

Historical Theory  
Uppsala University  
Fall 2019  
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List of seminars with readings

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Main text: Anna Green, and Kathleen Troup. *The Houses of History: A Critical Reader in History and Theory* (2nd edition) Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2016. You are advised to buy it if possible. There are at least two copies of the book in the Karin Boye library, on reserve. We have also ordered a copy for the history department, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet. It is available in paperback for about 409 kr and as an e-book for about 279 kr.

#### MEETINGS AND READINGS

Please read and think about the readings in advance of the class.

1. **Week 36 Tuesday 2019-09-03** 15:15 - 17:00 Rm. 1-0062 **Empiricism/Historical Causality**

Readings: (50 pages total)

*NB: The Evans chapter and Hume essay will be sent out as a PDF to everyone registered for the course, OR given out on Monday, September 2 (to be read by the next day). There are also copies available on the course website. As indicated above, you are strongly advised to buy the Green & Troup book.*

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 2, pp. 13-25 ("The empiricists")

David Hume, "Of Miracles," parts I and II from *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1748) (available online at <https://www.bartleby.com/37/3/14.html> (part I) and <https://www.bartleby.com/37/3/15.html> (part II)). About 12 pages. You can follow these links, and there is also a composite PDF on the course website.

Richard J. Evans, *In Defense of History*, chapter 5 "Causation in History," pp. 111-137 (New York, Norton, 1999), (Note that there is a new edition of this book, but it is missing from our library. So we will stick with the 1997-1999 edition). (PDF on course website)

2. **Week 37 Tuesday 2019-09-10** 15:15 - 17:00 Rm. 2-0076 **Marxism and History/ Agency**

Readings: (80 pages total)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 3, pp. 47-71 (“Marxist Historians”)

E.P. Thompson, “Time, Work-discipline, and Industrial Capitalism” *Past & Present* No. 38 (December 1967): 56-97 (available as an e-journal from UUL).

Green and Troup, *Houses of History* Ch. 6 (“historical sociology”) pp. 131-143.

Lynn M. Thomas, “Historicising Agency,” *Gender & History* 28, no. 2 (August 2016): 324–39 (available as an e-journal article from UUL)

**3. Week 37 Friday 2019-09-13 13:15 – 15:00 Rm. 1:0062 The Annales School/Temporalities**

Readings: (approx. 66 pages total)

Green and Troup, Ch. 5, pp. 118-30 (“The Annales”)

Fernand Braudel, *The Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip II* (1975), Vol. I, pp. 85-102 “Transhumance and Nomadism: Two Mediterranean Ways of Life” (Link on course website)

Joshua Rothman, “Are things getting better or worse? Why assessing the state of the world is harder than it sounds...” *The New Yorker Magazine*, July 23, 2019, 10 p. (Link on course website)

Dipesh Chakrabarty, “Anthropocene Time,” *History and Theory* 57, no. 1 (March 1, 2019): 5–32 (available as an e-journal article from UUL)

**4. Week 38 Tuesday 2019-09-17 15:15 - 17:00 Rm. 1:0062 Quantitative approaches/Historical demography**

Readings: (56 pages total)

Green & Troup, Ch. 7, pp. 165-75 “Quantitative History”

Livi Bacci, *A Concise History of World Population* (6<sup>th</sup> edition, 2017), Chapter 4, “Toward Order and Efficiency,” pp. 119-165 (available as an ebook from UUL)

**5. Week 39 Friday 2019-9-27 13:15 - 15:00 Rm. 1-0062 Anthropology and History**

Readings: (69 pages total)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 8, pp. 198-232, “Anthropology and ethnohistorians,”

Clifford Geertz, “Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight,” *Daedalus* 101, no. 1 (1972): 1–37 (available as an e-journal article from UUL).

William H. Sewell Jr, "History, Synchrony, and Culture: Reflections on the Work of Clifford Geertz" Ch. 6, pp. 175-196 in Sewell, *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (University of Chicago Press, 2005) (Available as an e-book from UUL)

**6. Week 40 Tuesday 2019-10-01 13:15 - 15:00 Rm. 2-0076 Gender and History**

Readings: (72 pages total)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 10, pp. 262-88 "Gender and History" and article by Sharon Harley, "For the good of family and race: Gender, work, and domestic roles in the black community, 1880-1930" ALSO READ the article by Lyndal Roper "Oedipus and the Devil" pp. 84-105, which is part of Green & Troup, chapter 4.

Jeanne Boydston, "Gender as a Question of Historical Analysis," *Gender & History* 20, no. 3 (Nov., 2008): 558–83 (available as an e-journal article from UU)

**7. Week 41 Tuesday 2019-10-08 13:15 - 15:00 Rm. 1-0062 The Cultural Turn/Postmodernism**

Readings: (50 pages total)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 11, pp. 289-319, "The Challenge of poststructuralism" and article by Judith Walkowitz, "Science and the séance: Transgressions of gender and genre"

Jane Caplan, "Postmodernism, Poststructuralism, and Deconstruction: Notes for Historians," *Central European History* 22, no. 3/4 (1989): 260–78 (available as an e-journal article from UUL)

Michel Foucault, "Panopticism" from *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*, reprinted in *Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts* 2, no. 1 (Autumn, 2008), pp. 1-12 (available as an e-journal article from UUL)

**8. Week 43 Tuesday 2019-10-22 13:15 - 15:00 Rm. 1-0062 Postcolonial and Global Histories**

Readings: (81 pages total)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 12, "Postcolonial perspectives" (pp. 320-332). In addition read Durba Ghosh, "Exhibiting Asia in Britain: Commerce, Consumption, and Globalization" in Green & Troup, Ch. 13, pp. 355-73.

Vincent Ferraro, "Dependency Theory: An Introduction" from Giorgio Secondi, ed. *The Development Economics Reader* (Routledge, 2008), pp. 58-64 (link on course website).

Ann Laura Stoler, "'In Cold Blood': Hierarchies of Credibility and the Politics of Colonial Narratives," *Representations* 37 (1992): 151–89 (available as an e-journal article from UUL)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, "Conclusion," pp. 437-43.

**9. Week 44 Tuesday 2019-10-29 15:15-17:00 Rm. 1-0062 Conspiracies and Fake History**

Readings: (approx. 60 pages total)

Green & Troup, *Houses of History*, Ch. 9, pp. 233-44, "The question of narrative"

David Singh Grewal, "Conspiracy Theories in a Networked World," *Critical Review* 28, no. 1 (2016): 24–43 (available as an e-journal article from UUL)

R. Po.Chia Hsia, *The Myth of Ritual Murder: Jews and Magic in Reformation Germany* (Yale University Press, 1988), pp. 1-5, 42-65 (available as an e-book from UUL).

Liam Stack, "Debunking a Myth: The Irish Were Not Slaves, Too," *The New York Times*, March 3, 2017, sec. U.S., <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/17/us/irish-slaves-myth.html>.