

Sociology of Knowledge and Science

This course examines the development of the sociology of knowledge and science from its nineteenth-century origins to the present day. It seeks to convey a) an understanding of the ways in which knowledge has been grasped in sociological terms and b) the ways in which science and knowledge have affected social life in the past two centuries or so.

Immanuel Kant, "What is Enlightenment?"

Tocqueville, "Men of Letters" in *The Old Regime and the Revolution*, Book Three, Chapter 1

Marx, *The German Ideology*, pp. 148-174; *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, pp. 473-483

Durkheim, "Individualism and the Intellectuals"

Weber, "Science as a Vocation" and "Religious Rejections of the World and Their Directions"

Karl Mannheim, *Ideology and Utopia*

Karl Mannheim, "The Problem of the Intelligentsia: An Enquiry into Its Past and Present Role"

Norbert Elias, "On the Sociogenesis of the Concepts 'Civilization' and 'Culture'," from *The Civilizing Process*

Maurice Halbwachs, "The Social Frameworks of Memory," in *On Collective Memory*

Joseph Schumpeter, "Sociology of the Intellectual," in *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*

Robert Merton, "Studies in the Sociology of Science," in *Social Theory and Social Structure*

Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*

Pierre Bourdieu, "The Specificity of the Scientific Field and the Social Conditions of the Progress of Reason"

Michel Foucault, "Truth and Power"

Clifford Geertz, "'From the Native's Point of View': On the Nature of Anthropological Understanding"

Alvin Gouldner, *The Future of Intellectuals and the Rise of the New Class*

(see also <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/15/opinion/democracy-inequality-thomas-piketty.html>)

Bruno Latour and Steve Woolgar, *Laboratory Life*

Donna Haraway, "The Cyborg Manifesto"

Steven Epstein, "The Construction of Lay Expertise"

Jerome Karabel, "Towards a Theory of Intellectuals and Politics"

Steven Weinberg, "Sokal's Hoax," *New York Review of Books* 8 August 1996;

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/1996/08/08/sokals-hoax/>

Randall Collins, *The Sociology of Philosophies: A Global Theory of Intellectual Change*, Intro & Ch. 1

Steven Shapin, *The Scientific Life*

Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway, *The Collapse of Western Civilization: A View from the Future*

Tom Nichols, *The Death of Expertise*

Steven Pinker, *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress*

Michael Mann, "Have Wars and Violence Declined?"

Michael Mann, "Have Human Societies Evolved? Evidence From History and Pre-History"

Review(s) of *Better Angels* in *Science* and elsewhere