

## **S-8: Beverley Skeggs**

*(Professor of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London)*

**Sunday 16 October, 15.15–16.45, Z-salen**

### ***“A New Regime of Accumulation: Digital Economics”***

I will be drawing on an ESRC research project on “A Sociology of Values and Value” (ES/KO10786/1) that uses software to track the trackers (Facebook) and examine the value process created as our data is searched in detail for sources of potential value. If our personal data is traded in milliseconds up to 70k times per day does this mean that we been "enclosed", "captured", "transduced" ? Do we care? Are we aware? Does it matter? Is it possible to escape? If we want to understand capitalism in the present I argue that we need to understand the opaque mechanisms that experiment with our personal disclosures. Working through the tracking data and a close analysis of digital economics I will argue that Facebook is part of a new regime of capitalist accumulation.

See the website: <https://values.doc.gold.ac.uk/> for an outline of the project.

### ***“The violence of class - a conversation with Beverley Skeggs”***

In what ways are austerity measures – being the main political response to economic crises – reproducing and strengthening class divisions in society? What possibilities are there for resistance and solidarity when the economic exposure of the working class is criminalised or used for televised entertainment? How can feminist and Marxist analyses help us understand how class is lived and experienced in very different conditions?

In this talk, sociologist Lena Sohl and political scientist Sofie Tornhill discuss class, violence and feminist resistance with Beverley Skeggs, professor of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London. With books such as *Formations of Class & Gender: Becoming Respectable, Class, Self, Culture* and *Feminism after Bourdieu*, she has made an important mark on contemporary theoretical and social debate

*(“I klassamhällets våld – ett samtal med Beverley Skeggs”: Hur hålls klassamhället på plats när åtstramning på bred front är det politiska svaret på krisande ekonomier? Vilka möjligheter finns till motstånd och solidaritet när ekonomisk utsatthet görs till teveunderhållning eller kriminaliseras? Hur kan feministiska och marxistiska analyser hjälpa oss att förstå hur klass levs och upplevs på vitt skilda villkor? Lena Sohl, sociolog, och Sofie Tornhill, statsvetare, samtalar om klass, våld och feministiskt motstånd med Beverley Skeggs, professor i sociologi och verksam på Goldsmiths universitet, London. Genom böcker som Att bli respektabel, Class, Self, Culture och Feminism after Bourdieu har Skeggs gjort stort avtryck i samtida teori och samhällsdebatt. Artiklar av Skeggs översatta till svenska finns publicerade i Fronesis nr 25–26 och nr 40–41.)*