

Phil 285 W12 - Cartwright

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Week 1 - January 11

Emrah Aydinonat (2008) - *The Invisible Hand in Economics: How economists explain unintended social consequences* (**chapters 2, 3, and 7**). Routledge

INEM advances in economic methodology. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Gil

Week 2 - January 18

Thomas Schelling (1998) - 'Social mechanisms and social dynamic', in P. Hedström and R. Swedberg (eds.), *Social Mechanisms: An Analytical Approach to Social Theory*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 32-44. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Audrey

Jon Elster (1998) - 'A plea for mechanisms', in P. Hedström and R. Swedberg (eds.), *Social Mechanisms: An Analytical Approach to Social Theory*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 45-73. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Danny

Week 3 - January 25

Michael Burawoy (1989) - 'Two Methods in Search of Science: Skocpol versus Trotsky', *Theory and Society*, 6: 759-805. [\[JSTOR\]](#) - Presented by Hippolyte

David Woodruff (2005) - 'Commerce and Demolition in Tsarist and Soviet Russia: Lessons for Theories of Trade Politics and the Philosophy of Social Science', *Review of International Political Economy*, 12: 199-225. [\[JSTOR\]](#) - Presented by Audrey

Week 4 - February 1

Sharon Crasnow - 'Feminism and the Social Sciences'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Julia

Sophia Efstathiou & Zara Mirmalek - 'Interdisciplinarity and the Social Sciences'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Zach

Week 5 - February 8

Anna Alexandrova - 'Well-being: Between Philosophy, Science and Policy'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Sindhuja

Richard Layard - 'Happiness and Public Policy: A Challenge to the Profession'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Gil

Week 6 - February 15

Deborah Tollefsen - 'Social Ontology'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Danny

Garry Runciman - *Great Books, Bad Arguments*. [\[LINK\]](#)

Week 7 - February 22

Nancy - 'Wiser Use of Social Science, Wiser Wishes, Wiser Policies', [Rotman Institute Lecture](#) (UWO) rehearsal.

Week 8 - February 29

Miriam Solomon- 'Social Epistemology'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by ???

Londa Schiebinger - 'West Indian Abortifacients and the Making of Ignorance'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Julia

Naomi Scheman - 'Epistemology Resuscitated: Objectivity as Trustworthiness'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Danny

Week 9 - March 7

Stanley Stevens - 'On the theory of scales of measurement', *Science*, 103: 677-680. [\[Link\]](#) - Presented by Gil

Nancy Cartwright and Norm Bradburn (2011) - 'A Theory of Measurement', in *The Importance of Common Metrics for Advancing Social Science Theory and Research: Proceedings of the National Research Council Committee on Common Metrics*, pp. 53-70. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Zach

Week 10 - March 14

Wendy Parker - 'Climate Change and Social Science'. [\[PDF\]](#) - Presented by Alex

Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway - *Merchants of Doubt*

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