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


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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