

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Altruism, gift and symbolic exchange / Sociology of non-market goods			
Teacher:	Philippe Steiner			
University / organisation:	Sorbonne Université			
Language of teaching:	English (if more than 6 EPOG students attending the course) French (with slides and some references in English) otherwise			
ECTS:	3 ECTS			
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	<input type="checkbox"/> S1	<input type="checkbox"/> S2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S3	<input type="checkbox"/> S4
Teaching method(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses		<input type="checkbox"/> Flipped classroom	
	Other:			
Type(s) of evaluation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral defence		<input type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / comments:			
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s):	End of January			
Expected date of final results:	End of February			
Summary of the content:	<p>The first goal of the seminar is to study how altruism, gift and symbolic exchange were conceptualized by Auguste Comte, Emile Durkheim, Marcel Mauss and Pierre Bourdieu.</p> <p>Then, the seminar examines the empirical elements upon which these forms of transaction rest in our present societies: Inheritance and gift (Comte), organizational gift (Mauss) and symbolic/singular goods (Bourdieu and Karpik).</p> <p>Finally, the seminar considers how social sciences perform transactions, notably in the case of matching markets (Alvin Roth)</p>			
Indicative list of lectures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociological critique to political economy • Comte on altruism • Inheritance and exchange of gifts in the family • Durkheim on altruism/Mauss on gift-giving • Organisational gift-giving • Contested gift-giving • Bourdieu on symbolic exchange • Karpik on the economy of singularity • Performativity and exchange 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching market and the sociology of exchange
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<p>Classics :</p> <p>Bourdieu Pierre, “Le sens de l’honneur”, in <i>Esquisse d’une théorie de la pratique</i>, (1972), Paris, Seuil, 2000</p> <p>Bourdieu, Pierre, “Le marché des biens symboliques”, <i>L’Année sociologique</i>, 1971</p> <p>Callon, Michel, “The embeddedness of economic market in economics”, in M. Callon (ed.) <i>The Laws of the Markets</i>, Oxford, Blackwell, 1998</p> <p>Comte Auguste, <i>Système de politique positive</i>, (1852), vol. 2., chap. 2, Paris, Larousse, 1895</p> <p>Karpik, Lucien, <i>Valuing the unique</i>, Princeton University Press, 2007</p> <p>Mauss, Marcel, <i>Essai sur le don</i> (1925), in <i>Sociologie et anthropologie</i>, Paris, Presses universitaires de France, 1980</p> <p>Roth, Alvin, <i>Who Gets What and Why</i>, Penguin, 2015</p> <p>Some secondary litterature</p> <p>Steiner, Philippe, “Altruism, sociology and the history of economic thought”, <i>European Journal of the History of Economic Thought</i>, 2019</p> <p>Steiner, Philippe, “Economics as matching”, <i>Politica e sociedade</i>, 2019</p> <p>Steiner, Philippe, <i>Donner ... Une histoire de l’altruisme</i>, Paris, Presses universitaires de France, 2016</p>