

# "Neo-tribes" from Emile Durkheim to Michel Maffesoli and beyond

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Credits: 2 to 4 credits

Time: Tue 14–16 and Thu 10–12 from Mar 9th to May 6th 2010, altogether 20 hours

Location: Pub 5 of the Publicum building, 3rd floor

Target group: students of sociology (M.3.) and related fields, advanced level

Language: English

Registration: completed by attending the first lecture

Completion of the course: attending lectures, passing the exam (2 credits); literature (2 credits) by exam or essay (detailed instructions and a select list of literature at the first lecture)

## **The programme**

1. Introduction: the concept of 'neo-tribe' as a key concept or a pontus asinus?
2. The development of Durkheim's ideas about modern tribalism  
(J. Alexander)
3. Maffesoli's reading of Durkheim  
(Maffesoli 1988)
4. The concept of representation as a methodological solution in philosophy and Durkheimian sociology
5. Is sociology not structural anthropology?  
(C. Levi-Strauss etc.)
6. The common stance of sociology and semiotics on cultural formations  
(R. Williams & A. Greimas)
7. Neo-tribes by M. Maffesoli and A. Melucci
8. Consumer communities  
(Maffesoli & Schultze etc.)
9. Spiritual healing in rave-parties

## 10. Conclusion: celebration and law