

**COTTON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

**SEMESTER-I
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY-I**

(5+1+0= 6 Credit)

The course seeks to introduce the students to sociological ways of thinking. They learn how to apply sociological concepts to the everyday life. It traces the emergence of Sociology as a systematic and scientific field of study and seeks to familiarize students with the relationship of sociology with other disciplines such as Anthropology, History, Political Science, and Economics.

UNIT 1 **(2 weeks)**

Introducing Sociology:

What is Sociology?
Sociological Imagination

UNIT 2 **(2 weeks)**

Origin and Development of Sociology:

Origin and History of the Discipline
Nature and Scope of Sociology

UNIT 3

Sociology and other Disciplines: **(2 weeks)**

Relationship of Sociology with-
Anthropology
History
Political Science
Economics

UNIT 4 **(3 weeks)**

Sociological Concepts:

Group, Community, Association
Social Institutions
Socialization
Culture
Class, Status, Power and Authority

UNIT 5

Structure and Change:

(4 weeks)

Social Structure and Substructure
Social Order and Conflict
Difference and Inequality
Social Mobility

Suggested Readings:

Berger, L. Peter. 1963. *An Invitation to Sociology: A Humanistic Perspective*. Anchor.

Mills, C. Wright. 1959. *The Sociological Imagination*. USA: Oxford University Press.

Inkles, Alex. 1964. *What is Sociology?* New Jersey: Prentice Hall

Giddens, Anthony. 2009. *Sociology*, 6 Edition. Cambridge. UK: Polity Press.

Ritzer, George. 1996. *Classical Sociological Theory*. New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 1, 'A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory- The Early Years', Pp. 13-46

Nisbet, R.A. 2017 *The Sociological Traditions*. New York. Routledge, Taylor and Francis.

Macionis, John & Ken Plummer. 2011 *Sociology: A Global Introduction*. Pearson.

Tischler, Henry. L. 2007. *Introduction to Sociology (9th Edition)*. Thompson and Wardsworth.

Beteille, Andre, 2009, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Common Sense', Pp. 13-27

Béteille, André. 1985. *Six Essays in Comparative Sociology*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Social Anthropology'

Bottomore, T. B. 2014. *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*. London: Allen and Unwin. Chapter 4, 'The Social Sciences, History and Philosophy', Pp. 65-80

Beattie, J. 1966. *Other Cultures*, London R.K.P., Chapter 2, 'Social Anthropology and Some Other Sciences of Man', Pp. 25- 29.

Burke, Peter. 1980. *Sociology and History*. George Allen and Unwin, Chapter 1, 'Sociologists and Historians', Pp. 13-30.

Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 2004. *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill, Chapter 4. Pp 83-94; Chapter 5. Pp104-115; Chapter 8, Pp. 185-209.

Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 2004. *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill. Chapter 9, Pp. 210- 229.

- Haralambos and Holborn. 2014. *Sociology Themes and Perspectives*. Harpin Collins.
- Redfield, Robert 1956, Chapter 16, 'How Human Society Operates', in Harry L Shapiro (ed.) *Man, Culture and Society*. New York: Oxford University Press, Pp. 345-368.
- Bierstedt, R. 1974. *The Social Order*. McGraw Hill. University of Minnesota.
- Ritzer, George. 2010. *McDonaldization: The Reader*. Pine Forge Press. Ch-1. An Introduction to McDonaldization. Pp. 3-25.
- Beteille, Andre. 1977. *Inequality among Men*. London: Blackwell. Ch- 1. The Two Sources of Inequality. Pp. 1-22
- Gupta, Dipankar. 2015. Hierarchy and Difference in Dipankar Gupta's (ed.) *Social Stratification*. Pp 1-21. Delhi. Oxford University Press.

SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA-I

(5+1+0= 6 Credit)

The course lays the foundation of constructing images and ideas of India through sociological perspectives. The students will learn sociological concepts and institutions in the Indian context such as caste, class, tribe, village, gender, family, marriage, kinship and religion. The course aims to develop critical insights about the various institutions and practices in social life.

UNIT 1

Perspectives on India Society: **(3 weeks)**
 Colonial Discourse and Nationalist Perspective
 Dalit Perspective
 Subaltern Discourse

UNIT 2

Contextualizing Plurality in Indian Society: **(3 weeks)**
 Theories of Caste
 Class: Concept and Critique
 Tribe: Profile and Location

UNIT 3 **(2 weeks)**

Structural Dynamics:
 Village, Region and Civilization

UNIT 4

(3 weeks)

Social Institutions:

Family, Marriage, Kinship, Religion

UNIT 5

Gender and Intersectionality:

(2 weeks)

The origin of gender concerns in India
Feminist Movement and Challenges in India

Suggested Readings:

Cohn, B.S., 1990, *An Anthropologist among the Historians and Other Essays*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 136-171.

Kaviraj, S., 2010, *The Imaginary Institution of India*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black, Pp.85-126.

Gandhi, M.K., 1938, *Hind Swaraj*. Ahmedabad: Navjivan Publishing House. https://www.mkgandhi.org/ebks/hind_swaraj.pdf

Ambedkar, B.R. 2015. *Annihilation of Caste: The Annotated Critical Edition*. New Delhi: Navayana.

Omvedt, Gail. 1994. *Dalits and the Democratic Revolution: Dr Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Sage Publications

Guha, R., 1982, *Subaltern Studies*, Volume I. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp.1-8.

Ludden, David, 2002, "Introduction" in *Reading Subaltern Studies: Critical History, Contested Meaning and the Globalisation of South Asia*, USA: Anthem South Asian Studies. https://www.sas.upenn.edu/~dludden/ReadingSS_INTRO.pdf

Srinivas, M.N., 1969, "The Caste System in India", in A. Beteille (ed.) *Social Inequality: Selected Readings*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, Pp. 265-272.

Shah, A. M, 2007, "Caste in 21st Century: From System to Elements", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 42, No. 44, pp. 109-116.

LeelaDube 1996 'Caste and Women' in M.N.Srinivas (ed.) *Caste: Its twentieth century avatar*, New Delhi: Penguin (pp 1-27).

Baviskar, Amita and Raka Ray. 2011. Introduction in *Elite and Everymen; The Cultural Politics of Indian Middle Class*. Delhi: Routledge.

- Xaxa, V. 2011. Tribes and Social Exclusion (Occasional Paper, No. 2). Calcutta: CSSSC UNICEF, Pp. 1-18.
- Xaxa, V. 1999. Transformation of Tribes in India: Terms of Discourse, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 34, No. 24, pp. 1519-1524.
- Madan, V., 2002, "Introduction" in V. Madan (ed.), *The Village in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp. 1-26.
- Kumaramaswamy, A.K. 1987. *What is a Civilisation? And other Essays*. Ignc: Oxford University Press.
- Sharma, Amit, 2003, Elements of Indian Civilisation: A Sociological Perspective, *Indian Anthropologist*, Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 71-92.
- Uberoi, Patricia (ed), 1994, *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Karve, I. 1994 *The Kinship Map of India*, in P. Uberoi (ed.), *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp.50-73.
- Palriwala, Rajni, 1994, *Changing Kinship, Family and Gender Relations in South Asia: Processes, Trends and Issues*, Leiden: Women and Autonomy Centre.
- Momin, A.R. 1977. The Indo Islamic Tradition *Sociological Bulletin*, 26, Pp. 242-258.
- Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah., 1968, Hinduism, in D.L. Sills (ed.), *The International Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences*, Volume 6. New York: Macmillan, Pp. 358-366.
- Uberoi, J.P.S., 1991, Five Symbols of Sikh Identity, in T.N. Madan (ed.), *Religion in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp. 320- 332.
- Rege, Sharmila. (ed.) 2003. *Sociology of Gender: The Challenge of Feminist Sociological Thought*, New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Chaudhui, Maitrayee, 2012, Feminism in India: The Tale and its Telling, *Reveu Tires Monde*, Vol 209, 1, 19-36.
- Palriwala, Rajni, 1999, "Negotiating Patriliney: Intra Household Consumption and Authority in Rajasthan (India)", in Rajni Palriwala and Carl Risseuw (eds) *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising kinship and gender relations in South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa*, Delhi: Sage S
- Roy, Anupama. 2003.(ed). *Gender and Caste*. New Delhi; Women Unlimited.
- Walby, Silvia. 1989. Theorising Patriarchy. *Sociology*. 23(2): 213-234.

SEMESTER- II

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY-II

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The course provides a foundation for thinkers, enabling the students how to read the original works by various thinkers. The students will learn how sociological thought has evolved and emerged. The focus is also on understanding how the development of theory is not in vacuum but is an outcome of the changing times. The course intends to equip students to develop a critical understanding of application of sociological theories to social realities.

UNIT1

Positivism

(1 week)

Auguste Comte: Law of Three Stages

UNIT 2

Functionalism

(3 weeks)

Emile Durkheim: Collective Conscience, Social Solidarity, Anomie

Radcliffe Brown: Structure and Function

Talcott Parsons: Systems Theory

UNIT 3

Interpretive Sociology

(2 weeks)

Max Weber: Social Action, Ideal Types

UNIT 4

(3 week)

Conflict Perspective

Karl Marx: Historical Materialism

Lewis Coser: Social Conflict

Ralf Dahrendorf: Consensus and Conflict

UNIT 5

(2 weeks)

Structuralism

Claude Lévi-Strauss: Structuralism

UNIT 6

(2 weeks)

Interactionism

Herbert Blumer: Symbolic Interactionism

George Herbert Mead: Mind, Self and Society

Suggested Readings:

Giddens, Anthony. 2009. *Sociology*. 6th edition. UK: Polity Press

Ritzer, George. 2016. *Classical Sociological Theory*. Jaipur: Rawat

Ritzer, George. 2008. "Introduction to Structural Functionalism." Pp. 97-136 in *Modern Sociological Theory, Seventh Edition*.

Durkheim, Emile. 1982, *The Rules of Sociological Method*, New York: Free Press. Chapter 1, What is a Social Fact? Pp. 50 – 59.

Radcliffe Brown, A.R., 1976, *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. New York: Free Press Chapter 9 & 10, Pp. 178-204.

Parsons, Talcott. 2013. *The Social System*. Routledge.

Merton, Robert K. 1938. "Social Structure and Anomie." *American Sociological Review* 3(5): pp. 672-682

Weber, Max, 1978. *Economy and Society: An outline of Interpretive Sociology*. 1:4-26. University of California Press

Levi-Strauss, Claude. 1993. Structure and Dialectics in *Structural Anthropology*. Vol 1. Harmondsworth: Penguin

Deliege, Robert. 2004. Translated by Nora Scott. *Levi Strauss Today: An Introduction to Structural Anthropology*. New York: Oxford Burke. Pp 1-40.

Marx, Karl and Fredrick Engels. 2008. *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*. London: Pluto Press. Pp. 31- 66

Coser, Lewis. 2001. *The Functions of Social Conflict*. New York. Routledge.

Dahrendorf, Ralf. 1958. *Toward a Theory of social Conflict*. *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 170-183.

Mead, G.H. 2015. *Mind, Self and Society*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Blumer, Herbert. 1969. *Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall

Magill, Frank N. 1996. *International Encyclopaedia of Sociology*, Volume 1, Routledge, Pp. 690-693.

SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA –II

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The course introduces the students to the different modes of knowledge-construction of Indian history, society, culture and politics. It examines how multiple social processes, forces and ideologies shaped the terrain of the nation. It also exposes the students to various discourses and debates pertaining to Indian society.

UNIT 1

Development of Sociology in India

(2 weeks)

Anthropology and Sociology

M.N. Srinivas

Development of Sociology in India

Patrick Geddes

UNIT 2

(3 weeks)

Indian Sociological Tradition- I:

Indological/ Textual Perspective

G.S. Ghurye

Louis Dumont

Historical Perspective

D.D. Kosambi

UNIT 3

(3 weeks)

Indian Sociological Tradition- II:

Structural Functional Perspective

M.N. Srinivas

Marxist Perspectives

A.R. Desai

D.P. Mukherjee

UNIT 4

(1 week)

Tradition and Modernity

Yogendra Singh

UNIT 5

Issues and Challenges in Indian Society:

(4 weeks)

Nation building and Nationalism
Secularism and communalism

Suggested Readings:

Munshi, Indra. 2013. On the Margins of Sociology: An Appreciation of Patrick Gedde's Work in India. *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 62(2); 217-238

Momin, A.R. (ed.) 1996. The Legacy of G.S.Ghurye: A Centennial Festschrift. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

Upadhyaya, Carol. 2002. The Hindu Nationalist Sociology of G.S. Ghurye. *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 51(1); 28-57.

Dumont, Louis. 1966. *Homo Hierarchicus; The Caste System and its Implications*. Delhi: Vikas Publications

Madan, T.N. 1999. Louis Dumont. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. (n.s) 33,3.

Srinivas, M.N. 1996. Indian Anthropologists and the study of Indian Society. *Economic Political Weekly* 31(11): 656-657.

Srinivas, M.N. 1971. *Social Change in Modern India*. University of California Press Berkeley, Chp 4-5

Srinivas, M. N. 1992. *On Living in a Revolution and Other Essays*. Delhi: OUP. Chap 1, 2, 3&5

Kosambi, D.D. 1956. *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan

Desai, A.R. (ed.) 1959. *Rural Sociology in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan

Desai, A.R. 1981. Relevance of the Marxist Approach to the Study of Indian Society. *Sociological Bulletin*, 30(1); 1-20

Mukerji, D.P. 1924. *Perspectives in the Social Sciences*. Calcutta: The Book Company

Madan, T.N. 1993. "Dialectic of Tradition and Modernity in the Sociology of D.P. Mukerji" in N.K.Singh (ed.) *Theory and Ideology in Indian Sociology*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

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Madan, T.N. 2010. Search for Synthesis: The Sociology of D.P Mukerji in Patricia Uberoi,

Satish Deshpande and Nandini Sundar (ed) *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*. New Delhi: Permanent Black

Singh, Yogendra. 1986. *Modernization of Indian Tradition*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

Mukerji D.P. (1958 second edition 2002), *Diversities: Essays in Economics, Sociology and Other Social Problems*, Delhi: Manak Publications Pg 177-225, 261-276.

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Madan, T. N. 2009. *Modern Myths, Locked Minds: Secularism and Fundamentalism in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Vanaik, Achin. 1997. *The Furies of Indian Communalism: Religion, Modernity and Secularization*. New York: Verso