General Introduction:

Markets are the core institutions of capitalist economies. They have become an important subject field in economic sociology during the last twenty years. The seminar centers around three coordination problems market actors need to resolve to establish and reproduce markets. These coordination problems are the problem of competition, the problem of valuation and the problem of cooperation. The conceptual texts and case studies read in the seminar provide insights into the different approaches in economic sociology.

Seminar Organization:

- The seminar will take place in Köln, in the Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, from January 11th to 15th.
- Students will be asked to read all the “required readings” before the seminar. During the seminar, they will be asked to treat specific topics, drawings on these readings and working in small groups (4 or 5 persons per group), each group involving both German and French students.
- Students will also be asked to prepare a brief presentation (10 to 15 minutes each) based on a “case study” reading. There will be three presentations on days 2, 3 and 4 and one presentation day 4. The presentations will be prepared and presented by two students.
- For the students from Cologne a preparatory meeting will take place on October 28, 2009 at 5pm. All seminar participants from Cologne must be present at this meeting.
**DAY 1 (JANUARY 11, 2010):**

**INTRODUCTION: WHAT ARE MARKETS? HISTORICAL AND CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVES**

*Required readings*


*Advised readings*


**DAY 2 (JANUARY 12, 2010):**

**COMPETITION**

*Required readings*

*Classical approaches of competition:*


The field approach:

The network approach:

The status-based approach:

Case studies

Advised readings
**DAY 3 (JANUARY 13, 2010):**

**VALUE**

**Required readings**

*The economics of singularities*


*The performativity approach*


*The economics of conventions*


*A U.S. reading (and use) of the economics of convention*


**Case studies**


**Advised readings**


**DAY 4 (JANUARY 14, 2010):**

**COOPERATION**

**Required readings**

**Trust in sociology**

**Trust and institutions**

**Trust and rationality**

**Case studies**


**Advised Readings**


**DAY 5 (JANUARY 15, 2010):**

**SOCIOLGY OF MARKETS AND SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY – A discussion with P. Steiner (Paris IV Sorbonne University, France) and D. Dequech (University of Campinas, Brazil).**

**Required readings**


**Advised readings**