

Selected Topics in Sociology A – Week #10 Reading Notes

Shilling, C. (2012). *The Body and Social Theory*, 3rd edition, London: Sage Publication, pp. 21-44.

- What does Shilling mean when he argues that the body has been an ‘absent presence’ within sociology?
- Why do bodies ‘need to occupy a place in the sociological imagination’ (p. 24)?
- What has driven sociological interest in the body in recent decades?

Young, I.M. (2010). Throwing like a girl. In Giddens, A. & Sutton, P. (Eds.), *Sociology: Introductory Readings* (pp. 206-210), Cambridge: Polity Press.

- What does it mean ‘to throw like a girl’?
- How do women and men differ in the ways they use and inhabit their bodies, according to Young?
- What social inequalities result from disparate bodily practices between social groups, such as between men and women?