

Workshop: **NON-IDEAL SOCIAL ONTOLOGY IV**

Stockholm
Wednesday June 5th, 2019

Workshop theme: Ásta's Categories We Live By (OUP, 2018)

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13.00-15.00: Comments on **Categories We Live By**
and response by author

Introduction and welcome

Björn Eriksson, head of Department

Comments

Johan Brännmark, Malmö University:

"On the metaphysics of being cool"

Maria Dunér, Stockholm University:

"A defense of the constitution account"

Åsa Burman, Stockholm University:

"On behavioral constraints and enablements"

Response

Ásta, San Francisco State University

15.00-16.00 **Coffee break**

Room: **Bergsmannen**, Aula Magna,
Stockholm University Campus

16.00-17.45 **Colloquium**

Categories We Live By: The Construction of Sex, Gender, Race
and Other Social Categories

19.00 **Workshop and colloquium dinner**

Room: Södra Husen **E306**,
Stockholm University Campus

Abstract for colloquium

We are women, men, and queers. We are refugees, people with disabilities, and immigrants. We belong to social categories. But what is it to belong to a social category? What is it, for example, to be a woman or an immigrant? In *Categories We Live By* Ásta offers a theory of social categories, how they are constructed, and how we belong to them. In the talk she will give an overview of the book with a special attention to the notion of social construction and its use in the construction of social categories.



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By 'non-ideal social ontology', we have in mind social ontology that starts with difficult, complicated cases of immediate importance to social theory, rather than starting from simplified or abstracted examples and deferring consideration of more messy phenomena. Our thinking is that just as critical philosophers of race such as Charles Mills have made a case for the importance of non-ideal political philosophy, non-ideal social ontology could play an important role in advancing emancipatory social theory.

Workshop Organized by Åsa Burman
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Please register for the workshop and dinner by sending an email to asa.burman@philosophy.su.se by 21th of May.
Location: Aula Magna, Stockholm University Campus