

**SOSC 12200: Self, Culture, and Society 2: Cultural Meaning and Modern Society** Win '09  
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Requirements: reading; attendance; readings presentations; and 2 papers (of 4-5pp, or ~1,000 words)

Grading: 1.) papers 80% (2x40% each); and 2.) class participation/presentations/discussion 20%  
(Note: each student will do at least 2 in-class presentations on readings this quarter)

Books: (available for purchase at Seminary Co-op Bookstore)

- Emile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life* [Free Press, 1995: ISBN 0029079373]
  - Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society* [Free Press, 1997: ISBN 0684836386]
  - Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* [Vintage, 1995: ISBN 0679752552]
  - Friedrich Nietzsche, *Basic Writings (BW)* [Modern Library, 2000: ISBN 0679783393]
  - Theodor W. Adorno, *The Culture Industry (CI)* [Routledge, 2001: ISBN 0415253802]
- (\* Additional readings available as PDF files on Chalk or at: <http://home.comcast.net/~chriscutrone>)

Week 1

1. Introduction; in-class reading: “Damiens, Regicide,” Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, 3-8 1/6/09
2. Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, 1-18, 33-44 [2] 1/8/09

Week 2

3. Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, 99-168 [2] 1/13/09
4. Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, 190-236, 265-275 [2] 1/15/09

Week 3

5. Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, 303-331, 355-373, 412-448 [2] 1/20/09
6. Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, xxv-xxx, 1-8, 11-87 [2] 1/22/09

Week 4

7. Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, 101-175 [2] 1/27/09
8. Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, 179-245 [2] 1/29/09

Week 5

9. Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, 291-341, xxxi-lix [2] 2/3/09
10. Foucault, *Discipline and Punish: the Birth of the Prison*, 3-69 [2] 2/5/09

Week 6

- [1st paper (on Durkheim) due Week 6, Sun. 2/8/09]
11. Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, 73-169 [2] 2/10/09
  12. Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, 170-228 [2] 2/12/09

Week 7

13. Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, 231-308 [2] 2/17/09
14. Nietzsche, “On Truth and Lie and in an Extra-Moral Sense” (\*), and  
*On the Genealogy of Morals*, Preface and 1st and 2nd Essays, in *BW*, 449-532 [2] 2/19/09

Week 8

- [Please listen to Adorno audio CDs 1 and 2 for Weeks 8-9 readings]
15. Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*, 3rd Essay, in *BW*, 533-599 [2] 2/24/09
  16. Kracauer, “The Mass Ornament” (\*) [2]; Adorno, “Commodity Music Analysed” (\*) 2/26/09

Week 9

17. Adorno, “The Fetish Character in Music and Regression of Listening,” in *CI*, 29-60 [2] 3/3/09
18. Adorno, “The Schema of Mass Culture,” and “Culture Industry Reconsidered,”  
in *CI*, 61-97, and 98-106 [2] 3/5/09

Week 10

19. Adorno, “How to Look at Television,” and “Free Time,” in *CI*, 158-177, and 187-197 [2] 3/10/09  
[Reading period, no class meeting] [3/12/09]

[2nd/final paper (on Foucault/Nietzsche/Adorno) due exam week]