

NSF Workshop on Interpretive Methodologies: Reading List for Morning Sessions

Tuesday, September 1. *Beyond Explanation vs. Understanding: Philosophy of Science and the Variety of Empirical Research Methodologies* (Principal presenter: Patrick Jackson)

Readings

1. Weber, Max. "Basic Sociological Terms." Trans. Keith Tribe. Ch 21 in Sam Whimster, *The Essential Weber* (Routledge, 2004). Read from start through §5 of the "Concept of Social Action" section (pp. 312-337).
2. Hempel, Carl. "The Function of General Laws." *Journal of Philosophy* 30 (1942): 35-48. Also reprinted in p. 231-43 of Carl Hempel, *Aspects of Scientific Explanation* (Free Press, 1965)
3. Clarke, Kevin A. and David M. Primo. 2007. "Modernizing Political Science: A Model-Based Approach." *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (2007): 741-53.
4. Carol Cohn. "Motives and Methods: Using Multi-sited Ethnography to Study US National Security Discourses." Pp. 91-107 in Brooke Ackerly, Maria Stern, and Jacquie True, eds., *Feminist Methodologies for International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Wednesday, September 2. *Interpretation and Causal Inference: Challenges and Opportunities for Interpretive Researchers* (Principal presenter: Robert Adcock)

Readings

1. Brady, Henry E. "Causation and Explanation in Social Sciences." Ch 10 in Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Henry E. Brady, and David Collier, eds, *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology* (Oxford University Press, 2008). Read only sections 1-8 (pp. 217-49)
2. Tilly, Charles. "Mechanisms in Political Processes." *Annual Review of Political Science* 4 (2001): 21-41.
3. Gross, Neil. "A Pragmatist Theory of Social Mechanisms." *American Sociological Review* 74 (2009): 358-79.
4. Wendt, Alexander. "On constitution and causation in International Relations." *Review of International Studies* 24 (1998): 101-18.