

SOC 4 Concepts and Arguments in Sociology - topics 2016-17	
Part I:	Supervisor
How much consensus is there on the definition of the "quality of employment"?	B BURCHELL
Are democracies more successful in conducting war than autocracies?	H KANDIL
Is war a primarily social or political activity?	H KANDIL
What is the purpose of education?	M RAMSDEN
Is inequality good or bad for society?	M RAMSDEN
How does the notion of privilege helps us to deepen our understanding of racism?	MM FIGUEROA
Is the concept of patriarchy sufficient for explaining male privilege?	J SCOTT
Is the concept of meritocracy helpful for understanding the importance of education?	J SCOTT
Is the concept of ethnicity useful for understanding ethnic violence?	M. DESAI
How desirable is public sociology?	P BAERT
What is the difference between sex and gender and why does it matter?	ReproSoc team
What does Donna Haraway mean by cyborg politics?	ReproSoc team
Why is intersectionality important to feminist politics?	ReproSoc team
Part II:	
Does the evidence on labour markets and wellbeing support policies to promote self-employment?	B BURCHELL
Why did the 2011 Arab Revolts fail in most countries?	H KANDIL
Can the United States defeat ISIL militarily?	H KANDIL
What is gentrification and why does it occur?	M RAMSDEN
To what extent does the social composition of a school reflect its surrounding neighbourhood?	M RAMSDEN
What could transpire if we were to regard whiteness less a matter of skin pigmentation and more as an organising principle in late	MM FIGUEROA
How does gender affect the measurement of social mobility in the UK?	J SCOTT
How can time diaries help understand societal change?	J SCOTT
Is inequality rising across the world? Why or why not?	M. DESAI
Is the public intellectual in decline?	P BAERT
Does the academy have a sexual division of labour?	ReproSoc team
Who does the global care chain care for?	ReproSoc team
Will egg freezing liberate women?	ReproSoc team