

## CLASSIC THEORY

New Seminar Series commencing September 21st and every second Wednesday thereafter

15:00-17:00, GradCAM Seminar Room

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*'Often Cited, Seldom Read'*

The new 'Classic Theory' seminar series at GradCAM will pursue close reading of what may be considered 'classic' texts drawn from across the arts, humanities and social sciences. These are 'classic' in the sense that they provide a key formulation of ideas and perspectives that have become pervasive or foundational for subsequent enquiry, typically impacting across multiple disciplines and objects of study. The seminar is premised upon the ubiquity of key theorists in the academy that are 'often cited, seldom read'. Such authors are frequently referred to but often with little consideration of the context in which their original ideas were mobilised. The aim of this seminar series is to move beyond a merely operational citation of such classic theoretical and methodological sources and develop a more considered relationship with the key works of writers such as: Marx, Freud, Foucault, Lacan, Badiou, Chomsky, Kuhn and Habermas.

The pilot text for this initiative will be Marx's Capital Vol.1 available at:  
<http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1867-c1/>

### **Semester 1 (21<sup>st</sup> September-14<sup>th</sup> December)**

Week 1- General Introduction

Week 2- Chapters 1& 2

Week 3- Chapter 3

Week 4- Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

Week 5- Chapters 9 & 10

Week 6- Chapter 11

If the first semester of this seminar series proves successful, the remainder of Marx's Capital Vol.1 will be completed after Christmas along with one of the following proposed texts, depending on the will of participants and the remaining time left in the semester. However, suggestions will also be taken for alternative texts.

Sigmund Freud: *'General Introduction to Psychoanalysis'*

Michel Foucault: *'The History of Sexuality, Vol.1: The Will to Knowledge'*

Jacques Lacan: *'Ecrits'*