



Course Syllabus:

Sociology, Critical discourse analysis and discourse theory **7,5 credits**

General data

Code	SOA016F
Subject/Main field	
Cycle	Third cycle
Credits	7.50
Progressive specialisation	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements
Answerable department	Faculty of Human Sciences
Established	2019-03-20
Date of change	
Version valid from	2019-03-04

Aim

The aim of this course is to introduce existing discourse analytical research traditions, with a particular emphasis on theory and method within Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Political Discourse Theory (PDT). The aim is also to provide knowledge about the different methodological approaches and an understanding of the relationship between theory and methods in the field of discourse studies.

Course objectives

After completing this course, the student is expected to:

- Have a good overview over existing discourse analytical research tradition, with a particular emphasis on theory and method within Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Political Discourse Theory (PDT),
- Have developed an ability to independently reason and evaluate these theoretical strands in relation to her or his own research, as well as having acquired knowledge about relevant methodological options.
- Have developed an ability to apply discourse analytical arguments and theoretical concepts on his or her own empirical material.

Content

This course provides an introduction to the two influential discourse analytical research traditions Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Political Discourse Theory (PDT), paying particular attention to how these theories and methods can be applied to an empirical material. The course also offers insights into contemporary theoretical debates about the relationship between discourse, experience and materiality.

Entry requirements

A person meets the entry requirements for the course if he or she has been admitted to a third-cycle study programme and will be given credit for the course in that study programme.

Selection rules and procedures

The selection process is in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance and the local order of admission.

Teaching form

This course will be organised in three modules: (1) Conceptualization of Discourse, (2) Analysing discourse and (3) Political discourse theory. Each model are combining lectures and workshops. These workshops are partially theoretical, and partially research-driven. The course will be delivered in lectures and seminars.

Examination form

Seminar and workshop participation and a final paper demonstrating a conceptual understanding of critical discourse analysis and the application of a discourse analytical approach to an object of the student's choice (ca. 6000 words)

Grading system

Fail (U) or Pass (G)

Course reading

Required literature

Author: Fairclough, Norman
Title: Analysing Discourse: Textual Analysis for Social Research.
Edition: 2003
Publisher: London & New York: Routledge.
Comment: Chapters 2,3,4

Author: Fairclough, Norman (
Article title: Critical discourse analysis
Journal: Marges Linguistiques
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 9/2002
URL: <http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/profiles/263>.

Author: Foucault, Michel.
Title: Politics and the Study of Discourse', in The Foucault Effect: Studies in Governmentality, Graham Burchell, Colin Gordon and Peter Miller (eds.).
Edition: 1991
Publisher: Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 53–72.
Comment: pp. 53–72.

Author: Foucault, Michel.
Title: The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at Collège de France
Edition: 2008
Publisher: Picador
Comment: Chapter 2 and 3

Author: Gee, James Paul
Title: Introduction to Discourse Analysis
Edition: 1999
Publisher: Routledge
Comment: Chapter 2-3

Author: Glynos, Jason, Howarth, David
Title: Logics of critical explanation in social and political theory.
Edition: 2007
Publisher: London and New York: Routledge

Author: Howarth, David
Title: "Hegemony, political subjectivity, and radical democracy", in Simon Critchley and Oliver Marchart (eds.) Laclau: A critical reader
Edition: 2012
Publisher: London: Routledge
Comment: pp. 256-276.

Author: Howarth, David
Title: "Hegemony, political subjectivity, and radical democracy", in Simon Critchley and Oliver Marchart (eds.) Laclau: A critical reader.
Edition: 2012
Publisher: London: Routledge
Comment: pp. 256-276.

Author: Howarth, David
Title: Discourse
Edition: 2000
Publisher: Buckingham & Philadelphia: Open University Press,
Comment: Chapter 3,4,5 pp. 1-125.

Author: Howarth, David, Stavrakakis, Yannis
Title: "Introducing discourse theory and political analysis", in David Howarth, Aletta J. Norval and Yannis Stavrakakis (eds.) Discourse theory and political analysis.
Edition: 2000
Publisher: Manchester: Manchester University Press
Comment: pp. 1-23.

Author: Howarth, David, Stavrakakis, Yannis
Title: "Introducing discourse theory and political analysis", in David Howarth, Aletta J. Norval and Yannis Stavrakakis (eds.) Discourse theory and political analysis.
Edition: 2000
Publisher: Manchester: Manchester University Press
Comment: pp. 1-23.

Author: Thompson, Denise
Title: Ideology: Justifying Domination. In Radical Feminism Today
Edition: 2001
Publisher: Sage
Comment: pp. 22-35

Author: Tonkiss, Fran
Title: Analysing Discourse. In: Clive Seale (Ed.) Researching Society and Culture
Edition: 1998
Publisher: Sage
Comment: pp. 245-260

Author: Torfing, Jacob
Title: Discourse Theory: Achievements, Arguments and Challenges", in:
Torfing & Howarth (red.), Discourse Theory in European Politics:
Identity, Policy and Governance
Edition: 2004
Publisher: Palgrave

Author: West, Karen
Article title: Articulating Discursive and Materialist Concepts of Practice in the
Logics Approach to Critical Policy Analysis
Journal: Critical Policy Studies
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2011. 4(5), pp. 414-433