February 1 (15%)
- 1 late in-class exam, February 22 (25%)
- 1 joint in class presentation, Weeks 8 & 9. Joint grade (17%)
- 1 final paper, March 8 (no extensions!); may be based on class presentation; 2500 words (18%)
- 100% attendance during last week. Failure to attend classes in Week 10 will knock the overall grade down 5% for each class missed.

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