

5 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	De Munck Jean ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course will be focused on current issues in epistemology of social sciences (sociology and anthropology). 1 post-parsonian sociological theory. Landmarks of contemporary debates in epistemology, in the French-speaking world as well as German and Anglo-Saxon contexts. Mapping of the discussions ; comments on contradictions, differences etc. 2. Main epistemological issues, in a traditional and a contemporary light. A dialogue is established between classical writings and contemporary texts. One of the aims is to show the continuities/discontinuities between historical and current frames of epistemological issues. 3. Reading of relevant literature.
Aims	<i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i>
Content	This specialized course of epistemology will try to open the way of a critical sociological theory. The following topics will be dealt with: (1) the Marxist pattern of a critical theory and the reformulation of Horkheimer in 1937 (traditional versus critical theory); (2) the constructivist approach of Bruno Latour (Actor-Network Theory); (3) the pragmatic sociology of Luc Boltanski; (4) post-structuralism and post-colonialism; (5) the "ecology of knowledge" (Boaventura de Sousa Santos); (6) The Capability Approach of Amartya Sen; (7) Jürgen Habermas' communicative action theory.
Bibliography	• Notes de cours on-line (site Moodle)
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		