Agenda for Discussion. Sociology 929. Week 2, *Utopia as Method* September 11, 2013.

1. Two preliminary issues (not from the interrogations)

- How should we understand the distinctions among the three modes of Utopia as method: archaeological, ontological, architectural?
- Clarify the contrast of utopia as escape/compensation vs utopia as transformation

2. Utopia as method: a cluster of issues around issues of holism, blueprints, science, imagination

- "Holism": what does "holism" really mean in the discussion of alternatives? Holism vs blueprints; holism vs specific institutions (Yotaro Natani, Madi Pape, Elsa Noterman, Samuel Need, Emanuel Ubert)
- Experiments vs blueprints. (Samuel Need, Emanuel Ubert)
- Role of science, limits of science; role of imagination; science vs imagination. (Elsa Noterman, Kerem Morgul)

3. Subjectivities

- How should we understand the connection between hope/desire and the knowledge needed for utopian projects? (Alisa Pykett)
- Utopian capacities vs market capabilities connection between structural change and capacities of agents, including their subjective capacities. (Tatiana Alfonso)

4. Globalization & utopian possibilities:

- Bauman's idea of erosion of utopia because of globalization and deterritorialization (Michael Blix):
- Does the ERU model presuppose a national state/economy/society and how is the model affected by globalization? (Jake Carlson)

5. The model/framework in *Envisioning Real Utopias*

- How should we think about markets in a real utopian way (Laura Hanson Schlachter)
- Cultural gaps: how are these identified and exploited for real utopian transformation? (Taylor Laemmli)
- How is it possible to overcome the power of capital? (Kerem Morgul)
- Democracy and socialism is democracy a necessary precondition? (Jiaqui Li)

6. Miscellaneous

- Security state and utopian ideals (Walker Kahn)
- Sources of disillusionment, disillusion vs despair (Samuel Need)