

**“Philosophy of Social Science”  
Course Syllabus**

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November 12, 2019 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

November 13, 2019 – 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

November 19, 2019 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

November 20, 2019 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Topics:

1. Foundational issues in the science of institutions.

*Readings*

- Francesco Guala. 2016. *Understanding Institutions. The Science and Philosophy of Living Together*. Chapters 1-6: pp. 3-85

2. Methodological toolkit for studying institutions.

*Readings*

- Cristina Bicchieri. 2006. *The Grammar of Society. The Nature and Dynamics of Social Norms*. Chapter 2: pp. 55-99

3. Case study 1: The game of trust.

*Readings*

- Gloria Origgi. 2004. Is Trust an Epistemological Notion? *Episteme*, 1(1):61-72.
- Patrick Bateson. 2008. The biological evolution of cooperation and trust. In Diego Gambetta (ed.) *Trust. Making and Breaking Cooperative Relations*. Blackwell: pp. 14-30

4. Case study 2: Problems of expertise.

*Readings*

- Stephen Turner. 2001. What is the Problem with Experts? *Social Studies of Science*, 31(1):123-149.
- Martini, Carlo. *In Print*. The Epistemology of Expertise. In: Miranda Fricker, Peter J. Graham, David Henderson and Nikolaj J.L.L. Pedersen (eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Social Epistemology*. Routledge: pp. 115-122