**Peter Sloterdijk Reading Group, Spring Quarter 2013**

Anthropology 289C (course code 60775)

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Meets Fridays, noon-2:50pm, as noted, SBSG 3323

First meeting: Friday, April 5, 2013, noon, SBSG 3323

This reading group will address the work of Peter Sloterdijk (1947–), whose philosophical writings have become influential in a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary conversations, including in science and technology studies. The reading group is open to all interested faculty and graduate students. Graduate students may receive two units of credit for the course, which will be based on attendance and participation.

The reading group will meet as noted in the schedule below, for a total of six meetings. The meeting time is Fridays at noon, in SBSG 3323 (the Department of Anthropology colloquium room). We have the room from noon-2:50pm, but will probably end by around 2pm.

The readings focus on Volume 1 of Sloterdijk’s 2,500-page, three-volume work *Sphären* (*Spheres*). This work was first published as *Sphären I: Blasen, Mikrosphärologie* in 1998, and in English translation as *Spheres Volume I: Bubbles, Microspherology* in 2011 (MIT Press; hereafter “Bubbles”). A copy of *Bubbles* will be placed on reserve at the library, but it would be advisable to obtain or share a copy of the book. Prior to reading *Bubbles*, we will devote a meeting to reading work shaping Sloterdijk’s thought. We will devote the final meeting to readings from a 2009 issue of *Environment and Planning D* in conversation with Sloterdijk’s thought, which includes translated excerpts from Volumes 2 and 3 of *Sphären*.

To participate in the group, please email Tom Boellstorff (tboellst [at] uci [dot] edu), and you will be provided with the readings for the first meeting.

**Reading List and Schedule**

1. Sources of Sloterdijk: Friday, April 5 (Week 1).
  
   Bachelard, Gaston
   
   
   – Foreword.
   
   – Introduction.
   
   – Chapter 9, The Dialectics of Inside and Outside.
   
   – Chapter 10, The Phenomenology of Roundedness.

   Heidegger, Martin
   
2. Bubbles, pp. 9–205: Friday, April 19 (Week 3).


6. Conversations with Sloterdijk: Friday, June 7 (Week 10).

Elden, Stuart

Morin, Marie-Eve

ten Bos, René

Sloterdijk, Peter

Thrift, Nigel