



St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus For III Semester Courses in Sociology (June 2019 onwards)

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Theory Syllabus for Courses:

ASOC0301- SOCIOLOGY: CLASSICAL THEORIES

ASOC0302- INDIAN SOCIOLOGY

S.Y. B.A

Course: ASOC0301

Title: SOCIOLOGY: CLASSICAL THEORIES

Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the classical social theories
2. To make students aware of the critical nature of the social sciences and trace this back to the enlightenment period.
3. To enable students to see how all social contexts can be analyzed differently based on the perspective one uses.

Number of lectures: 45

Unit I – Weber

15 lectures

- a. Historical Context – Enlightenment and Functionalism
- b. Method – Interpretive understanding (*Verstehen*), Social Action, Values, Ideal types
- c. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Sociology of Religion.
- d. Power and Inequality, types of leadership, bureaucracy

Unit II – Marx

15 lectures

- a. Historical Context
- b. Dialectical and Historical Materialism
- c. Concepts: Class, Capitalism, Labour Theory of Value, Surplus, Alienation.
- d. Critique, brief introduction to modern variants.

Unit III – Dubois

15 lectures

- a. Historical Context
- b. Concepts: Black Consciousness, Double Consciousness, the Veil.
- c. Modern variants and global and local applications.

CIA: Assignments on a particular theme

List of Recommended Reference Books

- Abraham, Francis. (1982). *Modern Sociological Theory*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Abraham, Francis. (1991). *Sociological Thought*. Madras: Macmillan.
- Adams, B.N and Sydie, R .A. (2001). *Sociological Theory*. New Delhi: Vistaar
- Coser, Lewis A. (1996). *Masters of Sociological Thought: Ideas in Historical and Social Context*. 2nd ed. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
- Cuff, E.C. (2005). *Perspectives in Sociology*. New York: Routledge.
- Farganis, James (ed.). *Readings in Social Theory: The Classic Tradition to Post-Modernism*. New York: The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.
- Fletcher, Ronald. (2000). *The Making of Sociology – A Study of Sociological Theory: Beginnings and Foundations*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Hadden, Richard W. (1997). *Sociological Theory: An Introduction to the Classical Tradition*. Ontario: Broadview Press.
- Layder, Derek. (2006). *Understanding Social Theory*. 2nd ed. London: Sage Publications.
- Raymond, Aron. (1965). *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*. Vol. I & II, Great Britain: Weidenfeld & Nicolson.
- Ritzer, George (ed.). (2003). *The Blackwell Companion to Major Classical Social Theorists*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.
- Ritzer, George (ed.). (2005). *Encyclopedia of social theory*. Vols. 1 & 2. London: Sage Publications.
- Turner, Jonathan H. (1999). *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

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Course: ASOC0302

Title: INDIAN SOCIOLOGY

Learning Objectives:

1. To provide students with an insight into the development of Indian Sociology
2. To acquaint students with some important aspects of Indian society and their intersections.
3. To develop analytical skills among students through the use of case studies.

Number of lectures: 45

Unit I

[15 lectures]

Towards an Indian Sociology

- a. Pre-colonial heritage
- b. Post-colonial concerns
- c. Methodological plurality

Unit II

[15 lectures]

Caste, Class and Politics in India

- a. Brahminical and Dalit-Bahujan perspectives on caste
- b. Emergence and rise of middle class in India
- c. Intersections between caste, class and politics

Unit III

[15 lectures]

Identity and Conflict

- a. Concepts: Ethnicity, Ethnic Groups, Nativism, Communalism
- b. Identities and Conflicts
- c. Contemporary challenges

CIA: Written assignment

List of Recommended Reference Books

Unit I

Cohen, B.S. (1990). *An Anthropologist amongst Historians and Other Essays*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Dhanagre, D.N. (1993). *Themes and Perspectives in Indian sociology*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.

Madan, T.N. (2011). *Sociological Traditions: Methods and Perspectives in the Sociology of India*. New Delhi: Sage.

Unit II

Ambedkar, B.R. (1990). *Annihilation of Caste*. New Delhi: Arnold Publishers

Berremman, G.D. (1992) "The Brahminical view of Caste". *Social Stratification*. Dipankar Gupta (ed.). New Delhi: Oxford University Press: 84-92

Das, G. (2000) *India Unbound*. New Delhi: Penguin.

Dumont, L. (1991) "Hierarchy, Status and Power: the caste system and its implications". *Social Stratification*. Dipankar Gupta (ed.). New Delhi: Oxford University Press: 471-491.

Dirks, N. (2001) *Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the making of modern India*. Princeton: Princeton University Press

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

Gupta, Dipankar (2005). "Caste and Politics: Identity over system". *Annual Review of Anthropology* (21):409-27

Ilaiah, K. (1996). *Why I am not a Hindu: a Sudra critique of Hindutva, Philosophy, Culture, and*

Political Economy, Kolkata: Samya.

Ilaiah, K. (1998). "Towards Dalitisation of the Nation" *Wages of Freedom*. Partha Chatterjee (ed.). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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Thorat, S. & Newman, K.S. (2007). "Caste in Economic Discrimination: Causes, Consequences and Remedies". *Economic and Political Weekly*: 4121-4124

Unit III

Das, V. (ed.). (1999). *The Oxford India Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Goswami, U. (2014). *Conflict and Reconciliation: The Politics of Ethnicity in Assam*. New Delhi: Routledge.

Nandy, A. et al (1999). *Ethnic Futures: The State and Identity Politics*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Sabharwal, G. (2006). *Ethnicity and Class: Social Divisions in an Indian City*. New Delhi: OUP.

Weiner, M. (1978). *Sons of the Soil: Migration and Ethnic Conflict in India*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press.