

SOS4100 – Social Stratification: Class, Gender, and Ethnicity

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Course description

Social stratification and inequality characterize all known societies and a number of social theories aim to explain why this is the case. In this course we will discuss theories and empirical studies on social stratification and inequality in modern societies; in particular studies that relate reproduction of inequality to processes within the family, educational system and the labor market. The course will provide you with knowledge about recent studies of social, political and economic inequality. Importantly, the course provides knowledge of the Norwegian case in a comparative perspective. First, we start by outlining some basic issues and concepts in the study of social stratification. Second, we address changes in overall economic inequality over time and across the globe. We then discuss different measures of status hierarchies in modern societies. Third, we present recent research on intergenerational mobility in terms of broad comparative trends over time and within countries and we also discuss the mechanisms underlying socioeconomic mobility and persistence across generations. Fourth, we discuss factors shaping labor market inequalities between individuals and groups with a focus on supply-side (e.g. human capital, social networks), demand-side (e.g. discrimination), and matching perspectives. Fifth, we address gender inequalities within the educational system, labor market, and family life in contemporary societies. Finally, we discuss ethnic inequalities and the integration of immigrants and their children within the educational system and the labor market. This section also addresses the role of ethnic and socioeconomic segregation across schools and neighborhoods for children's life chances. In all lectures we emphasize the link between a research question and an empirical research design, which will be useful for your later work on their master thesis. In the final lecture we summarize the course and discuss preparations for the exam.

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Lecture 1: Social inequality — Introduction, concepts and theoretical perspectives

NY (I BOKA)! Grusky, David B. og Wiesshaar, Katherine R. (2014) “Kap. 1a. The Questions We Ask About Inequality” i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (17 sider)

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NY (I BOKA)! Fischer, Claude S. et al. (2014 [1996]) «Kap. 4. Inequality by Design» i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (4 sider)

NY (I FORRIGE UTGAVE AV GRUSKY SIN BOK)! Krueger, Alan B. (2008 [2003]) «Inequality, Too Much of a Good Thing» i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 3. utgave (s. 53-60) (7 sider)

NY (I BOKA)! Grusky, David og Weisshaar, Katherine R. (2014) “Kap. 5. A Compressed History of Inequality” i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (9 sider)

NY (I BOKA)! Esping-Andersen, Gøsta og Myles, John (2014 [2008]) “Kap. 6 The Welfare State and Redistribution” i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (7 sider)

Total: 64 pages

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The Economist: “True Progressivism” special report on inequality”
<http://www.economist.com/node/21564556>

Science: “The Science of Inequality” <http://www.sciencemag.org/site/special/inequality>

Lecture 2: Inequality as a macro phenomenon

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NY (I BOKA)! Atkinson, Anthony B., Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez (2014 [2011]) "Kap. 7. Top Incomes in the Long Run of History" i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (14 sider)

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NY (I BOKA)! Firebaugh, Glenn (2014 [2003]) "Kapittel 132. The New Geography of Global Income Inequality" i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (12 sider)

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Lecture 3: Structures of inequality: social class, social status and occupational groups

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NY (I BOKA)! Weeden, Kim A., and David B. Grusky (2014 [2012]) "Kapittel 23. The Changing Form of Inequality" i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. utgave (11 sider)

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NY! Goldthorpe, John (2007) «Chapter Five: Social Class and the Differentiation of Employment Contracts» i John Goldthorpe "On Sociology. Volume Two—Illustration and Retrospect" (s. 101-124) 2. utgave. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press (24 sider)

@ Chan, T. W og J. H. Goldthorpe (2007) "Class and Status: The Conceptual Distinction and its Empirical Relevance". *American Sociological Review*, 72 (4): 512–532. 21 sider [Fulltekst](#)

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NY (I BOKA)! Breen, Richard, Ruud Luujkx, Walter Müller, and Reinhard Pollak (2014 [2009]) "Kapittel 62. Nonpersistent Inequality in Educational Attainment" i David B. Grusky *Social Stratification: Class, Race and, Gender in Sociological Perspective* 4. Utgave (12 sider)

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* Stovel, K. og C. Fountain (2010). “Matching.” I: P. Hedström og P. Bearman (red.) *The Oxford Handbook of Analytical Sociology*. Oxford University Press, pp. 365-390. 25 sider.

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