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SCP 410036 - Seminar on “Social Ontology” (04 credits)

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Description

Against the background of the current resurgence of ontology throughout the social sciences and philosophy, this seminar offers an overview of how the central question of social ontology - the very possibility of society and social order - has been approached in a variety of theories. We will discuss Husserl’s transcendental theory of intersubjectivity, Sartre’s existentialist phenomenology of The Other, Luhmann’s work on the possibility of communication, and Heidegger’s phenomenological ontology.

Schedule

Lectures for the course will be recorded and uploaded each Tuesday and Thursday.

The seminar is divided into four blocks: Husserl (1), Sartre (2), Luhmann (3), and Heidegger (4). We will need to see how much time we need to cover each of those blocks; they will not be of equal length, and some of the work we will discuss will take longer than other work.

Readings

Block 1: The Essential Husserl.

Block 2: Sartre, Being and Nothingness

Block 3: Luhmann, Social Systems and Essays in Self-Reference

Block 4: Heidegger, Being and Time

Assignments

Two short essays on topics of the seminar, TBA