

Critique in Context

Winter term 19-20 // Tue 12-14, Room 109 (AP 1) // Dr. Andreas Busen

Course outline

01 15/10 Introduction: What is critique?

02 22/10 The nature, form, and function of critique

Frieder Vogelmann 2017, *Measuring, Disrupting, Emancipating: Three Pictures of Critique*, *Constellations* 24(1), pp. 101-112.

03 29/10 Enlightenment and critique

Immanuel Kant 1996[1784], *An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?*, in: *ibid.*, *Practical Philosophy*, ed. Mary J. Gregor, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 11-22.

Michel Foucault 1997, *What is Critique?*, in: Michel Foucault, *The Politics of Truth*, ed. Sylvère Lotringer, Los Angeles: Semiotext(e), pp. 41-81.

04 05/11 Critical theory

Max Horkheimer 2002[1937]: *Traditional and Critical Theory*, in: *ibid.*, *Critical Theory. Selected Essays*, New York: Continuum, pp. 188-244.

05 12/11 Critical rationalism

Karl Popper 2002[1935/1959], *Introduction to the Logic of Science*, in: *ibid.*, *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, London: Routledge, pp. 3-36.

06 19/11 External critique

Karl-Otto Apel 1975, *The Problem of Philosophical Fundamental Grounding in Light of a Transcendental Pragmatic of Language*, *Continental Philosophy Review* 8(3), pp. 239-275.

07 26/11 Internal critique

Michael Walzer 1987, *Interpretation and Social Criticism*, *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, https://tannerlectures.utah.edu/_documents/a-to-z/w/walzer90.pdf

08 03/12 Immanent critique

Titus Stahl 2013, What is Immanent Critique?, SSRN Working Papers, URL:
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2357957>, doi: 10.2139/ssrn.2357957.

Rahel Jaeggi 2015, Towards an Immanent Critique of Forms of Life, *Raisons politiques* 57, pp. 13-29.

09 10/12 Genealogy as critique

David Owen 1995, Genealogy as Exemplary Critique: Reflections on Foucault and the Imagination of the Political, *International Journal of Human Resource Management* 24(4), pp. 489-506.

David Owen 2002, Criticism and Captivity: On Genealogy and Critical Theory, *European Journal of Philosophy* 10(2), pp. 216-230.

10 17/12 Sociological critique

Luc Boltanski 2011, *On Critique. A Sociology of Emancipation*, Cambridge: Polity Press (pp. 1-49).

11 07/01 Feminism and critique

Kate Nash 1994, The Feminist Production of Knowledge: Is Deconstruction a Practice for Women?, *Feminist Review* 47, pp. 65-77.

Marilyn Gottschall 2002, The Ethical Implications of the Deconstruction of Gender, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70(2), pp. 279-299.

12 14/01 Postcolonialism and critique

Achille Mbembe 2017, *Critique of Black Reason*, Durham, NC/London: Duke University Press (pp. 1-37).

13 21/01 Ideology critique

Sally Haslanger 2017, Culture and Critique, *Aristotelian Society Supplementary* 91(1), pp. 149-173.

Clare Chambers 2017, Ideology and Normativity, *Aristotelian Society Supplementary* 91(1), pp. 175-195.

14 28/01 Criticizing capitalism

Nancy Fraser/Rahel Jaeggi 2018, Criticizing Capitalism, in: *ibid.*, *Capitalism. A Debate in Critical Theory*, Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 115-164.

Course requirements

In order to successfully take part in the course, students will have to

- actively participate in the weekly discussions.
- closely read and analyse the set texts for each week.
You'll find all the set texts in the OpenOLAT room for the course (see below). It certainly won't hurt to research and read some additional texts as well. If you do come across a text you find particularly helpful, feel free to upload it to the OpenOLAT room, so the others in the course can profit from it, too.
- join a team.
For each week, a team of two or more students will research the relevant 'context' for the topic covered in the respective week and present their findings in a Wiki entry on the course Wiki (in the OpenOLAT room). All teams should see me during my office hours at least two weeks before the week in which 'their' topic is covered.

Technicalities

You'll find all the set texts as well as further material and the course Wiki in the OpenOLAT room for the course. In order to join the room, go to <https://www.openolat.uni-hamburg.de> and log in with your University account. Look for the room „Critique in Context“ (80576649) and join it using the password “CriticalThinking”. Once you've joined the room, make sure to click on “Enrolment” and enrol in the course.

My office hours are 14:30-15:40 on Tuesdays (room 203, AP1; please register here: <https://doodle.com/poll/988bay7yravr36c9>). If you cannot make my office hours, send me an e-mail and we'll figure something out.

Feel free to get in touch...

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