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**Subject: Sociology**  
**Course Code: SOC 502**  
**Category: Core Compulsory Courses**  
**Course Name: Classical Sociological Theory**  
**Faculty Name:**  
**Credits Equivalent: 4**

**Course Objectives:** To familiarize the students from some of the important sociological traditions that shaped the discipline in its early phase. Further, the course is intended to develop skill among students to relate different theoretical perspectives with contemporary issues.

**Attendance requirements:**

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendances is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

**Evaluation Criteria:** (Total Marks: 200)

1. Mid Term Examination: 25%
2. End Term Examination: 50%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment: 25%

**COURSE CONTENTS:**

**Unit I**

**Introduction**

Defining Theory; Types of Theories; Functions of a Theory; The Myth of a True Theory; Theory and Research: the reciprocal relationship

**Unit II**

**Functionalism**

Basic Premises and Propositions; Anthropological Traditions: Brown and Malinowski; Functionalist Traditions in Sociology: Durkheim, Parsons and Merton; Critical Evaluation.

**Unit III**

**Conflict Theory**

Principal Assumptions and Major Propositions; Karl Marks: The Theory of Class Struggle; C. Wright Mills: *The Power Elite*; Ralf Dahrendorf: *The Ruler and the Ruled*; Critical Evaluation

## **Unit IV**

### **Exchange Theory**

Intellectual background: Frazer, Malinowski, Marcel Mauss; The Behavioural Perspective: George Homans; The Structural Perspective: Peter Blau.

## **Unit V**

### **Feminist Theory**

The Basic Theoretical Questions; Historical Roots: Feminism and Sociology; Different forms of Feminism: Liberal, Radical, Socialist and Black.

### **Prescribed Readings:**

Abraham, M. Francis. 1982. *Modern Sociological Theory: An Introduction*. Delhi: OUP.

Turner, Jonathan H. 2015. *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Jaipur: Rawat

Ritzer, George. 2011. *Sociological Theory*. New Delhi: McGraw Hill.

Aron, Raymond. 1965. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*. Vol.1. New York: Basic Books.

Coser, Lewis A. 2014. *Masters of Sociological Thought: Ideas in Historical and Social Context*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

Giddens, Anthony. 1971. *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.



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**Subject: Sociology**  
**Course Code: SOC 504**  
**Category: Core Compulsory Courses**  
**Course Name: Methodology of Social Research**  
**Faculty Name: Dr. Shreeya Bakshi**  
**Credits Equivalent: 4**

**Course Objectives:** This course is intended to provide exposure to the fundamentals of research methods. Firstly, It would introduce certain philosophical ideas underlying the emergence of different methodologies in social sciences. Further, it also attempts to develop a critical outlook about existing perspectives and methods which can lead them in their future research. Teaching certain quantitative methods, statistical techniques and qualitative methods to collect and analyze the data would help them organize and analyze the information gathered by them.

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**Evaluation Criteria:** (Total Marks: 200)

1. Mid Term Examination: 25%
2. End Term Examination: 50%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment: 25%

**COURSE CONTENTS:**

**UNIT-I**

**Understanding Social Research –I**

Nature and Types of Research, Process of Social Research, Validity and Reliability, Research Ethics, Research Methods Vs. Methodology

**UNIT-II**

**Understanding Social Research -II**

Research Design: Meaning, Types and Formulation  
Sampling: Probability and Non Probability

Hypothesis, Objectivity Vs. Subjectivity  
Theory Building

### **Unit-III**

#### **Approaches to Social Science Research**

Ethnography and Observation

Survey method

Content Analysis

Case Study

Life history

### **Unit-IV**

#### **Technique of Data Collection**

Collecting Data from Primary sources: Questionnaire, Interview Schedule, Interview

Collecting Data from Secondary Sources

Book View Vs. Field View

### **Unit-V**

#### **Data Analysis and Interpretation**

Coding, Editing and Tabulation

Interpretation of Data

Bibliography and Report Writing

### **Suggested Readings:**

Barnes, John A. 1979. Who Should Know What? Social Science, Privacy and Ethics. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Benton, Ted and Craib, Ian. 2001. Philosophy of Social Science: The Philosophical Foundations of Social Thought. New York: Plagrave.

Bleicher M. 1988. The Hermeneutic Imagination. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. (Introduction only)

Bose, Pradip Kumar. 1995. Research Methodology. New Delhi: ICSSR.

Bryman, Alan. 1988. Quality and Quantity in Social Research. London: Unwin Hyman.

Bryman, Alan. 2012. Social Research Methods. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Corbetta, Piegiorgio. 2003. Social Research: Theory, Methods and Techniques. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

D.A.de Vaus. 1986. Surveys in Social Research. London: George Relen and Unwin.

Durkheim, Emile. 1938. The Rules of Sociological Method. London: Free Press.

Eickhardt, Kenneth W. and Davis, M Erman. 1997. Social Research Methods: Perspectives, Theory and Analysis. New York: Random House.

Elifson, Kirk W, Runyon, Richard P. and Haber, Audrey. 1990. Fundamentals of Social Statistics. New Delhi: McGraw-Hill.

Feyerabend, Paul. 1975. Against Method: Outline of an Anarchistic Theory of Knowledge. London: Humanities Press.

Flick, Uwe. 2009. An Introduction to Qualitative Research. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

- Galtung, John. 1967. *Theories and Methods of Social Research*. London: Allen and Unwin.
- Halfpenny, Peter. 1982. *Positivism and Sociology: Explaining Social Life*. London: Allen and Unwin.
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- Irvine, J., I. Miles and J. Evans, eds. 1979. *Demystifying Social Statistics*. London: Pluto Press.
- Madge, John. 1970. *The Origins of Scientific Sociology*. London: Tavistock.
- Manheim, Henry L. and Simon, Bradley A. 1977. *Sociological Research: Philosophy and Methods*. Illinois: The Dorsey Press.
- Marsh, Catherine. 1988. *Exploring Data*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Moser, Claus and Kalton, G. 1976. *Survey Methods in Social Investigation*. New Delhi: Heinmann.
- Punch, Keith. 1986. *Introduction to Social Research*. London: Sage Publications.
- Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah. 1979. *Field Worker and the Field*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

### **Recommended Readings**

- Beteille A., and T.N. Madan. 1975. *Encounter and Experience: Personal Accounts of Fieldwork*. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.
- Fayeraband, Paul. 1975. *Against Method: Outline of an Anarchistic Theory of Knowledge*. London: Humanities Press.
- Hawthorne. Geoffrey. 1976. *Enlightenment and Despair: A History of Sociology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University.
- Kuhn, T. S. 1970. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. London: The University of Chicago Press.
- Mukherjee, P.N., ed. 2000. *Methodology in Social Research: Dilemmas and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Sage Publications. (Introduction)
- Mukherjee, Ramakrishna. 1979. *What Will It Be: Explorations in Inductive Sociology*. Bombay: Allied Publishers.
- Popper K. 1999. *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*. London: Routledge.
- Shipman, Martin. 1988. *The Limitations of Social Research*. London: Longman.
- Sjoberg, Gideon and Roger Nett. 1997. *Methodology for Social Research*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
- Smelser, Neil J. [1976] 2013. *Comparative Methods in Social Science*. Louisiana: Quid Pro Books.



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**Subject: Sociology**

**Course Code: SOC 515**

**Category: Core Compulsory Courses**

**Course Name: Indian Sociology: Themes and Perspectives**

**Faculty Name:**

**Credits Equivalent: 4**

**Course Objectives:** This course is intended to introduce the students about the various perspectives that have been developed to understand Indian society. Further this course also try to familiarize the students about some of the themes such as caste, village, modernization etc.

**Attendance requirements:**

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendances is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

**Evaluation Criteria:** (Total Marks: 200)

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**Unit I: Indological/Textual Perspective**

G.S. Ghurye  
Louis Dumont

**Unit II: Structural Functional Perspective**

M.N. Srinivas  
S.C. Dube

**UNIT III: Marxian Perspective**

D.P. Mukhrjee  
A.R. Desai

**UNIT IV: Civilizational Perspective**

N.K. Bose  
Surjit Sinha

## **UNIT V: Subaltern perspective**

B.R. Ambedkar

David Hardiman

### **Prescribed Readings:**

Ambedkar, B.R. 2015. *Annihilation of Caste*. Navayan Publisher.

Nagla, B.K. 2012. *Indian Sociological Thought*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

G.S. Ghurye (2008) [1932]. *Caste and race in India*. Popular Prakashan.

Dumont Louis. 1980. *Homo Hierarchicus: the Caste System and its Implications*. University of Chicago Press.

Desai, A.R. 2011. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*. Popular Prakashan

Bose, N.K. 1975. *The Structure of Hindu Society*. Orient Longman.

Dube, S.C. 1990. *Indian Society*. New Delhi: National Book Trust.

Singh, Yogendra. 1973. *Modernisation of Indian Traditions*. Delhi: Thompson Press.

Srinivas, M.N. 1960. *India's Villages*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.

Hardiman, David. 2006. *Histories for the Subordinated*. Seagull Books



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**Subject:** Sociology

**Course Code:** SOC 418

**Category:** Elective Open Course

**Course Name:** Rural Sociology

**Faculty Name:**

**Credits Equivalent:** 04

**Objective:**

To develop greater understanding of the rural society and the interaction of rural people. Attempt will be made to understand the rural development issues and the various developmental programmes prevalent in Indian society.

**Attendance requirements:**

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendances is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

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## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **UNIT-I**

#### **Introduction**

Nature and scope, Village community, Various approaches of village studies in India.

### **UNIT II**

#### **Key Concepts:**

Dominant caste, Sanskritization, Westernization & Modernization, Little and Great Traditions, Parochialization and Universalization, Jajmani system, Folk Culture: Special reference of Himachal Pradesh

### **UNIT III**

#### **Rural Power Structure:**

Caste, Class and Power, Green Revolution and Changing Power Structure



#### **UNIT IV**

##### **Rural Social Issues & Developmental Policies:**

**Social Issues:** Indebtedness and farmer suicide, Migration, Un-touchability

**Developmental Policies:** Panchayati Raj System and various developmental schemes

#### **UNIT V**

**Peasant Movements:** Champran Movement, Kheda Satyagrah, Bardoli Satyagrah, Telengana Movement and Naxalbari Movement

#### **Suggested readings:**

Beteille, A. (1992), **Essays in Comparative Sociology**, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Chauhan S.K.(1980), **Caste Status and Power**, Classical Publishers, New Delhi.

Desai, A.R. (1969), **Rural Sociology in India**, Bombay : Popular Prakashan.

Darling, M.L. (1978), **Punjab Peasant in Prosperity and Debt**, Delhi, Rana Partap Bagh.

Dube, S.C.(1955), **Indian Village**, London : Routledge and Kegan Paul.

Doshi, S.L. and P.C.Jain (1999), **Rural Sociology**, Jaipur : Rawat Publication.

Jodhka, S.S. (1995), **Debt, Dependence and Agrarian Change**, Jaipur : Rawat Publication.

Shanin, Theodor (1971), **Peasants and Peasant Society**, London : Penguin Book.

Sharma, K.L. (1997), **Rural Society in India**, Jaipur : Rawat Publication.

Wiser, William H. (1936), **The Hindu Jajmani System**, Lucknow Publishing House, Lucknow