

University of Tsukuba Summer Institute

Theory and Theorists

1. Select one Theorist* who is important for your research.
2. Be able to position the theorist in her/his field (in relation to other theories, theorists).
3. Identify the key concepts of the theory and how it might explain your topic area. Come to the seminar prepared to explain some of the key ideas or concepts in the theory tied to your hot topic.
4. Tell the group how the theory is important for, or will be used in, your study.
5. Speak for no more than 5 minutes.

*A researcher or author who has developed a theory or theories, eg. Ivor Goodson and his theory of the social construction of school subjects; Anthony Giddens and his theory of structuration; Deci and Ryan and their Self Determination Theory; Karl Marx and his theory of historical materialism