

Week	Date	Seminar topic	Required reading	Discussant
2	Sep 29	Cultural turn in social sciences & Constitution of cultural sociology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander – <i>Meanings of Social Life</i>, Introduction & Ch. 1, pp. 3-26. Bauman, Zygmunt. 2010. “Culture: Liquid-Modern Adventures of an Idea.” Pp. 326-334 in <i>Handbook of Cultural Sociology</i>, edited by J. R. Hall, L. Grindstaff, and M. Lo. New York: Routledge. Spillman – Introduction, pp. 1-15. (14 pp.) 	1. Michaela Križáková
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3	Oct 6	Culture in Classical Social Theory	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Durkheim, Emile. 1915. <i>The Elementary Forms of Religious Life</i>, Book 2, Ch. 6 & 7, pp .188-234. (46 pp.) Inglis, Chapter 2, pp. 27-52. (25 pp.) 	1a. Lukáš Michele
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				2. Duaa Al Mas
4	Oct 13	The Durkheimians: Ritual, Classification, and the Sacred	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Bellah. 1990[1967]. “Civil Religion in America.” Pp. 262-274 in <i>Culture and Society</i>. (12 pp.) Smith-Rosenberg, Carroll. 1900[1978] “Sex as Symbol in Victorian Purity.” Pp. 160-170 <i>Culture and Society</i>. (10 pp.) Giesen, Bernhard. 2011, “Inbetweenness and Ambivalence.” Pp. 788-804 in J. Alexander, R. Jacobs, and P. Smith, <i>The Oxford Handbook of Cultural Sociology</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (16 pp.) 	1. Olga Kurbatova
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				3. Roman Hrdina
5	Oct 20	Structuralism and the Semiotic Analysis of Culture/ The Poststructural Turn	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Barthes, Roland. 1990[1972] “The World of Wrestling.” Pp. 87-93 in <i>Culture and Society</i>. (6 pp.) Sahlins, Marshall. 1990[1976]. “Food as Symbolic Code.” Pp. 94-104 in <i>Culture and Society</i>. (10 pp.) Lévi-Strauss, Claude. 1955. “The Structural Study of Myth.” <i>The Journal of American Folklore</i> 68(270):428-444. (16 pp.) 	1. Oksana Zinchenko
				2. Alina Waidhofer
				3. Melanie Fleisch
6	Oct 27	No class–Reading Period		

7	Nov 3	The Strong Program in Cultural Sociology: Social Performance Theory	1. Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2011. <i>Performative Revolution in Egypt: An Essay in Cultural Power</i> . London: Bloomsbury Academic.	1a. Clarisse Carrier
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				1c.
8	Nov 10	Culture as Text	1. Geertz, Clifford. 1973. "Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight." Pp. 415-451 in <i>Interpretation of Cultures</i> . New York: Basic Books. (36 pp.) 1. Smith, Philip. 2011. "Narrating Global Warming." Pp. 745-762 in J. Alexander, R. Jacobs, and P. Smith, <i>The Oxford Handbook of Cultural Sociology</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. (17 pp.)	1.
				2. Lukas Fartaczek
10	Nov 24	Pressing Issues: Race, Gender and the Body	1. Inglis – Chapter 1, pp. 15-26 (11 pp.) 2. Young, Alford A., Jr. "The Conundrum of Race in Sociological Analyses of Culture." Pp. 316-325 in <i>Handbook of Cultural Sociology</i> , edited by J. R. Hall, L. Grindstaff, and M. Lo. New York: Routledge (9 pp.) 3. Gamson, Joshua and Laura Grindstaff. 2010. "Gender Performance: Cheerleaders, Drag Kings, and the Rest of Us." Pp. 252-262 in <i>Handbook of Cultural Sociology</i> , edited by J. R. Hall, L. Grindstaff, and M. Lo. New York: Routledge. (10 pp.)	1.
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				3. Anastasiia Popova
11	Dec 1	The Strong Program in Cultural Sociology: Classification & Binary Codes	1. <i>Meanings of Social Life</i> . "The Discourse of American Civil Society," Chapter 5, pp. 121-154 (33 pp). 2. Zerubavel, Eviatar. "The Fine Line: Making Distinctions in Everyday Life," Chapter 21 in Spillman. (10 pp.)	1.
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12	Dec 8	"Weak" Programs?	1. Swidler, Ann. 1986. "Culture in Action: Symbols and Strategies." <i>American Sociological Review</i> 51:273-286. (13 pp) 2. Pierre Bourdieu, "Artistic Taste and Cultural Capital" (1968) pp. 205-216 in <i>Culture and Society</i> . (11 pp.)	1.
				2. Iuliia Nikolaenko