

In this Seminar some of the most fundamental issues in Social Theory of Knowledge are considered and thoroughly analyzed through the presentation of arguments which support a Social Theory of Knowledge.

Some of the basic queries include the distinction between the Sociology of Knowledge and the Sociology of Science (or Sociology of Scientific Knowledge), the matter of progress (or just change) in science, the puzzling question about how we choose between rival theories that are supported by the same empirical evidence; the construction of concepts, their validity and their duration, how do they change, what they refer to, is also an issue that concerns us during the Seminar. Finally relativism - its perils and its challenges - is a subject matter which is analyzed.

Students that will choose to follow it will write an essay, about 4000 – 5000 words, on a subject matter which will be agreed with the professor. Titles of possible essays as well as bibliography are offered by the professor. Furthermore every student could introduce her own work (subject to agreement and acceptance by the professor).