

UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

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Syllabus

Subject: SOCIOLOGY

Code No. : 37

Unit -1: Sociological Theory

1. Classical Sociological Traditions
 - Emile Durkheim
 - Max Weber
 - Karl Marx
2. Structure- Functionalism and Structuralism
 - Bronislaw Malinowski
 - A.R. Radcliffe- Brown
 - Talcott Parsons
 - Robert K. Merton
 - Claude Levi Strauss
3. Hermeneutic and Interpretative Traditions
 - G.H. Mead
 - Karl Manheim
 - Alfred Schutz
 - Harold Garfinkel
 - Erving Goffman
 - Clifford Geertz
4. Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism
 - Edward Said
 - Pierre Bourdieu
 - Michel Foucault
 - Jurgen Habermas
 - Anthony Giddens
 - Manuel Castells
5. Indian Thinkers
 - M.K. Gandhi
 - B.R. Ambedkar
 - Radha Kamal Mukherjee
 - G. S. Ghurye
 - M.N. Srinivas
 - Irawati Karve

Unit - 2: Research Methodology and Methods

1. Conceptualizing Social Reality
 - Philosophy of Science
 - Scientific Method and Epistemology in Social Science
 - Hermeneutic Traditions
 - Objectivity and Reflexivity in Social Science
 - Ethics and Politics
2. Formulating Research Design
 - Reading Social Science Research, Data and Documents
 - Induction and Deduction

- Fact, Concept and Theory
- Hypotheses, Research Questions, Objectives
- 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods
 - Ethnography
 - Survey Method
 - Historical Method
 - Comparative Method
- 4. Techniques
 - Sampling
 - Questionnaire and Schedule
 - Statistical Analysis
 - Observation, Interview and Case study
 - Interpretation, Data Analysis and Report Writing

Unit -3: Basic Concepts and Institutions

1. Sociological Concepts
 - Social Structure
 - Culture
 - Network
 - Status and Role
 - Identity
 - Community
 - Diaspora
 - Values, Norms and Rules
 - Personhood, Habitus and Agency
 - Bureaucracy, Power and Authority
2. Social Institutions
 - Marriage, Family and Kinship
 - Economy
 - Polity
 - Religion
 - Education
 - Law and Customs
3. Social Stratification
 - Social Difference, Hierarchy, Inequality and Marginalization
 - Caste and Class
 - Gender, Sexuality and Disability
 - Race, Tribe and Ethnicity
5. Social Change and Processes
 - Evolution and Diffusion
 - Modernization and Development
 - Social Transformations and Globalization
 - Social Mobility

Unit – 4: Rural and Urban Transformations

1. Rural and Peasant Society
 - Caste-Tribe Settlements
 - Agrarian Social Structure and Emergent Class Relations
 - Land Ownership and Agrarian Relations
 - Decline of Agrarian Economy, De-Peasantization and Migration
 - Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements
 - Changing Inter-Community Relations and Violence
2. Urban Society
 - Urbanism, Urbanity and Urbanization

- Towns, Cities and Mega-Cities
- Industry, Service and Business
- Neighbourhood, Slums and Ethnic Enclaves
- Middle Class and Gated Communities
- Urban Movements and Violence
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Unit – 5: State, Politics and Development

1. Political Processes in India
 - Tribe, Nation State and Border
 - Bureaucracy
 - Governance and Development
 - Public Policy: Health, Education and Livelihoods
 - Political Culture
 - Grass-root Democracy
 - Law and Society
 - Gender and Development
 - Corruption
 - Role of International Development Organizations
2. Social Movements and Protests
 - Political Factions, Pressure Groups
 - Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender, Disability, Religion and Region
 - Civil Society and Citizenship
 - NGOs, Activism and Leadership
 - Reservations and Politics

Unit – 6: Economy and Society

- Exchange, Gift , Capital, Labour and Market
- Mode of Production Debates
- Property and Property Relations
- State and Market: Welfarism and Neoliberalism
- Models of Economic Development
- Poverty and Exclusion
- Factory and Industry Systems
- Changing Nature of Labour Relations
- Gender and Labour Process
- Business and Family
- Digital Economy, E-Commerce
- Global Business and Corporates
- Tourism
- Consumption

Unit - 7: Environment and Society

- Social and Cultural Ecology: Diverse Forms
- Technological Change, Agriculture and Biodiversity
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Ethno-Medicine
- Gender and Environment
- Forest Policies, Adivasis and Exclusion
- Ecological Degradation and Migration
- Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation
- Water and Social Exclusion
- Disasters and Community Responses
- Environmental Pollution, Public Health and Disability
- Climate Change and International Policies
- Environmental Movements

Unit - 8: Family, Marriage and Kinship

- Theoretical Approaches: Structure-Functionalist, Alliance and Cultural
- Gender Relations and Power Dynamics
- Inheritance, Succession and Authority
- Gender, Sexuality and Reproduction
- Children, Youth and Elderly
- Emotions and Family
- Emergent Forms of Family
- Changing Marriage Practices
- Changing Care and Support Systems
- Family Laws
- Domestic Violence and Crime against Women
- Honour Killing

Unit - 9: Science, Technology and Society

- History of Technological Development
- Changing notions of Time and Space
- Flows and Boundaries
- Virtual Community
- Media: Print and Electronic, Visual and Social Media
- E-Governance and Surveillance Society
- Technology and Emerging Political Processes
- State Policy, Digital Divide and Inclusion
- Technology and Changing Family Relations
- Technology and Changing Health Systems
- Food and Technology
- Cyber Crime

Unit - 10: Culture and Symbolic Transformations

- Signs and Symbols
- Rituals, Beliefs and Practices
- Changing Material Culture
- Moral Economy
- Education: Formal and Informal
- Religious Organizations, Piety and Spirituality
- Commodification of Rituals
- Communalism and Secularism
- Cultural Identity and Mobilization
- Culture and Politics
- Gender, Body and Culture
- Art and Aesthetics
- Ethics and Morality
- Sports and Culture
- Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism
- Religion and Economy
- Culture and Environment
- New Religious Movements