

**Sociology 915**  
**Agenda, session 3: Feminism & Standpoint epistemologies**

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**Mechanism of standpoint effects**

1. What are the underlying mechanisms through which a standpoint impacts on knowledge production? (implicit in lots of the interrogations)

**Standpoint epistemologies compared to other approaches**

2. Relationship between critical realism and standpoint epistemologies (Mark Cooper)
3. Standpoint epistemologies and postmodern relativism (Mark Cooper, Gokcen Coskuner, Dan Warshawsky)
4. Standpoint epistemologies and conventional epistemologies for assessing knowledge claims (Martin Santos).

**Particular standpoints, conflicting standpoints, subjugated standpoints**

5. In what sense can one standpoint be “superior” to another? (Fabian Pfeffer) Is there a basis for claiming that the standpoint of women is superior to that of workers? (Matias Scaglione) Is there a reason to believe that standpoints are “compatible” or inherently conflictual? (Mark Cooper)
6. what, precisely, is the “standpoint of women”: all women, some women, more likely for women, or what? (Elizabeth Holtzer)
7. the standpoint of women and biology: is there a connection? (Elizabeth Holtzer)
8. the standpoint of the master: why can't this generate knowledge? (Mara Eisch-Schweitzer)
9. Power & standpoints: why does power generate different standpoints? (Ricky Leung)

**Miscellaneous issues**

10. Standpoints, values, and objectivity (Matt Dimick, Eva Williams, Matt Nichter)
11. Standpoints for *creation* of knowledge vs *dissemination* of knowledge (Graham Clure) Standpoint epistemology and the *context of discovery* vs *context of justification* (Ana Cristina Collares).
12. Objectivity and the dissemination of ideas, given that language embodies power (Matt Desmond).
13. Are standpoints alterable/unalterable? (Fabian Pfeffer)
14. Political Struggle and knowledge (Brett Burkhardt)