INTRODUCTION

I. Prologue: What this course is about

1. The Marxist Tradition.
2. My own relationship to the material
3. Many Marxisms.
4. Learning the Language of Marxism.

II. Emancipatory + Social + Science

1. Foundations: an Empirical Claim, a theoretical proposition, a normative orientation
   1. A foundational Empirical Claim and a Foundational Thesis
   2. Marxian Variant
   3. Normative foundations

2. Emancipatory Social Science

3. Reflexivity

4. Science

5. Summing up

6. Three tasks of Emancipatory Social Science
   1. diagnosis and critique of the world as it exists;
   2. envisioning viable alternatives; and,
   3. a theory of transformation
Addendum: Six Theses about Emancipatory theory.

1. Fundamental change is possible

2. Agents for change come from within the game

3. Change comes through struggle

4. **Punchline**: Oppressed people can transform the conditions of their own oppression through struggle.

**BUT**

5. **Constraints**: They do so under constraints which can thwart their efforts

6. **Knowledge**: Therefore: *to transform the world we must understand and transform the constraints* themselves.