



Tárgytematika

EÖTVÖS LORÁND TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM

BTK Filozófia Intézet
(BTK-FILOZOF-I02)

2018/19/2

Tárgynév:	Introduction to the Philosophy of Social Science
Tárgykód:	BBN-FIL-401_01
Tárgyfelelős neve:	Bodnár István Dr.
Tárgy követelménye:	Kollokvium (5)
Tárgy heti óraszám:	2/0/0

Oktatás célja:

Short description: the course offers a general survey of some of the main contemporary issues discussed within the discipline. Topics include:

- rational choice explanations
- explanation and prediction in social sciences
- reductionism, individualism, holism
- values and objectivity

Számonkérési és értékelési rendszere:

Requirements:

- midterm exam (30%)
- research paper (appr. 2000 words, for doctoral students 4000 words) (70%)

OR

- min. 5 response paper, handed in before classes

regular attendance and active class participation

Kötelező irodalom:

Readings:

Machlup, F. "Are the Social Sciences Really Inferior?", reprinted in M. Martin and L.C. McIntyre, eds. *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 1994.

Elster, J. "The Nature and Scope of Rational-Choice Explanation", reprinted in M. Martin and L.C. McIntyre, eds. *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 1994.

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Martin and L.C. McIntyre, eds. *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 1994.

Little, D. *Varieties of Social Explanation. An Introduction to the Philosophy of Social Science*, ch. 8. Westview Press: Boulder, Colorado.

Cohen, G. A. „Functional Explanation in Marxism”. In M. Martin and L.C. McIntyre, eds. *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 1994. Taylor, C. "Interpretation and the Sciences of Man", *Review of Metaphysics*, 25, pp. 3–51., 1971; reprinted in M. Martin and L.C. McIntyre, eds. *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 1994.

Watkins, J. W. N. „Historical Explanation in the Social Sciences”. In: M. Martin - L. C. McIntyre (eds.): *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Science*, Cambridge (Mass.): MIT Press 1994.

Lukes, S. „Methodological Individualism Reconsidered”. In M. Martin - L. C. McIntyre (eds.): *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Science*, Cambridge (Mass.): MIT Press 1994.

Putnam, H. "Beyond the Fact/Value Dichotomy", in H. Putnam, *Realism With a Human Face*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1990.

Bohman, J. "Critical Theory as Practical Knowledge" In *The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. New ed. edition. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Limited, 2003.

Weisstein, N. “Psychology Constructs the Female”. In: M. Martin - L. C. McIntyre (eds.): *Readings in the Philosophy of Social Science*, Cambridge (Mass.): MIT Press 1994.