

Title of course: **Metamodernism**

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Teaching language: English

Course description:

The philosophical and sociological landscape of social theories popular in the latter part of the 20-th Century and at the beginning of the 21-st Century might be interpreted as a constant tension between modernism and postmodernism. By modernism, I mean an optimistic attitude towards human knowledge and the possibility of discovering human universals and the best model of society. This might lead into an enlightened and luminous future of a peaceful and cooperative world society - global village. On the other hand, we encounter pessimistic interpretations of metanarratives of any kind, which according to this view are always totalizing and oppressive. In this interpretation the future looks bleak, and we can only strive for a very local good life. Any theoretical propositions are viewed with suspicion, as they are seen as potential pathways to new forms of totalitarianism. The metamodern philosophy tries to overcome this opposition. By going beyond, above and between modernism and postmodernism striving for a new foundation of social theory. In this class we are going to discuss modern (e.g. Jurgen Habermas, Anthony Giddens), postmodern (e.g. Michel Foucault, Zygmunt Bauman) and metamodern (e.g. Jason Josephson-Storm, Bruno Latour) authors of social theory and try to evaluate the very possibility of metamodern perspective.

To pass the class, each participant must attend sessions, actively participate in discussions, and write an essay on a topic related to metamodernism during the final class.