

P.G. 1st Semester

Paper: SOC701C (Core)

Sociology Theories – I

Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)

The course seeks to familiarize the students to the context in nineteenth century Europe that led to the emergence and development of Sociology as a discipline. It introduces the major theoretical perspectives of the classical sociologists of the nineteenth and early twentieth century that shaped the sociological thinking.

UNIT 1

The Development of Sociology in the 19th Century: Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution

UNIT 2

Karl Marx: Transition from Pre-Capitalist to Capitalist Social Formations
Capitalism and Commodity Production
Class and Class Conflict

UNIT 3

Emile Durkheim: Sociology as Science
The Division of Labour and Forms of Solidarity
Suicide
Religion

UNIT 4

Max Weber: Social Action
Bureaucracy and Rationality
Methodology of the Social Sciences
Religion and Social Change

Suggested Readings:

Aron, Raymond. 1981. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought (Vol. I and II)*. London: Penguin.

Durkheim, E. 1897. *Suicide: A Study in Sociology*. The Free Press.

Durkheim, E. 1933. *The Division of Labour in Society*. Glencoe: The Free Press.

Giddens, Anthony. 1994. *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.

Lukes, Steven (ed.) 1982. *Durkheim: The Rules of Sociological Method*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Marx, K. 1924. *The Class Struggle in France (1848-1850)*. New York: New York Labour News.

- Marx, K.** 1954. *Capital* - Vol. I. Moscow: Progress Publishers. (Chapters 1, 10 and 14).
- Marx, K.** and F. Engels. 1976. "The Manifesto of the Communist Party", in Marx & Engels *Collected Works* - Vol. 6. London: Lawrence and Wishart.
- Marx, K.** *The German Ideology* (Selected Sections)
- Morrison, Ken.** 2006. *Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formations of Modern Social Thoughts* (2nd Edition). London: Sage Publications Limited.
- Nisbet, R.A.** 1967. *The Sociological Tradition*. London: Heinemann.
- Nisbet, R.A.** 1967. *The Sociological Traditions*. London: Heinemann
- Ritzer, G.** 2000. *Sociological Theory*. McGraw Hill, New York: Roxbury Publication Co.
- Weber, M.** 1949. *The Methodology of the Social Sciences*. New York: Free Press.
- Weber, M.** 1978. *Economy and Society: An Outline Interpretative Sociology* (edited by G. Roth and C. Wittich) - Vol. 1. Berkeley: University of California Press. (Part-I, Chapters 1, 2).
- Weber, M.** 2002. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. Los Angeles: Blackwell Publishers.

Paper: SOC702C (Core)
Sociology of India
Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)

The course seeks to familiarize the students to the study of the various aspects of Indian society from sociological perspective. It introduces the students to the themes and perspectives of Indian society as well as the concepts of class, caste, tribes, gender, village, religion, and so on. The course also addresses the structural changes in Indian society and the significant social issues in contemporary India.

UNIT 1

Development of Sociology and Social Anthropology of India, Text view and Field view in Indian Sociology

UNIT 2

Approaches to the study of Indian Society: Indological, Structuralist, Structural Functionalist, Marxist, Weberian, Subaltern, Feminist.

UNIT 3

Aspects of Rural Social Structure: Village Studies, Village, Region and Civilization
Social Structure: Caste and caste structure, Class, Tribes, Religion

UNIT 4

Social Change in 19th and 20th century: Sanskritisation, Little Tradition, Great Tradition Tribal Revivalism, Westernisation, Modernisation

Social Change in Post-Independence Period: Dalit Politics, Nation and Nation building, Secularism, Agrarian Changes, Urbanisation, The New Middle Class, Emerging Public Sphere

Suggested Readings:

Aloysius, G. 1997. *Nationalism without a Nation in India*. Delhi: Oxford University.

Anderson, Benedict. 1983. *Imagined Communities*. London: Verso.

Articles on "Kinship and Marriage". 1975. *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (N. S.), 9(2).

Articles under the title "For a Sociology of India", *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. (Old series and New series).

Beteille, A. 1965. *Class, Caste and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in Tanjore Village*. University of California Press.

Chakravarty, U. 2003. *Gendering Caste: Through a Feminist Lens*. Calcutta: STREE.

Cohn, B.S. 1987. *An Anthropologist among Historians*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Desai, A.R. (Ed.). 1978. *Rural Sociology in India (5th Edition)*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

Dhanagare, D.N. 1993. *Themes and Perspective in Indian Sociology*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.

Dumont, L. 1980. *Homo Hierarchicus*. University of Chicago Press.

Gough, K. 1981. *Rural Society in South-East-India*. Cambridge University Press.

Guha, R. (Ed.). 1991. *Subaltern Studies* Delhi: OUP.

Gupta, Dipankar. 1991. *Social Stratification*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Jairath, V. 2011. *Frontiers of Embedded Muslims Communities in India*. New Delhi and London: Routledge.

Marriott, M. (ed.). 1990. *India through Hindu Categories*. Delhi: Sage Publications. (Chapter 1).

Marriott, M. (eds.). 1961. *Village India: Studies in the Little Community*. Delhi: Asia Publishing House.

Mayer, A. 1960. *Caste and Kinship in Central India*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.

Robinson, R. 2004. *Christians of India*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Shah, A.M. 1973. *The Household Dimension of the Family in India*. Delhi: Orient Longman.

Singh, Yogendra. 2011. *Modernization of Indian Tradition: A Systematic Study of Social Change*. Jaipur: Rawat.

Srinivas, M.N. 1987. *The Cohesive Role of Sanskritization and other Essays*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Srinivas, M.N. 1987. *The Dominant Caste and Other Essays*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Srinivas, M.N. 2009. *Social Change in Modern India*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

Srinivas, M.N. and M.N. Panini. 1973. "The Development of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India". *Sociological Bulletin*. 22(2): 179-215. XXXIV. Number 51. December.

Xaxa, V. 2005 "The Politics of Language, Religion and Identity: Tribes in India" in *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 37 No.17, 2005.

Xaxa. V. 1999. "Tribes as Indigenous People of India". *Economic and Political Weekly*. Volume XXXIV(51).

Paper: SOC703C (Core)
Sociology of Kinship and Family
Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)

This course seeks to familiarize the students with different approaches, issues and debates in kinship studies which will enable the student to understand the social structure of different societies. The course also looks at the changing contemporary nature of family and kinship relation in the global as well as Indian context.

UNIT 1

Studying kinship: Basic Concepts

What is kinship?

Descent, residence and inheritance

Family and Marriage

UNIT 2

Nature v/s Culture Debate in Kinship

Critique of kinship theories

Kinship, Property and Law

UNIT 3

Contemporary Social Problems, Honour, shame

Reproductive technologies and reconfigured kinship

Gay and lesbian kinship

UNIT 4

Kinship and Family in India

Regional Variations

Suggested Readings:

- Basu**, Srimati (ed.). 2005. *Dowry and inheritance*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, Kali for Women. (Selected essays).
- Bhandari**, J.S. (Ed.). 1996. *Family and Kinship in Northeast-East India*. Delhi: Vedam Books.
- Das**, Veena. 1995. "National Honour and Practical Kinship" in *Critical Events*, New Delhi: OUP
- Fortes**, Meyer. 1949. *The Web of Kinship among the Tallensi*. U.K.: Oxford University Press.
- Fox**, R. 1984. *Kinship and Marriage: An Anthropological Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Goody**, Jack. 1973. "Strategies of heirship". *Comparative studies in history and society*. 15(1): 3-20.
- Gough**, E. Kathleen. 1959. The Nayars and the Definition of Marriage. *The Journal of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*. 89(1): 23-34.
- Levi-Strauss**, Claude. 1969. *The Elementary Structures of Kinship*. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode.
- Levine**, Nancy. E. 1980. Nyinba Polyandry and Allocation of Paternity. *Journal of Comparative Studies*. 11(3): 283-298.
- Locoh**, Thérèse 2003. "Social change and marriage arrangements: New types of union in Lome, Togo" in David Cheal (ed.) *Family: Critical concepts in sociology*. vol. 1.
- Madan**, T.N. 2001. *Family and Kinship: A Study of the Pandits of Rural Kashmir* (2nd edition). London: Oxford University Press.
- Parkin**, Robert, and Linda Stone, (ed.). 2000. *Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader*. U.S.A.: Blackwell. Selected chapters.
- Radcliffe-Brown**, A.R. "Introduction". in A.R. Radcliffe-Brown (ed.) 1950. *African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*. U.K.: Oxford University Press. pp. 1- 85.
- Rapp**, Rayna. 1991. "Moral pioneers: Women, Men and Fetuses on a Frontier of Reproductive Technology". in Micaela di Leonardo (ed.) *Gender at the Cross Roads of Knowledge: Feminist Anthropology in the Postmodern Era*. Berkley and Los Angeles, California. University of California Press. pp 383 – 396.
- Schneider**, David. 1984. *A critique of the study of kinship*. Michigan: University of Michigan Press, selected chapters.
- Shaw**, Alison. 1997. "Women, the household and family ties: Pakistani migrants in Britain" in Hastings Donnan & Selier 1997. *Family and Gender in Pakistan: Domestic Organisation in a Muslim Society*. New Delhi: Hindustan Publishing Corporation.
- Stacey**, Judith. 2003. "The making and unmaking of modern families" in David Cheal (ed.) *Family: Critical concepts in sociology*. New York: Routledge, Vol. 4.
- Stone**, Linda. 2010. *Kinship and Gender*. USA: Westview Press.
- _____. Cultural repercussions of childlessness and low fertility in Nepal. *CNAS Journal*. 7-36.

Uberoi, Patricia. 1994. *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Selected Chapters.

Weston, Kath. 1991. *Families We Choose: Lesbians, Gays, Kinship*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Paper: SOC704C (Core)
Social Stratification
Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)

The course introduces the students to the fundamental issues of social stratification, different concepts as well as the theoretical understanding to social stratification. It also seeks to familiarize the students with the key axes of stratification across societies with a view to apply the understanding of social stratification in contemporary India.

UNIT 1

Understanding Social Stratification:
Social Stratification and Social Inequality
Difference, Equality, and Inequality, Social mobility

UNIT 2

Perspectives on stratification
Functionalist
Marxist
Weberian

UNIT 3

Axes of Stratification:
Caste, Class and gender, Tribe, Race and Ethnicity
Patriarchy and the Subordination of Women
The Family as a Site of Inequality

UNIT 4

Contemporary debates in stratification:
Deviance, disability and sexuality, inclusion and exclusion

Suggested Readings:

Balibar, E. and Wallerstein. I. 1991. *Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*. London: Verso. (Chapter 4).

- Bendix** and S.M. Lipset. 1996. *Class, Status and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective*. New York: The Free Press.
- Beteille**, A. 1983. *The Idea of Natural Inequality and other Essays*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Pp. 7-32).
- Beteille, A. "Equality and Universality". *Economic and Political Weekly*. 36 (38).
- Chakravarti**, U. 1995. "Gender, Caste, and Labour". *Economic and Political Weekly*. 30(36): 2248-56.
- Davis**, A. 1982. *Women, Race and Class*. London: The Women's Press. (Chapter 11).
- Erikson**, R and J.H. Goldthorpe. 1992. *The Constant Flux: A Study of Class Mobility in Industrial Societies*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. (Chapters: 1 and 7).
- Gordon**, L. 1991. "On 'Difference'". *Gender*. 10: 91-111.
- Gupta**, D. 1991. "Hierarchy and Difference". in Dipankar Gupta (ed.): *Social Stratification* (1-21). Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Gupta**, D. (Ed.). 1991. *Social Stratification*. New Delhi: Oxford University P, 1991.
- Kannabiran**, Vasanth and K. Kannabiran. 2003. "Caste and Gender: Understanding Dynamics of Power and Violence", in Anupama Rao (ed.). *Gender & Caste*. Delhi: Kali for Women. Pp. 249-60.
- Kapadia**, K. 1996. *Siva and Her Sisters: Gender, Caste, and Class in Rural South India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Part 3).
- Mazumdar**, V and Sharma, K. 1990. 'Sexual Division of Labour and the Subordination of Women: A Reappraisal from India', in Irene Tinker (ed.). *Persistent Inequalities*. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 185-97.
- Mendelsohn**, O. and Vicziány M. 1998. *The Untouchables: Subordination, Poverty and the State in Modern India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Chapters 1, 2 and 9).
- Merton, R.K.** and P.H. Rossi. 1996. "Reference Group Theory and Social Mobility" in R.
- Miliband**, R. 1983. *Class Power and State Power*. London: Verso. (Chapter 1).
- Nongbri**, T. 2008. *Gender, Matriliney, and Entrepreneurship: The Khasis of North East India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women.
- Oommen**, T.K. 1997. *Citizenship, Nationality and Ethnicity: Reconciling Competing Identities*. Cambridge: Polity Press. (Parts I and III).
- Palriwala**, R. 2000. "Family: Power Relations and Power Structures". in C. Kramarae and D. Spender (eds.). *International Encyclopaedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge*(Vol. 2). London: Routledge. Pp. 669-74.
- Parsons**, T. 1940. "An Analytical Approach to the Theory of Social Stratification" in *The American Journal of Sociology*.
- Rae**, L. B. (Ed). 1991. *Gender, Family and Economy: the Triple Overlap*. Sage Publications,
- Sen**, A. 1990. "Gender and Cooperative Conflicts". in Irene Tinker (ed.). *Persistent Inequalities*. New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 123-49.

Tumin, M.M. 2003. *Social Stratification: The Forms and Functions of Inequality*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.

Wesolowski, W. 1979. *Classes, Strata and Power*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. (Chapters 1 and 3).

Wright, Olin E. 1985. *Classes*. London: Verso. (Chapter 3).

Paper: SOC705C (Core)
Economic Sociology
Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)

The course introduces the students to the inter-connectedness between economy and society. It looks at the conceptual underpinnings of economic sociology and its significance. It also discusses the emerging perspectives in economic sociology in the contemporary society.

UNIT 1

Introduction: Economy and Society
Contributions of Marx, Weber and Durkheim

Economic growth and Economic Development

UNIT 2

Production and Reproduction
Concepts of Value, Labour Property, Money and Rationality
Types of Economies:
Tribal, Peasant, Capitalist and Socialist

UNIT 3

Consumption and Exchange:
Gift Exchange, Markets,
Commodity Form, Consumption

UNIT 4

Economy and the State: Planned Economies, Welfare Systems, The State and Global Markets,
Neo-liberalism

Suggested Readings:

Bottomore, T.B. 1990. *The Socialist Economy: Theory and Practice*. New York: Harvester Wheat Sheaf. (Selected Chapters).

Bourdieu, P. 1977. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Chapter 1, 4 [section on Symbolic Capital]).

- Breckenridge, C** (ed.). 1995. *Consuming Modernity: Public Culture in Contemporary India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Selected Chapters).
- Godelier, M.** 1972. *Rationality and Irrationality in Economics*. New York: Monthly Review Press. (Selected Chapters).
- Granovetter, M.** 1985. "Economic action and social structure: The problem of embeddedness". *American Journal of Sociology*. 91: 481-510.
- Marx, K.** 1974. *Capital Vol. I*. Moscow : Progress Publishers. (Part I and chapter 7).
- Marx, K.** 1963. "Alienated Labour" in T.B. Bottomore (ed.): *Karl Marx: Early Writings*. New York: McGraw Hill.
- Petras, J.** and H. Veltmeyer. 2001. *Globalization Unmasked*. London: Zed Books. (Chapters 1, 3, 6, 9).
- Polanyi, K.** 1975. *The Great Transformation*. New York: Octagon Press. (Chapters 5, 6, 14 &15).
- Sahlins, M.** 1976. *Culture and Practical Reason*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Chap. 4).
- Scott, J.C.** 1998. *Seeing Like a State*. Yale, New Haven: University Press. (Chapter 5).
- Sen, Amartya, and Dréze, Jean. 1998. *India, Economic Development and Social Opportunity*. England: Oxford University Press.
- Shanin, T.** 1972. *The Awkward Class: Political Sociology of Peasantry in a Developing Society: Russia, 1910-1925*. London: Clarendon Press. (Selected Chapters).
- Smelser, N. J.** and R. Swedberg (eds.). 2005. *The Handbook of Economic Sociology*. (2nd Edition). Princeton: Princeton University Press. (Selections).
- Taussig, M.** 1980. *The Devil and Commodity Fetishism in South America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.
- Thompson, E.P.** 1967. "Time, Work Discipline and Industrial Capitalism". *Past and Present*. 38: 56-97.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel.** 2004. *World Systems Analysis: An Introduction*. USA: Duke University Press.

Paper: SOC706L (SEC)
Social Audit
Credits: 2 = 2+0+0 (32 Lectures)

UNIT 1

Understating Social Audit

Auditing as a social concept

Tool and techniques of social audit

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA)

Case study of Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS)

UNIT 2

Social Audit and Governance

Social audit as participatory governance

Participatory budgeting

Tools for participatory budgeting

Suggested Readings

Rahim, Mia Mahmudur, Idowu, Samuel O. (eds.) 2015. *Social Audit Regulation: Development, Challenges and Opportunities*. Springer.