SOCIOLOGY HONOURS SYLLABUS

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SOC-UG-E101: Introduction to Sociology

Unit I: Nature and Scope of Sociology
  i. Nature and scope of sociology
  ii. Sociology and common sense
  iii. Sociology and the other social sciences: History, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Economics and Political Science

Unit II: Basic Concepts
  i. Society, culture and socialization
  ii. Social structure
  iii. Status and Role
  iv. Group
  v. Norms, values, and sanctions

Unit III: Social Institutions
  i. Family
  ii. Kinship
  iii. Marriage

Unit IV: Social Change
  i. Processes of social change
  ii. Agencies of change
  iii. Social movements

Reading List:
  ▪ Abraham, F., (2006), *Contemporary Sociology,* Oxford University Press, Delhi.
  ▪ Berger, P., (1970), *Invitation to Sociology,* Penguin Books.
  ▪ Beteille, A., (2002), *Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method*, Oxford

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SOC-UG-E201: Sociology of India

Unit I: The Rise of Sociology in India
i.   Indological – Ghurye & Dumont
ii. Marxist – D.P. Mukherjee & A.R. Desai
iii. Structural-functional – M.N. Srinivas & S. C. Dube

Unit II: An intertwined system of stratification
i.   Caste (Features, *varna* and *jati*, the divine theory,)
ii. Class (Features Rural/urban classes)
iii. Gender (conceptualization of gender, patriarchy)

Unit III: Tribe
i.   General characteristics
ii. Social institutions: economy, religion, marriage
iii. Integration and marginalisation

Unit IV: Marriage, Family and Kinship
i.   Forms of marriage in India
ii. Family: Joint versus nuclear; household versus family
iii. Kinship usages found in India

Reading List:
- Das, Veena, (2004), *Oxford Companion in Sociology and Social Anthropology,* Oxford University Press, New Delhi. Selected chapters.
- Gupta, Dipankar, (ed.), (1992), *Social Stratification in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. (Define the chapters)
- M. N Srinivas, (1980). *Social Structure*. Transaction Publishers.
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- Srinivas, M.N., (1996), *Village, Caste, Gender and Method,* Oxford University

Press, New Delhi.
- Uberoi, Patricia, (ed.), (1994), *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi (Other relevant chapters).
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SOC-UG-E301: Sociological Thinkers

Unit I: Emergence of Sociology
- i. Emergence of sociology: political, economic and social and intellectual factors
- ii. Beginnings of sociology: Comte (Positivism), Spencer (Social Darwinism)

Unit II: Durkheim
- i. Division of Labour
- ii. Rules of Sociological Method
- iii. Suicide

Unit III: Karl Marx
- i. Dialectical/Historical Materialism
- ii. Class and class conflict
- iii. Theory of Surplus Value

Unit IV: Max Weber
- i. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism
- ii. Social Action and Ideal Types
- iii. Objectivity in Social Sciences

Reading List:
- Abraham, F. & Morgan, J. F., (1994), *Sociological Thought*
- Coser, Lewis, (1979), *Masters of Sociological Thought*, Harcourt Brace, New York.
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- Marx, K. and F. Engels, (1969), *Selected Works Vol I*, Moscow: Progress.
- Morrison, Ken, (1995), *Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formation of Modern Social Thought,* Sage, London.
- Raymond, Aron, (1967), (1982 reprint), *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*,

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- Shils, Edward A. and Henry A. Finch(ed.), (1949), *Max Weber on the Methodology of the Social Sciences*, The Free Press of Glencoe, Illinois.
- Swingwood, A. *A Short History of Sociological Thought.*
- Weber, Max, (1947), *The Theory of Social and Economic Organization*, New York: The Free Press
- Weber, Max, (1978/1968), *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretative Sociology*, University of California Press.

SOC-UG-C401: Social Stratification

Unit I: Understanding Social Stratification
   i. Natural inequalities and social inequalities
   ii. Hierarchy and Stratification.

Unit II: Approaches to stratification
   i. Functionalist
   ii. Marxian
   iii. Weberian
   iv. Feminist

Unit III: Forms of stratification and their interrelationships
   i. Class
   ii. gender
   iii. caste
   iv. race

Unit IV: Social mobility
   i. Nature and Types
   ii. Mobility in open and closed systems of stratification

Reading List:
- Balibar, Etiennne and Immanuel Wallerstein, (1991), *Race, Nation, Class, Ambiguous Identities*, Verso: New York. (Ch. 1 and 12)
- Bendix & Lipset, (ed.), (1966), *Class, Status and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective,* Part I & Section on Mobility.
- Berghe, Vanden. *Race and Racism.* Introduction only.
- Beteille, A. *Gender Studies,* Routledge Reader
- Beteille, A. *Idea of Social Inequality and other Essays;*
- Beteille, A.; *Inequality among Men,* (Chap 5- Race & Stratification).
- Crompton & Mann, (ed.), (1986), *Gender and Stratification,* (Chapter by Walby).
- Davis & Moore, (1945), "Some principles of Stratification" in, Bendix & Lipset, (ed.), (1966), *Class, Status and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective,* Part I & Section on Mobility.
- Erikson, R. and J.H. Goldthorpe, (1992), *The Constant Flux: A Study of Class Mobility in Industrial Societies*
- Goldthorpe, J.H., (1980), *Social Mobility and Class Structure in Modern*

Britain, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- Grusky, D.V., (1994), Social Stratification perspective, Boulder, West View.
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SOC-UG-C402: Indian Society: Issues and Problems

Unit I: Issues of Nation Building
i. Nationalism
ii. Secularism
iii. Communalism
iv. Regionalism

Unit II: Structural Issues
i. Population
ii. Poverty
iii. Illiteracy

Unit III: Social Change in India
i. Sanskritization, Westernization and Modernization
ii. Emergence of Middle Classes in India

Unit IV: Social Movements and Resistance in India
i. The Dalit Movement in India
ii. The Women's Movement in India
iii. Peasant Movements

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- Dreze, J & Sen, A., (2013), *The Uncertain Glory: Contradictions in India*, Penguine, New Delhi
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- Mazzarella, W., (2005), "Middle Classes", in Rachel Dwyer (ed.), *South Asia*

Keywords, Online Encyclopedia of the SOAS.
- Menon, N.(ed.), (1999), *Gender and Politics in India*, Delhi:OUP, pp. 342-369.
- Pouchepadass, J., 1980, "Peasant Classes in Twentieth Century Agrarian Movements in India", in E. Hobsbawm (ed.), Peasants in History, Delhi: OUP.
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- Srinivas, M.N., (1956), "A Note on Sanskritization and Westernization", *The Far Eastern Quarterly*, Vol. 15, No. 5, pp. 481-496.

SOC-UG-C501: Research Methods in Social Sciences

Unit I: Social science research
i. Meaning, scope and significance of social research
ii. Scientific study of social phenomena – scientific method and logic in social science, objectivity and subjectivity in social science.
iii. Understanding Data, Fact and Theory
iv. Conceptualisation and formulation of hypothesis

Unit II: Types and methods of research
i. Types of research: basic and applied, historical and empirical, descriptive, exploratory, explanatory, experimental
ii. Methods of research: quantitative and qualitative; ethnography, observation, case study, content analysis

Unit III: Techniques and Tools of data collection
i. Survey and sampling techniques
ii. Questionnaire, schedule and interview guide
iii. Primary and secondary sources of data

Unit V: Presentation and interpr*e*tation of data)
i. Coding, tables, graphs, histograms
ii. Measures of central tendency and dispersion
iii. Statistical analysis of correlation, variance and co-variance.

Reading List:
- Ahuja, Ram, (2001), *Research Methods,* Rawat, Jaipur.
- Babbie, Earl, (1995), *The Practice of Social Research,* Wadsworth, California.
- Beteille, Andre, (2002), *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Methods*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi (Chapter on comparative methods).
- Bryman, Alan, (1988), *Quality and Quantity in Social Research*, Unwin Hyman, London.
- Champion, D.J, (1981), *Basic Statistics for Social Research Methods*, Macmillan (Ch: 9-11)
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SOC-UG-C502: Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology

Unit I: Structuralism
i.   The idea of social structure - A.R. Radcliffe Brown;
ii. Human nature and cultural diversity – C. Levi-Strauss

Unit III: Functionalism
i.   Psychological Functionalism - Malinowski
ii. Functional dimension of social system- Talcott Parsons
iii. Critique and reformulation of functional analysis - R.K. Merton

Unit II: Conflict Theory
i.   Marx's critique and dialectics of conflict- R. Dahrendorf
ii. Functional Analysis of Conflict – L. Coser
iii. Conflict and Social Change – R. Collins

Unit IV: Symbolic Interactionism
i.   Mind, Self and Society – G.H. Mead
ii. Self and Society-E. Goffman

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SOC-UG-C601: Sociology of Development

Unit I: Understanding development
i. Changing conceptions of development from progress to sustainable development
ii. Modernization theory
iii. World System theory
iv. Theories of underdevelopment

Unit II: Planning and Development in India
i. The changing significance of planned development in India
ii. Land reforms
iii. Industrial development from public sector to private sector

Unit III: State and market
i. Market
ii. Globalization: social impact on Indian society
iii. Economic liberalization: its impact on the social status in India

Unit 1V: Problems of Development
i. Development induced displacement
ii. Ecological degradation and Environmental Pollution

Reading List
- Andrew, W. (1984) Introduction to the Sociology of Development. New Jersey: Humanities Press International.
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SOC-UG-D602: Project Report and Presentation