This course provides an introduction to economic sociology. It poses the key idea of "embeddedness" and develops it by exploring various connections between economic behavior and social processes and relations. The course is organized topically, and people are expected to read all the required material. The recommended material is optional (but weekly presenters may wish to consult it).

Students will lead discussion of the required readings on at least one occasion (depending on class size), and write a paper (20 pp., or so) on the topic of their choice (subject to my approval). Everyone is expected to have done the required readings before class, and to discuss them. A paper proposal (1 p. plus bibliography) will be due February 15.

The required course books are available at Norris bookstore and include:


Required articles will be available on JSTOR or blackboard. For recommended readings, you are on your own.

1. **Embeddedness of Economic Action** (Jan 11):


**Recommended:**

2. Formal Creation of Markets (Jan 18):


Recommended:


3. Law and Development (Jan 25)


Recommended:


4. Discrimination in Markets: (Feb 1)


Recommended:


5. Politics, Policy and Economic Crisis: (Feb 8)


Recommended:


6. The Performance of Economic Knowledge (Feb 15)


**Recommended:**


7. **The Bearers of Economic Knowledge** (date to be determined)


**Recommended:**


8. **Money and the Market Framework** (March 1)


Bruce Carruthers, 2011, "The Meanings of Money," *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*

Recommended:

9. The Social Construction of Demand: (March 8)


Recommended: