ARCH 2500  Post Processual Archaeology

Started as a reaction to processual archaeology
   Criticized processualism as positivist, and materialist
   At first was anti-science, processual critique
   Ian Hodder
   Now consists of a wide range of approaches

Focus
   Interested in religion, belief systems, social complexity, gender
   Study art, architecture, burial goods, non-utilitarian artifacts

Consists of a wide range of approaches
   Structuralism
   Marxism
   Post-modernism
   Gender studies
   All view culture as being comprised of individuals

Pros
   Identify biases that we introduce into our interpretations
   More inclusive
   No one means of addressing

Cons
   Particularistic
   Reliance on analogy