

## Spring 2024

### Research for social change, critically examined

#### Course curriculum

Help us build the course curriculum: if you have suggestions for this list, please e-mail Bjørn Torgrim Ramberg [b.t.ramberg@csmn.uio.no](mailto:b.t.ramberg@csmn.uio.no) and Hanne Hagtvedt Vik [h.h.vik@iakh.uio.no](mailto:h.h.vik@iakh.uio.no), we're happy to include additional titles.

#### Mandatory readings:

Anand Bhopal, '[Are you a researcher or an Activist?': Navigating tensions in climate change and health research](#). *The Journal of Climate Change and Health* 14 (2023) 100267, available online 11 August 2023

[Bas van der Vossen](#), [In defense of the ivory tower: Why philosophers should stay out of politics](#), *Philosophical psychology*, 1045-1063, published online 27 Oct. 2014

Michael L. Frazer, [Activism and Objectivity in Political Research](#), *Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming in *Perspectives on Politics*.

Craig Calhoun, "Foreword" in Charles R. Hale (ed), [Engaging Contradictions: Theory, Politics, and Methods of Activist Scholarship](#), University of California Press, 2008, xiii-xxvi

Charles R. Hale "Introduction" in Charles R. Hale (ed), [Engaging Contradictions: Theory, Politics, and Methods of Activist Scholarship](#), University of California Press, 2008, 1-31

Lara Montesions Coleman, "Ethnography, Commitment, and Critique: Departing from Activist Scholarship", *International Political Sociology* (2015) 9, 263–280, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ips.12096>

Patricia Hill Collins, "Looking back, moving ahead: Scholarship in Service to Social Justice," *Gender and Society*, February 2012, Vol. 26, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 14-22, Sage Publications, Inc. Stable URL: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23212234>

Sharon Crasnow, Feminist Philosophy of Science: Values and Objectivity, *Philosophy Compass* 8/4 (2013): 413–423. <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12023>

#### Suggested readings:

Blogpost with references to ongoing debates:

Jill Delson, [Philosophy & Activism](#), Blogpost 15 April 2022, DailyNous

Anthology addressing various aspects of activist scholarship:

[Charles R. Hale](#) (ed), [Engaging Contradictions: Theory, Politics, and Methods of Activist Scholarship](#), University of California Press, 2008.

Anticolonial activism in research on language and teaching:

[Donaldo Macedo](#) (ed), [Decolonizing Foreign Language Education: The Misteaching of English and Other Colonial Languages](#). Routledge, 2019.

On activism and the integrity of scholarship:



How psychologists can contribute to social change:

Nadal, Kevin L. [“Let’s get in formation”: On becoming a psychologist–activist in the 21st century.](#)  
*American Psychologist*, Vol 72(9), Dec 2017, 935-946

On climate activism and research:

Marco Armiero and Salvatore Paolo de Rosa, Climate Insurgency between Academia and Activism: An Interview with David N. Pellow, *Social Text* (2022) 40 (1 (150)): 157–164.  
<https://doi.org/10.1215/01642472-9495174>

Animal Studies and Activism:

Lara Drew and Nik Taylor, Engaged Activist Research: Challenging Apolitical Objectivity, *Counterpoints*, 2014, Vol. 448, DEFINING Critical Animal Studies: An Intersectional Social Justice Approach for Liberation (2014), pp. 158-176, Peter Lang AG. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/42982382>