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Optional module for the Degree Scheme in Sociology and International Studies

Objectives

On completion of this module, students are expected to be:

- Familiar with contemporary debates in Political Sociology.
- Be able to demonstrate an ability to think, discuss and write about these debates critically.

Teaching methods

There are no prerequisites. The module is taught by discussion seminars introduced by a lecture by the module leader. The discussion is organised around set questions and prescribed readings. It is expected that students will be familiar with the set readings. Supplementary texts will be indicated by the instructor as the module progresses. It is required that students will have studied the weekly set texts sufficiently to be able to summarise them, elaborate the issues they deal with and have formed views regarding the meaning, significance and implications of the texts for the topics under consideration. The prescribed reading will be supplemented by independent reading, drawing upon library and electronic sources.

Each session will consist of a 45-minute presentation by the lecturer, followed by a short break and then a structured discussion and optional student presentations.

Assessment

- Written exam. The exam will consist of three essay questions to be chosen among five questions.
- Students can also choose to do a class presentation on one of the supplementary readings to be agreed with the instructor, in which case they can replace one of the questions with a critical summary of their presentation.
- All students (attending and non-attending students) are required to read the De Nardis manual.

Contents

The module introduces the main themes and approaches of political sociology. It begins with a brief historical overview of this field. In particular, it considers different definitions of its subject matter and how they have evolved in recent years. It then reviews the main disciplinary approaches, focusing on conflict theories, elitist and institutionalist theories.

A second section examines how the political context of state-society relations has changed as a consequence of globalisation. In this framework, it examines the concepts of power, conflict and state and their transformations. It surveys the literature on the various forms of political participation with particular reference to the role of non-state actors in political arenas. In this context, it reviews the literature on political parties but also social movements, interest groups and judicial activism at the national and international level.

A third section examines the impact of globalisation and migration trends on ethnic relations, reviewing both anti-discrimination movements and exclusionist movements and their impact on political arenas and the public sphere. It concludes with an examination of the consequences of the 2008 financial crisis and its aftermaths on European societies.

Mandatory Readings

- De Nardis, Fabio (2020). *Understanding Politics and Society*. London: Palgrave Macmillan

General supplementary readings (these are useful but non-mandatory background readings)

- D'Albergo, E. (2014). Sociologia della politica. Attori, strutture, interessi, idee Carocci.

- Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell (available at UNITN as electronic book)
- De Nardis, F. (2013). Sociologia politica. Per comprendere i fenomeni politici contemporanei, McGraw Hill.
- Drake, M. (2010). Political Sociology for a Globalising World, Polity Press.
- Janoski, T. (2005). Handbook of Political Sociology. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. (available at UNITN as electronic book)
- Leicht, K. and J. C. Jenkins, Eds. (2009). Handbook of Politics: State and Society in Global Perspective, Springer.
- Nash, K. (2010). Contemporary Political Sociology: Globalisation, Politics, and Power. London, Wiley-Blackwell.

Course Contents

1. Introduction: what is political sociology? 25.2

- Definitions and history of the field of political sociology
- Historical overview of the main approaches to political sociology

Readings

- De Nardis, Chapters 1

Supplementary Readings

- D'Albergo, Chapter 1 and 2
- Hicks, A., Janoski, T., Schwartz, M., Political Sociology in the New Millenium in Janoski pp. 1-30
- Pehl, D. M. and C. Spiess, Eds. (2010). Political Sociology: The State of the Art. Opladen, Barbara Budrich Publishers.
- van Deth, J. W. (2010). Political Sociology: Old Concerns and New Directions. Political Sociology - The State of the Art. S. K. Mitra, M. Pehl and C. Spiess. Opladen, Barbara Budrich Publishers: 105-126

2. Conflict theories 26.2

- The concept of social conflict
- Power and the classics of political sociology
- Marxist and Neo-Marxist approaches

Readings

- D'Albergo, Chapter 3
- Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell – chapter 1

Supplementary Readings

- Malešević, S. (2004). Chapter 1 and sections on Marxism and Neo-Marxism in *The sociology of ethnicity*. London, Sage.
- Mann, M. (1986). *The Sources of Social Power*. Cambridge Cambridge University Press.
- De Nardis (2020). Section on Marx in Chapter 2.
- De Nardis (2020). Chapter 4.

3. Weberian and Durkheimian approaches 4.3

- The concepts of power and society for Weber and Durkheim
- Weber and the fragmentation of the spheres
- Weber and social stratification
- Power and political rituals
- Durkheim and the collective identity of political rituals

Readings

- Breiner, P., Weber and Political Sociology in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chapter 2 *
- De Nardis, Chapter 2
- Thompson, K., Durkheim and Durkheimian Political Sociology in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chapter 3 *

Supplementary Readings

- Alexander, J., Ed. (1990). *Durkheimian Sociology: Cultural Studies*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press
- Emirbayer, M. (1996). "Useful Durkheim." *Sociological Theory* 14(2): 109-130
- Poggi, G. (1972). *Images of society : essays on the sociological theories of Tocqueville, Marx and Durkheim*. Stanford, Stanford University Press ; London : Oxford University Press

4. Elite theories, power and institutionalisms, field approaches 5.3

- The concepts of power and society
- Elite theories
- Power in the international arena
- Institutionalisms
- Field approaches: the Bourdesian tradition of political sociology

Readings

- Janoski, chapter 4 on institutionalist theories
- Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell – chapters 5-7

Supplementary Readings

- Leicht, K. T. and J. C. Jenkins, Eds. (2009). Chapter 9 on elite theories and chapter 10 on conflict theories
- Lukes, S. (1974). *Power*. London, Macmillan.

- Mann, M. (1986). *The Sources of Social Power*. Cambridge Cambridge University Press.
- Nye Joseph, S. (2004). *Soft Power: the Means to Success in World Politics*. New York, Public Affairs.
- Risse, T., et al., Eds. (1999). *The Power of Human Rights*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Swartz, D. (2013). *Symbolic Power, Politics, and Intellectuals: The Political Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu*. Chicago, University of Chicago Press.

5. Theories of state formation and change; types of Contemporary European States; Citizenship 11.3

- Theories of state formation
- The autonomy of the state
- States and globalisation

Readings

- De Nardis, Chapter 5
- Gianfranco Poggi, Ch. 9 'Theories of State Formation'

Supplementary Readings

- Desmond King and Patrick Le Gale`s 'State' in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell Ch. 10
- Janoski, Chapters by Poggi and Ertman
- Lukes, S. (2005). *Power: a Radical View*. London, Palgrave.
- Mann, Michael. 1986. "The Autonomous Power of the State: Its Origins, Mechanisms, and Results." Pp. 109-136 in *States in History*, ed. John A. Hall. New York: Basil Blackwell.
- Weiss, L. (1998). *The Myth of the Powerless State*. London, Polity Press.

6. Globalisation, governance and the State 12.3

- Globalisation in various domains
- Globalisation and neo-liberalism
- Horizontal and vertical governance
- New governance
- Territorial governance

Readings:

- De Nardis, Chapter 6
- D'Albergo ch. 6
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Supplementary Readings

- McMichael, P., 'Globalisation' in Janoski et Al. Chapter 29 *
- Weiss, L. (2000). "Globalisation and State Power." *Development and Society* 29(1): 1-15.
- Appadurai, A., *Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions in Globalization* University of Minnesota Press 1996
- Crouch, C. (2011). *The strange non-death of neo-liberalism*. Cambridge ; Malden, MA, Polity.
- Featherstone, M., *Global Culture: Nationalism, Globalization and Modernity*, Sage 1990

- Rhodes, R. A. W. (1997). *Understanding Governance: Policy Networks, Governance, Reflexivity and Accountability*. London, Open University Press.
- Sassen, S. (2007). *A Sociology of Globalization*. New York, Columbia UP.

7. Transnational and Supranational Challenges to the State – Human Rights 18.3

- Challenges to the power of the state from above and from below
- State responses to globalisation
- How do different actors in a global governance structure replace functions formerly performed by the state?
- Human rights at the international level

Readings:

- Nash, Kate 'Towards a Political Sociology of Human Rights' in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell (available at UNITN as electronic book)
- Risse Kappen, T. (1994). "Ideas Do Not Float Freely: Transnational Coalitions, Domestic Structures, and the End of the Cold War." *International Organization* 48(2): 185-214.

Supplementary Readings

- Risse, T. et al., Eds. (1999). *The Power of Human Rights*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Risse-Kappen, T. (1995). *Bringing transnational relations back in: non-state actors, domestic structures and international institutions*. Cambridge ; New York, NY, USA, Cambridge University Press.
- Rosenau, James N. 2002. "NGOs and Fragmented Authority in Globalizing Space." Pp. 261-280 in *Political Space: Frontiers of Change and Governance in a Globalising World*, edited by Yale H. Ferguson and R.J. Barry Jones. Albany: State University of New York.
- Weiss, L. (1998). *The Myth of the Powerless State*. London, Polity Press.

8. Bureaucracies, Institutions and Neo-Liberalism 19.3

- What are the features of a traditional and a modern bureaucracy?
- Why is bureaucracy important for state development and political rule?
- The impact of the ideology of New Public Management on state bureaucracies

Readings:

- D'Albergo, Chapter 4
- Ruzza, C. (2014). "The Ideology of New Public Management, Associational Representation and the Global Financial Crisis." *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 7(3): 490-508.

Supplementary Readings

- ch. 14 'Organised Interest Groups and Policy Networks' p. 287-309 and Oszlak, Chapter 24 on state bureaucracy in Janoski
- Gualmini, E. (2008). "Restructuring Weberian Bureaucracy: Comparing Managerial Reforms in Europe and the United States." *Public Administration* 86(1): 75-94.
- Pollitt, C. and G. Bouckaert (2011). *Public Management Reform: A Comparative Analysis—New Public Management, Governance, and the Neo-Weberian State*. Oxford, Oxford UP.

- Van de Walle, S. and G. Hammerschmid (2011). "The Impact of the New Public Management: Challenges for Coordination and Cohesion in European Public Sectors." *Halduskultuur - Administrative Culture* 12(2): 190-209.
- Weber, Max. 1978. "Bureaucracy" in *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

9. Political participation and theories of representation: introduction 25.3

- The concept of political participation
- The political sphere
- Changing forms of political participation

Readings:

De Nardis (2020) Chapter 8

Supplementary Readings

- D'Albergo, Chapter 5
- Saward, M. (2009). "Authorisation and authenticity: representation and the unelected." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 17(1): 1-22.
- Maier, C. (1987). *Changing boundaries of the political: essays on the evolving balance between the state and society, public and private in Europe*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Norris, P. (2002). *Democratic Phoenix: reinventing political activism*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Saward, M. (2006). "The Representative Claim." *Contemporary Political Theory* 5(3): 297-318

10. Forms of Political Participation: electoral behaviour and party politics 26.3

- Theoretical approaches to the study of electoral behavior
- Parties and party systems: an overview
- Institutionalisation dynamics in different social and political realms

Readings:

- De Nardis, Ch. 9
- *Mildred A. Schwartz and Kay Lawson* 'Political Parties: Social Bases, Organization, and Environment' in Janoski ch. 13. pp. 266-286

Supplementary Readings

- Lipset, S. M. and S. Rokkan (1967). *Cleavage Structures, Party Systems, and Voter Alignments. Party systems and voter alignments: Cross-national perspectives*. S. M. Lipset and S. Rokkan. Toronto, The Free Press. (see also: http://wikisum.com/w/Lipset_and_Rokkan:_Party_systems_and_voter_alignments)
- Michels, R. (1949). *Political Parties: A sociological study of the oligarchical tendencies of modern democracy*. Glencoe, Illinois, The Free Press.
- Norris, P. (2002). *Democratic phoenix : reinventing political activism*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

11. Forms of Political Participation: interest groups, advocacy and civil society 1.4

- Interest groups and functional representation
- Private and public interest groups
- Forms of advocacy
- Judicial activism
- The concept of civil society and its relevance in contemporary governance
- Civil society and its uses as a political ideology
- International civil society

Readings:

- D'Albergo, Chapter 7
- Janoski, chapter on interest groups
- Perez-Diaz, V. (2011). "Civil society: a multi-layered concept." *Sociopedia* 21(3): 433-445.

Supplementary Readings

- Fung, A. (2003). "Associations and Democracy: Between Theories, Hopes, and Realities." *Annual Review of Sociology* 29(1): 515-539
- Ray, Larry 'Civil Society and the Public Sphere' in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell
- Somers, M. (1995). "Narrating and Naturalising Civil Society and Citizenship Theory: The Place of Political Culture and the Public Sphere." *Sociological Theory* 13 (3): 229-274.

12. Deliberative structures; activism and the city 8.4

- The concept of political participation in cities
- The political sphere at city level
- Urban activism in different contexts

Readings:

- D'Albergo, Chapter 7
- Fung, A. (2003). "Survey Article: Recipes for Public Spheres: Eight Institutional Design Choices and Their Consequences*." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 11(3): 338-367

Supplementary Readings

- Castells, M. (1983). *The City and the Grassroots*. Berkeley, CA, University of California Press
- Dryzek, J. (2000). *Deliberative democracy and beyond : liberals, critics, contestations*. Oxford, Oxford University Press
- van der Steen, B., A. Katzeff, et al., Eds. (2014). *The City Is Ours: Squatting and Autonomous Movements in Europe from the 1970s to the Present*, PM Press

13. Forms of Political Participation: social movements 9.4

- Explaining unconventional political participation and social movements
- The contribution of political sociology to the study of movements
- Main theories of activists' mobilisation
- Action repertoires and their historical transformations

Readings:

- De Nardis, chapter 10 on social movements
- Walder, A. (2009). "Political Sociology and Social Movements." Annual Review of Sociology **35**: 393-412

Supplementary Readings

- Jenkins and Form in Janosky, chapter 16 on social movements and Tilly, chapter 21 on regimes of contention
- Meyer ch. 35 in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology. (available as electronic book)
- Polletta, F. and J. M. Jasper (2001). Collective identity and social movements. Annual Review of Sociology. 27: 283-305.
- Zald, M. N. and R. A. Garner (1987). Social movement organisations: growth, decay, and change. Social Movements in an Organizational Society, New Brunswick/Oxford, Transaction Books.

14. Left-liberal movements: the no-global movement 15.4

- The Anti-Globalisation movement or Global Justice Movement as a new type of movement
- Different types of transnational advocacy
- Transnational coordination and the role of the new media
- Main organisations

Readings:

- Valentine M. Moghadam , 'Global Social Movements and Transnational Advocacy' in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell

Supplementary Readings

- Mario Pianta Globalizzazione dal basso. Economia mondiale e movimenti sociali, Manifestolibri, 2001
- Della Porta, D. and S. G. Tarrow (2005). Transnational protest and global activism. Lanham, Md. ; Oxford, Rowman & Littlefield.
- Della Porta, D. ed. (2006). The Global Justice Movement: Cross-national and Transnational Perspectives. New York: Paradigm
- Naomi Klein No logo economia globale e nuova contestazione.

15. Ethnicity and political participation: political-sociological approaches 16.4

- The nature of ethnicity
- Traditions in the study of ethnicity: the contribution of political sociology
- The multicultural backlash

Readings

- Kastoryano, R. and M. Schader (2014). A comparative view of ethnicity and political engagement. Annual Review of Sociology. 40: 241-260.

Supplementary Readings

- Guiraudon, V. (2003). "The constitution of a European immigration policy domain: a political sociology approach." *Journal of European Public Policy* 10 (2): 263 - 282
- Guibernau, M., Rex, J., (2010) *The Ethnicity Reader: Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Migration*, Polity Press (See also 1997 edition) Section on 'multiculturalism and assimilation'

16. Anti-racist movements in Europe 22.4

- Varieties of anti-racist movements in Europe
- Anti-racism in different institutional domains
- The controversial nature of anti-racism

Readings:

- Ruzza, C. (2008) *The Italian Antiracist Movement Between Advocacy, Service Delivery, and Political Protest*, *International Journal of Sociology*, 38 (2), pp. 55-64.

Supplementary Readings

- Tuorto, D., *Il lavoro difficile. Discriminazione e gruppi discriminati in Italia*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2013 (available as electronic book at UNITN)
- Geddes, Andrew (2004) 'Britain, France, and EU Anti-Discrimination Policy: The Emergence of an EU Policy Paradigm', *West European Politics*, 27: 2, 334 — 353
- Guibernau, M., Rex, J., (2010) *The Ethnicity Reader: Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Migration*, Polity Press (See also 1997 edition)
- Guiraudon, V. (2003). "The constitution of a European immigration policy domain: a political sociology approach." *Journal of European Public Policy* 10 (2): 263 - 282
- Lentin, A. (2004). *Racism and Anti-racism in Europe*. London, Pluto Press
- S. Fella and C. Ruzza, Eds. (2012). 'Anti-racist movements in the European Union: between Europeanisation and National Trajectories' (London, Palgrave) (introduction, conclusions and chapters on Italy and the EU).

17. Public Policy, Migration and Health 23.4

- Migration and public policy issues
- Health as a key domain in migration policy
- Health in relation to other domains, such as housing and work safety.

Readings:

- Ahmad, W. and H. Bradby (2008). "Ethnicity and health: Key themes in a developing field." *Current Sociology* 56(1): 47-56.
- Geraci, S. and I. E. Hamad (2011). "Migranti e accessibilità ai servizi sanitari: luci e ombre." *Italian Journal of Public Health* 8(3): 14-20

Supplementary Readings

- Falge, C., Ruzza, C., Schmidtke, O. (2012). *Migrants and Health: Political and Institutional Responses to Cultural Diversity in Health Systems*. London, Ashgate.
- Macbeth, H., (2001) *Health and ethnicity*, Taylor and Francis

18.Nationalism 29.4

- Nationalism,
- Postnationalism
- Euroscepticism
- Transnational Ethnic identities and globalisation

Readings:

- Cortona, P. G. d. (2003). *Stati, nazioni e nazionalismi in Europa*, Saggi (available as electronic book at UNITN - Darwinbooks)
- John Schwarzmantel, 'Nationalism: Its Role and Significance in a Globalised World' , Chapter 29 in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Chichester, West Sussex, Wiley-Blackwell

Supplementary Readings

- Guibernau and Rex 2010 Ch. 2 on Nationalism
- Hansen, R. (2009) *The poverty of postnationalism: citizenship, immigration, and the new Europe*, *Theor Soc*, 38 pp. 1–24.
- Macbeth, H., (2001) *Health and ethnicity*, Taylor and Francis
- S. Benhabib, I. Shapiro, et al., Eds. (2007). 'Identities, Affiliations, and Allegiances' (Cambridge, Cambridge UP). (Chapter by Kastoriano on the transnationalisation of Ethnic Identities)
- Spencer, P. & Wollman, H. (2002). *Nationalism: a Critical Introduction* (London: Sage).

19.Ethno-Nationalism 30.4

- Ethnicity and self-determination
- Regionalism

Readings

- D'Albergo, Chapter 1 and 2
- Trezn, H. J. (2007). "Reconciling diversity and unity: Language minorities and European integration." *Ethnicities* 7(2): 157-185.

Supplementary Readings

- Harvie, C. (1994). *The Rise of Regional Europe*. London, Routledge.
- Keating, M. and J. McGarry (2001). *Minority nationalism and the changing international order*. Oxford ; New York, Oxford University Press
- Section on Ethnicity and Self-Determination in Guibernau and Rex 2010 – ch. 4

20.European Ethno-Nationalism in a comparative perspective 6.5

- Catalanism

- Sardism

Readings

- Brugue Q, Goma R, Subirats J (2000) Multilevel Governance and Europeanization: The Case of Catalonia. *South-European-Society-and-Politics*; 2000, 5, 2, autumn, 95-118
- Haider-Quercia, U. (2013). La rappresentanza elettorale delle minoranze nazionali in Europa, CEDAM
- Roux C (2004) Des difficultés de la contestation périphérique dans le Mezzogiorno. L'exemple du Parti Sarde d'Action Pôle sud:147-164

Supplementary Readings

- Conversi D (1997) *The Basques, the Catalans, and Spain : alternative routes to nationalist mobilisation*. University of Nevada Press, Reno, Nev.
- Giordano B, Roller E (2001) A comparison of Catalan and 'Padanian' nationalism: more similarities than differences? *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans* 3 (2)
- Hepburn E (2009) *Explaining Failure: the Highs and Lows of Sardinian Nationalism*. *Regional & Federal Studies*
- Kymlicka W (2011) Multicultural citizenship within multination states. *Ethnicities* 11 (3):281-302.
- Section on citizenship in Amenta, E. n., K. Nash, et al., Eds. (2012). *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology* (available at UNITN as electronic book).

21. Ethnicity and the Extreme Right 7.5

- Ethnicity and right-wing parties
- Demand and supply theories of the radical right

Readings:

- Ruzza, C. (2009) Populism and Euroscepticism: Towards uncivil society?, *Policy and Society*, 28 (1), pp. 87-98.
- Rydgren, J. "The Sociology of the Radical Right." *Annual Review of Sociology* 33: 241-262

Supplementary Readings

- Norris, P. (2005). *Radical right : voters and parties in the electoral market*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Mudde, C. (2007). *Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe*. Cambridge, Cambridge UP.

22. Populism 13.5

- Populism: definitions
- The personalisation of politics
- The politics of the enemy and populism
- Populism and Italian politics

Readings:

- De Nardis, Ch. 11
- Ruzza, C. and S. Fella (2011). "Populism and the Italian right." *Acta Politica* 46(2): 158-179.

Supplementary Readings

- Meny, Y. and Y. Surel (2001). *Populismo e Democrazia*. Bologna, Il Mulino
- Galli, G. (2001). "Populismo." *il Mulino* 1: 57-62
- Canovan, M. (1981). *Populism*. N.Y., Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.
- Mazzoleni, G. (2008) *Populism and the Media*, in: Albertazzi, D. & McDonnell, D. (Eds.) *Twenty-first century populism: the spectre of western European democracy*. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan).
- Taggart, P. (2000). *Populism*. London, Open University Press (also available in Italian translation)

23. Political Communication and the Media 14.5

- The new media
- Ethnicity and the media
- Framing processes, social movements and the public sphere

Readings:

- De Nardis Ch. 12
- *Toward a Political Sociology of the News Media* in Janoski, p. 350

Supplementary Readings

- Gamson, W. A. (1992). *Talking Politics*. London, Cambridge University Press.

24. Political Sociology and Crises: the 2008 Financial Crisis and its aftermaths, and the COVID-19 Crisis 20.5

- The impact of the 2008 financial crisis and its aftermaths
- The crisis and new vulnerabilities in Europe
- The crisis and the EU

Readings

- Ruzza, C. (2014). "Il rapporto tra stato e società in Europa e la sua evoluzione negli anni della crisi globale " *Sociologia* 3.
- Kallio, K. P., et al. (2020). "Covid-19 discloses unequal geographies." *Fennia* 198(1-2): 1-16.

Supplementary Readings

- Crouch, C. (2011). *The strange non-death of neo-liberalism*. Cambridge; Malden, MA, Polity.
- Trezz, H.-J., et al., Eds. (2015). *Europe's prolonged crisis: The making or the unmaking of a political Union* London, Palgrave.