Bourgois - Theory

- **Culture of Poverty**: values and norms are reinforced across generations

- **Structuralist view**: Stratification by socioeconomic status

- **Cultural production theory**: the street’s resistance to social marginalization is the contradictory key to its destruction. Through cultural practices of opposition, individuals shape the oppression that larger forces impose on them.

- **Inner-city Apartheid**: isolation of minority groups from contact with and resources of the majority

- **Culture of terror**: dominating effect of widespread violence is to silence the peaceful majority.
Ethnography:

- Live in the community (three and one-half years)
- Develop intimate relationships with subjects (trust is key)
- Tape-record, interview, participate
- Don’t sanitize (see as exotic, play the voyeur, see cultures as neither good nor bad) (e.g. the rape discussion on pages 205-212)
- Balance structure (political economy) with agency (the acts of persons)