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.

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**Week 1. 6 January. Evidence-based policy: why and how?**
- *PoSS*, Ch 3

**Week 2. 13 January. Objectivity: what is it, do we want it, and why?**
- *PoSS*, Ch 7

**Week 3. 20 January. Values in social science.**
- *PoSS*, Ch 9

**Week 4.**
**Review & EXAM. 27 January**

**Week 5. 3 February. Measuring and categorizing.**
- *PoSS*, Ch 14

**Week 6. 10 February. Causation in the social sciences.**
- *PoSS*, ch 16

**Week 7. 17 February Catch-up, Review & EXAM (19 February).**

**Weeks 8 & 9. 24 February & 3 March. Student presentations.**
- On a choice among *PoSS*, Parts I, II, and IV.

**Week 10. 10 March. Feminist standpoint theory.**
- *PoSS*, Ch 8


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, January 27 (15%)
- 1 late in-class exam, 19 February (25%)
- 1 joint in-class presentation, Weeks 8 & 9. Joint grade (17%)
- 1 final paper, March 10 (no extensions!); may be based on class presentation; 2500 – 3000 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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