



Beyond Positivism: Theory, Methods, and Values in Social Science Conference

August 8 – 10, 2017

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Canada

(201 Viger West, 5th floor, Viger Hall)

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** *Room 513AB (Theatre)*

Philip Gorski
George Steinmetz
Chair: Douglas Porpora

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Session 1,2,3 *Room 513 C, D, & E*

513 C	Theory Stream 1	Moderator: Frederic Vandenberghe
10:45 – 11:05	Jean-François Côté	Margaret Archer and George Herbert Mead on Reflexivity: Opening the Debate on Dialectical Morphogenesis
11:05 – 11:25	Daniel Morrison	The Neglected Legacy and Promising Future of a Pragmatic, Realist, Approach to Interactionism
11:25 – 11:45	Eric Lybeck	Humans in Processes: Exploring the Normative Significance of Abbot's Processual Sociology <i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Methods Stream 1	Moderator: Esther Chan
10:45 – 11:05	Kyle Caler	The use of Q methodology as a Critical Realist tool
11:05 – 11:25	Andrew Keefe	Defining Evidence-Based Policymaking: A Comparative Study of Epistemological Approaches
11:25 – 11:45	Matthew Mahler	A Prolegomenon to a Cubist Social Science <i>Q&A</i>
513 E	Political Stream 1	Moderator: Ben Manski
10:45 – 11:05	Catherine Craven	Critical Realism, Assemblages, and Practices beyond the State: A new framework for analyzing global diaspora engagement?

11:05 – 11:25	Jeffrey Broadbent	Modes and Fields of Power: Labor Policy Networks in Japan, the US and Germany
11:25 – 11:45	Hannah Waight	The Field of Inequality Knowledge in the US and UK <i>Q&A</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:30	Plenary Session on Theory and Explanation After Positivism	<i>Room 513AB</i>
	<i>Chair: Philip Gorski</i>	
1:00 – 1:30	Daniel Little	
1:30 – 2:00	Rani Lill Anjum	
2:00 – 2:30	<i>Discussion</i>	
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 4:00	Session 4,5,6	<i>Room 513 C, D, & E</i>
513 C	Historical Stream 1	Moderator: Sahan Karatasli
2:45 – 3:05	Dylan Riley	The Social Foundations of Positivism: The Case of Late Nineteenth Century Italy
3:05 – 3:25	Simeon Newman	Falsificationism Redux? In Search of Judgmental Rationalism
3:25 – 3:45	Jane McCamant	Problems, Mysteries, and the Purposes of Historical Knowledge in Sociology <i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Systems Stream 1	Moderator: Dave Elder-Vass
2:45 – 3:05	Larissa Buchholz	Causal Explanation and Global Sociology
3:05 – 3:25	Danny Alvord	Emergent Social Structures and Embeddedness in Economic Sociology
3:25 – 3:45	Emma Greeson	Post-Positivist Ethnography: Markets, non-markets, and the ontology of social worlds <i>Q&A</i>
513 E	Race Stream 1	Moderator: Paige Sweet
2:45 – 3:05	Joseph Klett	#laughingwhileblack: a theory of perception
3:05 – 3:25	Christopher Robertson	“Overcoming” Racial Bias: Implicit-Association Tests and the Limits of Experimental Science
3:25 – 3:45	Mary Arneaud	The Development of Cultural Models of Ethnic Identity for Ethnically-Equivalent Contexts <i>Q&A</i>
4:00 – 4:15	Break	

4:15 – 5:30 Session 7,8,9

Room 513 C, D, & E

513 C	Theory Stream 2	Moderator: Timothy Rutzou
4:15 – 4:35	Nick Hardy	Knowledge Beyond Positivism: a Critical Realist and Foucaultian Theory Response
4:35 – 4:55	Katelin Albert	Theorizing Objects: Ontological Realism and Scifi Exploration
4:55 – 5:15	Luca Delbollo	What is beyond reality? A dialogue between Critical Realism and Speculative Realism <i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Systems Stream 2	Moderator: Larissa Buchholz
4:15 – 4:35	Philippe Sormani	Practicing Art/Science as “Public-Private Partnership”: Rise and Fall of a Transdisciplinary Experiment in Critical Realism
4:35 – 4:55	Dana Kornberg	Theorizing Contemporary Economic Life beyond Formal Markets
4:55 – 5:15	Ilimpi Jimenez	Towards a Social Ontology of International Migration <i>Q&A</i>
513 E	Facts, Values, and Religion Stream 1	Panel: Agency and Temporality in the Emergence of the Secular Moderator: Nicolette Manglos-Weber
4:15 – 4:35	Baris Buyukokutan	An Eventful Sociology of Secularization? State Action and Religious Diversity in Turkish Literary Fields
4:35 – 4:55	Jeffrey Guhin	Same Fears, Different Religions: The Historical Roots of American Islamophobia
4:55 – 5:15	Elizabeth Becker	Value Migration and Integration? Multiple Secularities in Conservative European Muslim Communities <i>Q&A</i>

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 – 10:30 **Plenary Session on Quantitative Post Positivist Social Science**

Room 513AB

Chair: Douglas Porpora

9:00 – 9:20	John Mohr
9:20 – 9:40	Wendy Olsen
9:40 – 10:00	Seth Prins
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Discussion</i>

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Session 1,2,3

Room 513 C, D, & E

513 C	Historical Stream 2	Panel: Rethinking Comparison
		Moderator: Nicholas Hoover Wilson
10:45 – 11:05	Xiaohong Xu	What Is Defensible about Skocpolian Structural Comparison?
11:05 – 11:25	Nicholas Hoover Wilson	Heuristic and Recursive Comparison in Historical Sociology
11:25 – 11:45	Philip Goski	<i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Methods Stream 2	Panel: Reviving Ethnographic Pluralism in Post-Positivist Social Science
		Moderator: Rachel Rinaldo
10:45 – 11:05	Corey Abramson	Reviving Ethnographic Pluralism in Post-Positivist Social Science I
11:05 – 11:25	Neil Gong	Ethnographic Pluralism in Post-Positivist Social Science II
11:25 – 11:45	Jason Orne	Intersectional Consequences of Heritage Commodification in Cultural Enclave Neighborhoods
		<i>Q&A</i>
513 E	Facts, Values, and Religion Stream 2	Moderator: Andrew Lynn
10:45 – 11:15	Kevin Schilbrack	Religion as Joint Commitment
11:15 – 11:45	Brandon Vaidyanathan	Towards a post-positivist philanthropy
11:45 – 12:00		<i>Q&A</i>

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 Session 4,5,6

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513 C	Methods Stream 3	Panel: Studying Social Ties: Realism and Relationality in Person-to-Person Research
		Moderator: Daniel Morrison
1:00 – 1:20	Rachel Rinaldo	Embedded in Indonesia: Being an Observer and a Participant in Sociological Research
1:20 – 1:40	Robert Brenneeman	Entertaining Villains: The Joys and Risks of Research among Purveyors of Violence

1:40 – 2:00	Nicolette Manglos-Weber	Friendships in the ‘Field’: Critical Realism, Interpersonal Trust, and Relationship-Driven Ethnography <i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Systems Stream 3	Moderator: Paige Sweet
1:00 – 1:30	Sarah Manski	The Blockchain World: Explaining a Technological Revolution in Real Time
1:30 – 2:00	Apoorva Ghosh	Understanding Transnational Sexuality in India: Globalization and Institutional Schemas
2:00 – 2:15		<i>Q&A</i>
513 E	Race Stream 2	Moderator: Douglas Porpora
1:00 – 1:20	Candice Robinson	Will Moving Beyond Positivism Moves Towards Diverse Thought?
1:20 – 1:40	Issa Kohler-Hausmann	Detecting Discrimination: What’s Wrong with Counterfactual Causal Thinking About Racial Discrimination
1:40 – 2:00	Daniel Sherwood	The Reality of Structural Racism: Knowledge, Critique, Emancipation <i>Q&A</i>
2:15 – 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 3:45	Session 7,8,9	<i>Room 513 C, D, & E</i>
513 C	Theory Stream 3	Moderator: Katelin Albert
2:30 – 2:50	Alison Assiter	Kant, Bhaskar, and Realism
2:50 – 3:10	Paige Sweet	Realism and Feminist Standpoint Theory: Interrogating Boundaries and Bodies
3:10 – 3:30	Paul Erb	Bhaskar and his critics: what are the alternatives to critical realism? <i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Methods Stream 4	Moderator: Elizabeth Becker
2:30 – 3:00	Tatiana Rodriguez	Headaches, Victories, Puzzles and Dilemmas: an interview approach for understanding what matters to people at work
3:00 – 3:30	Lucas Wehrwein	The Myth of the Stradivarius Violins: Self-Fulfilling Prophecies and Causal Explanation in Historical Sociology
3:30 – 3:45		<i>Q&A</i>

513 E	Political Stream 2	Moderator: Atef Said
2:30 – 3:00	Onur Ozgode	The State and its Problems: Toward an Assemblage Theory of the State
3:00 – 3:30	Eric Malczewski	Conservation Ethics and the Order of Nature: The Role of the Sacred in Differentiation Theory
3:30 – 3:45		<i>Q&A</i>

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 5:30 **Plenary Session on Ethics and Values After Positivism** *Room 513AB*

Chair: Claire Decoteau

4:00 – 4:20	Frederic Vandenberghe
4:20 – 4:40	Christopher Winship
4:40 – 5:00	Dave Elder-Vass
5:00 – 5:30	<i>Discussion</i>

Thursday, August 10

9:00 – 10:30 **Plenary Session on Qualitative Post-Positivist Social Science** *Room 513AB*

Chair: George Steinmetz

9:00 – 9:30	Alford Young
9:30 – 10:00	Gary Alan Fine
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Discussion</i>

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Session 1,2,3 *Room 513 C, D & E*

513 C	Historical Stream 3	Moderator: Nicholas Hoover Wilson
10:45 – 11:05	Samuel Stabler	Between Religious and Political Fields: Reformulating Parish Space in Puritan New England (1637-1741)
11:05 – 11:25	Jonah Stuart Brundage	For a (Realist) Historicism in Sociology
11:25 – 11:45	Xiaohong Xu	Dialogical Struggle in the Becoming of the Cultural Revolution: Between Elite Conflict and Mass Mobilization
		<i>Q&A</i>

513 D	Facts, Values, and Religion Stream 3	Moderator: Brandon Vaidyanathan
10:45 – 11:05	Andrew Lynn	Ditching the Dichotomy: Economic Sociology's Engagement with the Fact-Value Distinction
11:05 – 11:25	Mary Shi	Against Instrumental Rationality, the Ethical Unity of Post-Positivists

11:25 – 11:45	Mary Elliot	How Thinking Becomes a Moral Consideration: Hannah Arendt and the Relationship Between Philosophical Inquiry, Social Knowledge, and the Researcher <i>Q&A</i>
513 E	Race Stream 3	Panel: Re-Theorizing REN: Post-Positivist Perspectives on Studying Intangible Social Categories Moderator: Joseph Klett
10:45 – 11:05	G. Reginald Daniel	From Race to Multiraciality: Postpositivism and the Monoracial Imperative
11:05 – 11:25	Joseph Loe-Sterphone	Outline for the Post-Positivist Study of Nation and Nationalism
11:25 – 11:45	Jasmine Kelekay	Examining and Theorizing Race in Colorblind Scandinavia: The Case for a Critical Post-Positivist Race Methodology <i>Q&A</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:15	Session 4,5,6	
513 C	Theory Stream 4	Moderator: John Mohr
1:00 – 1:20	Daniel Jaster	Beyond Critical Sociology: Bourdieu's Positivism and the Sociology of Critique I
1:20 – 1:40	Bruno Frere	Beyond Critical Sociology: Bourdieu's Positivism and the Sociology of Critique II
1:40 – 2:00	Georg Rilinger	Methodological Blind Spots: Immanent Critique and Alienation <i>Q&A</i>
513 D	Methods Stream 5	Moderator: Nicolette Manglos-Weber
1:00 – 1:30	Mike Bare	The Paradox of Parsons' Analytical Realism
1:30 – 2:00	Carl Auerbach	Towards an Idiographic, Qualitative Scientific Psychology: A Critical Realist Approach
2:00 – 2:15	<i>Q&A</i>	
513 E	Political Stream 3	Panel: Is a post-positivist social movement theory possible? The critical search for relevance in social movement studies Moderator: Emma Greeson
1:00 – 1:20	Ben Manski	On the Making of History: Restoring the Agency of Activists to Social Movement Studies
1:20 – 1:40	Maria Martinez	Beyond causality and linearity? Identity process in the contemporary feminist movement in Spain

1:40 – 2:00 Atef Said Towards a Realist Multitemporal Perspective in
the Study of Revolutions
Q&A

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 4:00 **Plenary Session: Utopian Social Science After Positivism** *Room 513AB*

Chair: Philip Gorski

2:30 – 3:00 Erik Olin Wright

3:00 – 3:30 Margaret Archer

3:30 – 4:00 *Discussion*

4:00 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 5:30 **Closing Plenary Session: Beyond Positivism** *Room 513AB*

Chair: Philip Gorski

4:15 – 4:35 Douglas Porpora

4:35 – 4:55 Claire Decoteau

4:55 – 5:15 Timothy Rutzou

Closing Remarks

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