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Intensive course: *Social and Psychological Theory in Information Behavior Research*



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Timing:

Tuesday, Oct 18 – Friday, Oct 21 (3 ECTS, Intermediate studies)

Tuesday, Oct 18 – Friday, Oct 28 (6 ECTS, Post graduate studies)

Course requirements:

Active attendance to the lectures and an essay of 10 pages (font size 12, line space 2, margins 3 cm) written in Finnish/English (3 ECST) or in English (6 ECTS).

Course outline and readings for each lecture:

Date	Time	Readings	Topic
Tues., Oct 18	10–12 KTK215 12–14 SÄ105	Case, D. (2011, October). Metatheories, paradigms and theories, pages 1-8. 1) Bronstein, J., & Baruchson-Arbib, S. (2008) The application of cost-benefit and least effort theories in studies of information seeking behavior of humanities scholars: the case of Jewish studies scholars in Israel. <i>J. Info. Science</i> , 34(2), 131-144.	Lecture 1. What is Theory? Origins of theories used in HIB research. Examples of theories and models. Introduction to instructor and topic.
Wed., Oct 19	10–14 KTK127	Case, D. (2011, October). Metatheories, paradigms and theories, pages 9-15 2) Perttilä, R., & Ek, S. (2010). Information behaviour and coping functions of long-term unemployed people in Finland. <i>Libri</i> , 60(2), 107-116. 3) Savolainen, R. (2007). Information source horizons and source preferences of environmental activists: A social phenomenological approach. <i>Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology</i> , 58(12), 1709-1719.	2. Positivist Theories and Typical Methods: Coping/Monitoring & Blunting (Postal Survey) 3. Non-Positivist Theories and Methods: Phenomenology (Interviews)

Thurs., Oct 20	10–12 BF119A	Case, D. (2011, October). Metatheories, paradigms and theories, pages 16-21 4) Savolainen, R. (2007). Information behavior and information practice: Reviewing the "umbrella concepts" of information-seeking studies. <i>Library Quarterly</i> , 77(2), 109-132.	4. The Link to Philosophy: Metatheory.
Friday, Oct 21	10–14 Hu110	Case, D. (2011, October). Metatheories, paradigms and theories, pages 22-24. 5) Vakkari, P. (2008). Trends and approaches in information behaviour research, <i>Information Research</i> , 13(4) paper 361.	5. Patterns and Trends in Information Behavior Usage of Theory
Monday, Oct 24			Free
Tues., Oct 25		6) Järvelin, K., & Wilson, T. D. (2003). On conceptual models for information seeking and retrieval research, <i>Information Research</i> , 9(1) paper 91.	Models of Information Seeking
Wed., Oct 26	14–16 Hu207	7) Case, D. O. (2009). Collection of family health histories: The link between genealogy and public health. <i>Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology</i> , 59(14), 2312-2319.	Genealogy, genetics and health information seeking
Thurs., Oct 27		8) Case, D., Johnson, J.D., Andrews, J.E., & Allard, S.L. (2005). Avoiding versus seeking: The relationship of information seeking to avoidance, blunting, coping, dissonance and related concepts. <i>J. Medical Libraries Assoc.</i> , 93(3), 353-362.	Avoidance of information, Monitoring and Blunting, etc.
Friday, Oct 28		9) Case, D. O. (2009). Serial collecting as leisure, and coin collecting in particular. <i>Library Trends</i> 57(4), 729-752.	Serious Leisure and Everyday Life Information Seeking

Reading list

1. Bronstein, J., & Baruchson-Arbib, S. (2008) The application of cost-benefit and least effort theories in studies of information seeking behavior of humanities scholars: the case of Jewish studies scholars in Israel. *J. Info. Science*, 34(2), 131-144. <http://jis.sagepub.com/content/34/2/131.full.pdf+html>
2. Perttilä, R., & Ek, S. (2010). Information behaviour and coping functions of long-term unemployed people in Finland. *Libri*, 60(2), 107-116. <http://www.reference-global.com/doi/pdfplus/10.1515/libr.2010.010>
3. Savolainen, R. (2007). Information source horizons and source preferences of environmental activists: A social phenomenological approach. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology*, 58(12), 1709-1719. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/asi.20644/pdf>
4. Savolainen, R. (2007). Information behavior and information practice: Reviewing the "umbrella concepts" of information-seeking studies. *Library Quarterly*, 77(2), 109-132. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/10.1086/517840.pdf?acceptTC=true>

5. Vakkari, P. (2008). Trends and approaches in information behaviour research, *Information Research*, 13(4) paper 361. <http://InformationR.net/ir/13-4/paper361.html>
6. Järvelin, K., & Wilson, T. D. (2003). On conceptual models for information seeking and retrieval research, *Information Research*, 9(1) paper 91. <http://InformationR.net/ir/9-1/infres91.html>
7. Case, D., Johnson, J.D., Andrews, J.E., & Allard, S.L. (2005). Avoiding versus seeking: The relationship of information seeking to avoidance, blunting, coping, dissonance and related concepts. *J. Medical Libraries Assoc.*, 93(3), 353-362. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1175801/pdf/i0025-7338-093-03-0353.pdf>
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9. Case, D. O. (2009). Serial collecting as leisure, and coin collecting in particular. *Library Trends* 57(4), 729-752. <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/bitstream/handle/2142/13663/57.4.case.pdf?sequence=2>