

### **Study Guide for Third Exam**

The third exam will be on Wednesday, May 27. The exam will consist of essay and short answer questions and will focus on chapter 4 of *Sociological Theory* and the readings and lectures on Weber. Parts of some questions may involve comparisons between Weber and either Durkheim or Marx. To prepare for the exam, be sure you are familiar with the following concepts of Weber and also review the study guides and answer keys for the first two mid-terms.

**\*\*\*\*\* Please bring an exam booklet with you to the exam \*\*\*\*\***

#### **Max Weber: Key Concepts**

- methodology: “verstehen” and ideal types
- social action: four types (purposive-rational, value-rational, emotional/affective, traditional/habitual)
- Protestant ethic and the origins of capitalism (and criticisms of Weber's Protestant ethic thesis)
- authority and forms of legitimation: traditional, charismatic, and rational-legal authority
- bureaucracy: defining characteristics and reasons for spread of bureaucracy
- increasing rationalization of society (the “iron cage”)
- social divisions and social conflict: class, status, and party
- Weber's critique of Marx and his view of socialism