



SOCIAL THEORY

Enrollment year	2009/2010
Academic year	2009/2010
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	SPS/07 (GENERAL SOCIOLOGY)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Course	GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICIES
Curriculum	POLITICHE PUBBLICHE E SOCIETÀ
Year of study	1°
Period	2nd semester (15/02/2010 - 29/05/2010)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	40 lesson hours
Language	Italian
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	PARRI LEONARDO (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	No previous philosophical knowledge is required. However, a basic knowledge of the social sciences would make understanding quicker
Learning outcomes	Social sciences (sociology, anthropology, economics and political science) resort to causal, functional and intentional explanations. By means of empirical examples and analytical concepts, the course aims to provide an understanding of the bases of these three patterns of explanation.
Course contents	The course considers basic notions of epistemology and philosophy in the natural and social sciences; 2. Causal, functional and intentional explanations in the social sciences: theoretical bases, empirical evidence, philosophical and methodological debate; 3. Seminars about intentional explanation; the topic is rational choice theory and methodological individualism

Teaching methods

Lectures (30 hours), Seminars involving discussion of texts (10 hours)

Reccomended or required readings

Assessment methods

Written exam and short paper on seminars' texts

Further information**Sustainable development
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