

SOCIAL THEORY
Capitalism, Social Theory, Critical Theory

Orals Reading List with Professor Sewell
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- **On the Emergence of Capitalism in the West**

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Immanuel Wallerstein, 'The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 16:4 (Sept 1974)
Giovanni Arrighi, *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power, and the Origins of Our Times* (1994)
Jan de Vries, 'Between Purchasing Power and the World of Goods; Understanding the Household Economy in Early Modern Europe, in John Brewer and Roy Porter, eds., *Consumption and the World of Goods* (1993)

- **Classical Texts in Political Economy and Social Theory**

Adam Smith, *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* [1776] (extracts)
Karl Marx, *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy*, vol 1, [1867]
Ferdinand Tönnies, *Community and Society* [1887]
Emile Durkheim, *De la division du travail social* [1893]
—————, *Les formes élémentaires de la vie religieuse* [1912]
Georg Simmel, 'Money in Modern Culture,' in *Theory, Culture and Society*, 8:3 (Aug. 1991) [1896]
Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* [1904-5]
—————, *Economy and Society* (1968) (extracts)
Norbert Elias, *The Civilizing Process* [1939]

- **20th Century Marxism and Critical Theory**

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Georg Lukács, 'Reification and the Consciousness of the Proletariat,' in *History and Class Consciousness. Studies in Marxist Dialectics* (1971) [1920-2]
Antonio Gramsci, *Selection from the Prison Notebooks* (1971) [1929-35]
Theodor Adorno, 'Society,' in S. Bronner and D. Kellner, eds. *Critical Theory and Society: A Reader* (1989) [1963]
Jürgen Habermas, *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere. An Inquiry into a Category of Bourgeois Society* (1991) [1962]
—————, 'The Analytical Theory of Science and Dialectics. A Postscript to the Controversy between Popper and Adorno,' in Adorno et al, eds., *The Positivist Dispute in German Sociology* (1976) [1963]
Herbert Marcuse, *One-Dimensional Man* (1964)
Louis Althusser, *Pour Marx* (1965)
Pierre Bourdieu, *Esquisse d'une théorie de la pratique* (1972)
—————, *Langage et pouvoir symbolique* (1982)
Michel Foucault, *Surveiller et punir, Naissance de la prison* (1975)
Moishe Postone, *Time, Labor, and Social Domination. A Reinterpretation of Marx's Critical Theory* (1993)
M. M. Bakhtin, *The Dialogic Imagination. Four Essays* (1981) [1934-8]
Raymond Williams, 'Base and Superstructure in Marxist Cultural Theory,' *New Left Review* 82 (1982)