

Selected Topics in Sociology A – Week #08 Reading Notes

Smith, D. (2012). The conceptual practices of power. In Calhoun, C. et al., (Eds.), *Contemporary Sociological Theory, 3rd edition* (pp. 398-406), Oxford: Blackwell.

- On what grounds does Dorothy Smith believe that standpoint of women have been overlooked by some forms of sociological research?
- How does feminist standpoint theory propose to redress the gendered nature of sociological analysis?
- In what ways are some forms of knowledge privileged over others?

Seth, S. (2014). The politics of knowledge: Or, how to stop being Eurocentric. *History Compass*, 12(4), 311-320.

- Define Eurocentricism. In what ways have accounts of modern society been Eurocentric?
- How does postcolonial theory criticize eurocentricism in the human sciences?
- In what ways are concepts objective and timeless?