

**Sociology 915**  
**Agenda, session 2: Critical Realism**

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**Note:** I decided to simplify the agenda-setting by clustering the interrogations under general rubrics rather than distilling specific questions. I think this may work better for this kind of material. I will then ask the people under the topic to state the issue they want to explore.

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1. **Three-tiered Stratification of reality (mechanisms/events/experiences)**  
Gokcen Coskuner, Matt Nichter
2. **experiments, open/closed systems**  
Ricky Leung, Brett Burkhardt, Elizabeth Holzer, Anna Collares,  
Graham Clure, Mara Eisch-Schweitzer
3. **Variable analysis, statistical analysis**  
Fabian Pfeffer, Elizabeth Holzer
4. **Realism vs Anti-realism**  
Matt Dimick, Matt Nichter
5. **Unobservable entities, theoretical terms**  
Matt Dimick
6. **mechanisms**  
Matt Desdmond
7. **counter-phenomenality, false beliefs/consciousness**  
Matt Dimick, Dan Warshawsky
8. **structure/agency & “embodiment” of structure**  
Ricky Leung, Eva Williams
9. **network of ideas**  
Mark Cooper, Eva Williams
10. **fallibility**  
Mark Cooper
11. **“critical” realism & values**  
Matias Scaglione
12. **Reflexivity, self-referential methodology**  
Gokcen Coskuner