Looking at the Social Sciences

PHIL 209D/COGR 225D/HIGR 241/SOCG 255D
Winter 2014
Tuesday, 9:30-12:20 pm, H&SS 3027

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Requirements

TBD

For graduate students in Philosophy, this class can be counted toward the Philosophy of Science distribution requirement.

Readings

Week 1 (January 7)
Rigor in policy prediction


Week 2 (January 14)
Ideal types


Week 3 (January 21)
Discourse analysis


Week 4 (January 28)
Economics


• Thomas Sargent, ‘United States then, Europe now’, Nobel prize lecture delivered in Stockholm on December 8, 2011.


Week 5 (February 4)
Rational Choice Theory


Week 6 (February 11)
Making use of measurement and statistics


Week 7 (February 18)
Case studies


• Mary Morgan, ‘Case Studies: One Observation or Many? Justification or Discovery?’, *Philosophy of Science*, 79, 2012, 667-677.


Week 8 (February 25)
Ethnography and anthropology


Week 9 (March 4)
Objectivity


• Thomas Gieryn, ‘City as Truth-Spot: Laboratories and Field-Sites in Urban Studies’, *Social Studies of Science*, 2006, 36, 5-38.

Week 10 (March 11)
Performativity