The MQ Social Theory Reading Group is a space for research candidates and staff to come together to explore ways that theory—both classical and contemporary—can be used to generate and engage in critically informed research practices.

This reading group is interested in understanding some of the most important and still very relevant theoretical perspectives in the rich interdisciplinary tradition of the human/social sciences, including, but not limited to: sociologist Max Weber’s analysis of ideology and institutions, the significance of feminism and critical race theory to forms of social and cultural inquiry, and the place of language and meaning in sociological explanation. We begin our 2020 sessions with Weber.

2020 READING LIST

27 August
Max Weber, Politics as a Vocation
Randall Collins, Weberian Sociological Theory

24 September
Max Weber, Economy and Society

22 October
Max Weber, Science as a Vocation
Phyllis Camara Jones, Confronting Institutionalized Racism

26 November
Marianne Weber: Authority and Autonomy