

Lecture 7- The Principles of Sociological Research

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The Scientific Method:

1. Select and formulate a research question
2. Review relevant literature
3. Select an appropriate research design
4. Collect data
5. Analyze the data, draw conclusions

Stimulating Curiosity

- Cultivating oneself: reading, news
- Traveling
- Social marginality: become an outsider- outside regular norms
 - Ex: goth, boys with long hair
- Social change/social crisis:

Critical Outlook:

- To criticize, from the Greek krino (to separate, to distinguish): to sort things out
- To cultivate doubt, to put things into question

MIDTERM REVIEW:

- Part a: conceptual definitions
 - Answer all 4 questions (nine points each)
 - Conceptual definitions where required; examples
- Part b: short essay questions

★ SAMPLE QUESTION: What is a prejudice and what is a stereotype

- Provide one example of a stereotype

★ SAMPLE: List the main assumptions of the functionalist, conflict, feminist, and symbolic interactionist perspectives about society. Using one or many examples, describe how each perspective would view a contemporary (same) issue

- What does each perspective take for granted about society,
- Each perspective has its own vision for the nature of society
- Take one example and show how each perspective of society
 - Ex: family
- OR Use different examples for each
- Use current examples

