

# Social practice theory (SPT) reading group agenda 2012

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## Brief Agenda

Date	Theme
18 January	Key theorists: Schatzki
15 February	The behaviour change/ SPT theoretical continuum (ABC debate)
14 March	Contrasting/ complementary theories: Actor Network Theory
11 April	Food practices
9 May	Critiques & challenges of SPT
6 June	SPT methods
4 July	Using metaphors to understand practices
1 August	Contrasting/ complementary theories: Theory of Planned Behaviour
29 August	Power, agency and responsibility
26 September	Work practices
24 October	BBC Symposium: selection of papers (TBC)
21 November	Key theorists: Shove, Pantzar, Watson (new book)
19 December	TBC

## Agenda with readings

<b>18 January</b>	<b>Key theorists: Schatzki</b>
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### Key reading<sup>1</sup>:

Schatzki, TR 2001, 'Practice theory', in TR Schatzki, K Knorr Cetina & E Von Savigny (eds), *The Practice Turn in Contemporary Theory*, Routledge, New York, USA.

### Additional readings:

Schatzki, TR 2009, 'Timespace and the organization of social life', in E Shove, F Trentmann & RR Wilk (eds), *Time, Consumption and Everyday Life: Practice, Materiality and Culture*, Berg, Oxford [UK], 35-48.

Schatzki, TR 2002, *The Site of the Social: a Philosophical Account of the Constitution of Social Life and Change*, The Pennsylvania State University Press, Pennsylvania, USA.

Schatzki, TR 2001, 'Practice mind-ed orders', in TR Schatzki, K Knorr Cetina & E von Savigny (eds), *The practice turn in contemporary theory*, Routledge, London [UK], 43-56.

Schatzki, TR 1997, 'Practices and actions: a Wittgensteinian critique of Bourdieu and Giddens', *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, vol. 27, no. 3: 283-308.

Schatzki, TR 1996, *Social Practices: a Wittgensteinian Approach to Human Activity and the Social*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge [UK].

<b>15 February</b>	<b>The behaviour change/ SPT theoretical continuum (ABC debate)</b>
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### Key reading:

Wilson, C & Chatterton, T 2011, 'Multiple models to inform climate change policy: a pragmatic response to the 'beyond the ABC' debate', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, no. 12: 2781-7.

### Additional readings:

Shove, E. 2010, 'Beyond the ABC: climate change policy and theories of social change', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 42, 1273-85.

Whitmarsh, L, O'Neill, S & Lorenzoni, I 2011, 'Commentary: Climate change or social change? Debate within, amongst, and beyond disciplines', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, 258-61.

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<sup>1</sup> The key reading forms the basis of discussion in the reading group. All other readings are additional material for anyone wanting to read more on the theme.

Shove, E. 2011, 'Commentary: On the different between chalk and cheese - a response to Whitmarsh et al's comments on "Beyond the ABC: climate change policy and theories of social change"', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, 262-4.

Shove, E. 2011 The Extraordinary Lecture

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/staff/shove/lecture/filmedlecture.htm>

Shove, E. 2010, Submission to House of Lords call for evidence on "behaviour change"

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/staff/shove/transitionsinpractice/papers/ShoveHouseofLords.pdf>

**Note:** If you haven't been following this debate, we highly recommend beginning with the additional readings in the order listed (first three), and ending with the key reading.

<b>14 March</b>	<b>Contrasting/ complementary theories: Actor Network Theory</b>
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**Key reading:**

Latour, B 2005, *Reassembling the social: an introduction to actor-network-theory*, Oxford University Press, New York (Excerpt TBC).

**Additional readings:**

Meyer, JW & Jepperson, RL 2000, 'The "Actors" of Modern Society: The Cultural Construction of Social Agency', *Sociological Theory*, vol. 18, pp. 100-20.

Gabriel, M & Jacobs, K 2008, 'The Post-Social Turn: Challenges for Housing Research', *Housing Studies*, vol. 23, no. 4, pp. 527 - 40.

Hitchings, R. 2003. People, plants and performance: on actor network theory and the material pleasures of the private garden. *Social and Cultural Geography* 4.1. 99-113

<b>11 April</b>	<b>Food practices</b>
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**Key reading:**

Halkier, B & Jensen, I 2011, 'Methodological challenges in using practice theory in consumption research. Examples from a study on handling nutritional contestations of food consumption', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 11, no. 1: 101-23.

**Additional readings:**

Truninger, M 2011, 'Cooking with Bimby in a moment of recruitment: exploring conventions and practice perspectives', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 11, no. 37: 37-59.

Hand, M & Shove, E 2007, 'Condensing practices: ways of living with a freezer', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 7, no. 1: 79-104.

Ghosh, S & Head, L 2009, 'Retrofitting the Suburban Garden: morphologies and some elements of sustainability potential of two Australian residential suburbs compared', *Australian Geographer*, vol. 40, no. 3, pp. 319 - 46.

Shove, E & Southerton, D 2000, 'Defrosting the Freezer: From Novelty to Convenience: A Narrative of Normalization', *Journal of Material Culture*, vol. 5, no. 3, pp. 301-19.

Guthman, J. (2008) Bringing good food to others: investigating the subjects of alternative food practice, *Cultural Geographies*, 15:431-447.

Mol, A. and Mesman, J. (1996) "Neonatal food and the politics of theory: some questions of method", *Social Studies of Science*, 26: 419-444

Cheng, S.-L., Olsen, W., Southerton, D., & Warde, A. (2007). "The changing practice of eating: evidence from UK time diaries, 1975 and 2000." *British Journal of Sociology*, 58(1), 39-61.

Gwynne, R. N. (2009). *Creating palate geographies: Chilean wine and UK consumption spaces, Consuming space: placing consumption in perspective*: King's College London.

<b>9 May</b>	<b>Critiques &amp; challenges of SPT</b>
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**Key reading:**

Harrison, P 2009, 'In the absence of practice', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 27, no. 6: 987-1009.

**Additional readings:**

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<b>6 June</b>	<b>SPT methods</b>
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**Key reading:**

Hitchings, R 2011, 'People can talk about their practices', *Area*, pp. no-no.

**Additional readings:**

Pink, S 2011, 'Multimodality, multisensoriality and ethnographic knowing: social semiotics and the phenomenology of perception', *Qualitative Research*, vol. 11, no. 3: 261-76. Pink, S, Tutt, D, Dainty, A & Gibb, A 2010

Pink, S, Tutt, D, Dainty, A & Gibb, A 2010, 'Ethnographic methodologies for construction research: knowing, practice and interventions', *Building Research & Information*, vol. 36, no. 6: 647-59.

Pink, S 2007, 'Walking with video', *Visual Studies*, vol. 22, no. 3: 240-52.

Halkier, B & Jensen, I 2011, 'Methodological challenges in using practice theory in consumption research. Examples from a study on handling nutritional contestations of food consumption', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 11, no. 1: 101-23.

Mol, A. and Mesman, J. (1996) "Neonatal food and the politics of theory: some questions of method", *Social Studies of Science*, 26: 419-444

<b>4 July</b>	<b>Using metaphors to understand practices</b>
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**Key reading:**

Shove, E & Pantzar, M 2005, 'Fossilisation', *Ethnologia Europaea*, vol. 35, 59-63

**Additional readings:**

Pantzar, M & Shove, E 2010, 'Temporal rhythms as outcomes of social practices: a speculative discussion', *Ethnologia Europaea*, vol. 40, no. 1: 19-29.

Maller, C & Strengers Y (draft), 'The global migration of everyday life: Investigating the practice histories of Australian migrants'

<b>1 August</b>	<b>Contrasting/ complimentary theories: Theory of Planned Behaviour</b>
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**Key reading:**

Ajzen, I 1991, 'The theory of planned behavior', *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, vol. 50, 179-211.

**Additional readings:**

Fishbein, M. & Ajzen (2010). Predicting and changing behavior: the reasoned action approach, Psychology Press, New York

Hardeman, W, Johnston, M, Johnston, DW, Bonetti, D, Wareham, NJ & Kinmonth, AL 2002, 'Application of the Theory of Planned Behavior Change Interventions: A Systematic Review', *Psychology and Health*, vol. 17, no. 2, pp. 123-58.

**Key reading:**

Foucault (TBC)

**Additional readings:**

Middlemiss, L & Parrish, BD 2010, 'Building capacity for low-carbon communities: the role of grassroots initiatives', *Energy Policy*, vol. 38, 7559-66.

Wallenborn, G. (2007) How to attribute power to consumers? When epistemology and politics converge, p. 57-69 in Edwin Zaccāi (Ed) *Sustainable Consumption, Ecology and Fair Trade*, Routledge: London & New York

Paterson, M & Stripple, J 2010, 'My Space: governing individuals' carbon emissions', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 28, 341-62.

Healy, S 2008, 'Air-conditioning and the 'homogenization' of people and built environments', *Building Research and Information*, vol. 36, no. 4: 312-22.

Hacking, I 1982, 'Biopower and the avalanch of printed numbers', *Humanities in Society*, vol. 5, 279-95.

Shove, E & Walker, G 2010, 'Governing transitions in the sustainability of everyday life', *Research Policy*, vol. 39, 471-6.

Sam Brown's thesis

Moloney, S & Strengers, Y (under review), 'The Politics of Behaviour Change: Reframing the Discourse of Going Green', *Environmental Politics*.

Hajer, Maarten A. (2005). "Coalitions, practices, and meaning in environmental politics: from acid rain to BSE" in Howarth and Torfing (eds.) *Discourse theory in European politics: identity, policy and governance*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

Hawkins, G & Race, K 2011, 'Bottle water practices: reconfiguring drinking in Bangkok households', in R Lane & A Gorman-Murray (eds), *Material geographies of household sustainability*, Ahgate, Farnham, UK, 113-24.

<b>26 September</b>	<b>Work practices</b>
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**Key reading:**

Hitchings, R 2011, 'Researching air-conditioning addiction and ways of puncturing practice: professional office workers and the decision to go outside', *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 43, no. 12: 2838-56.

**Additional readings:**

Hargreaves, T 2011, 'Practice-ing behaviour change: Applying social practice theory to pro-environmental behaviour change', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 11, no. 1: 79-99.

Feldman, M. (2000) "Organizational routines as a source of continuous change". *Organization Science*, 11(6), 611-629.

<b>24 October</b>	<b>BBC Symposium selection of papers (TBC)</b>
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**Key reading:**

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**Additional readings:**

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<b>21 November</b>	<b>Key theorists: Shove, Pantzar, Watson (new book)</b>
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**Key reading:**

Shove, E. Pantzar, M. & Watson, M. 2012 *The Dynamics of Social Practice: Everyday Life and how it Changes*, SAGE (released late May). Excerpt TBC

**Additional readings:**

Shove, E & Pantzar, M 2005, 'Consumers, producers and practices: understanding the invention and reinvention of Nordic walking', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 5, no. 1: 43-64.

Shove, E & Pantzar, M 2007, 'Recruitment and reproduction: the carriers of digital photography and floorball', *Human Affairs*, vol. 17, 154-67.

Watson, M & Shove, E 2008, 'Product, Competence, Project and Practice', *Journal of Consumer Culture*, vol. 8, no. 1, pp. 69-89.

Pantzar, M & Shove, E 2010, 'Temporal rhythms as outcomes of social practices: a speculative discussion', *Ethnologia Europaea*, vol. 40, no. 1: 19-29.

Pantzar, M & Shove, E 2010, 'Understanding innovation in practice: a discussion of the production and reproduction of Nordic Walking', *Technology Analysis & Strategic Management*, vol. 22, no. 4: 447-61.

Shove, E, Watson, M, Hand, M & Ingram, J 2007, *The Design of Everyday Life*, Berg, Oxford [UK].

<b>19 December</b>	<b>TBC</b>
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**Additional readings:**

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