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Textbook: A. Kukla, Methods of Theoretical Psychology (photocopied manuscript to be purchased in class).

Grading: A midterm and a final essay test, worth 40% and 60% of the final grade.

Lectures and Readings:

9/11. The enterprise of theoretical psychology [ch. 1]

9/13-18. Concepts and Propositions [sections 2.1-2.6]

9/20-25. Arguments [sections 2.7-2.9]

9/27, 10/2. Theories and data [ch. 3]

10/4, 10/11. Theory Construction and Evaluation [ch. 4]

10/9. Thanksgiving holiday

10/16. Midterm exam [results will be posted before the drop date of 11/3]

10/18-23. The Derivation and Testing of Empirical Hypotheses [ch. 5]

10/25-30. Theoretical Amplification [ch. 6]

11/1-6. Theoretical Simplification [ch. 7]

11/8-13. Necessary Propositions [ch. 8]

11/15-20. Conceptual Issues [ch. 9]

11/22-27. The contingent a priori in psychology [ch. 10]

11/29, 12/4. Review