COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims to follow the two lines of philosophical and theoretical attempts that take social and political reality as “emergent, constructed, contested, interactive, and process-like”. These are constructivist and Gramscian theories which intersect in the case of critical constructivism. In these theories, the problematic of the “dialectical” relationship between “structure” and “agency” have been postulated in various ways while the ideational, discursive and reflective capabilities of “the subjects” have been attributed a constitutive role regarding the construction of “reality.” The recent “constructivist turn” especially in social and political theory and international politics has reflected the impact of these perspectives in social sciences with a growing body of works. Throughout the classes a critical engagement with “constructivism” will be promoted with the objective of assessing the promises and limitations of these theories in the social and political theory.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to develop a term paper to be submitted by the end of the classes. Students should also submit essays on the readings on a regular basis.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND THERORETICAL BACKGROUND


‘CONSTRUCTIVIST TURN’ IN POLITICAL STUDIES


TOWARDS A (NEOGRAMSCIAN) CRITICAL CONSTRUCTIVISM


AN ALTERNATIVE TO STRUCTURE-AGENCY MODEL: ACTION AND INTERRUPTION


