

The University of Calgary
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
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Sociology 333.70
Contemporary Sociology Theory
Pre-session Reading

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Course dates: July 27-August 17, 2010

Course hours: MTWR, 2-4:35

Classroom: TBA

Sociology Department web page: <http://www.soci.ucalgary.ca>

Pre-session reading:

Michael Grenfell, *Pierre Bourdieu: Agent Provocateur* (Continuum), pp. 1-110

There will be a test on this reading on the first day of class, July 27. Questions will be short-answer, mostly fill-in-the-blank, covering basic concepts. This test will count 15% of the final grade. Due to the scarcity of appropriate test questions, there will be no make-up exams. Students who provide appropriate medical excuses will have their grades based on other components.

Other assigned reading will include:

Ulrich Beck, *Cosmopolitan Vision* (Polity Press)

Randall Collins, *Interaction Ritual Chains* (Princeton University Press)

Loic Wacquant, *Body & Soul: Notes of an Apprentice Boxer* (Oxford)

Note: The assigned reading during the course will be considerable—expect to spend more time reading than in class (remember: each day of class is equivalent to one week during regular term). Students are advised to complete as much of the assigned reading as possible *before* the course. Students who read more slowly, and those who plan any other activities during the period when classes are meeting, should definitely complete most of the reading beforehand.

We will read *all* of the four assigned books, in this order: Grenfell, Wacquant, Collins, and Beck. In addition, a couple of shorter readings may be posted on Blackboard.