

# Kalyani University

The Post-Graduate CBCS Course in **Sociology-2021**

Semester Based (I--IV)

## Outline of Semester wise Course, Credit and Mark Distribution:

<b>Sem—I:</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Marks</b>
	CC-1 (CORSOC 101): Classical Sociological Tradition	4	50
	CC-2 (CORSOC 102): Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology	4	50
	CC-3 (CORSOC 103): Structure & Process of Indian Society	4	50
	CC-4 (CORSOC 104): Sociology of Change & Development	4	50
	CC-5 (AECCSOC 105): Writing a Research Report		
2	25		
	<b>Total=</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>225</b>

## General Description of the Abbreviations Used

CC= Core Course; AECC= Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course; DSE= Discipline Specific Elective; GEC= Generic Elective Course (meant for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem students of other subjects);

## General Overview of the Post-graduate course in Sociology

1. This syllabus comes into effect from the 2021-22 academic session.
2. The PG syllabus shall have 1050 marks divided into 20 courses and marks distribution is 50 marks each for 17 courses and 25 marks for two courses and 100 marks for one course.
3. Each course of 50 marks shall be of 4 credits each, for 25 marks be 2 credits and for 100 marks for 8 credits.

4. Two optional courses as Elective courses which shall have to be chosen from offered courses.
5. A candidate has to earn 84 credits to achieve a PG degree.
6. There shall be two types of courses: Core Course – A course which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate is termed as a Core Course.  
Elective Course – Generally a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific / specialized / advanced to the subject of study or which provides extended scope or enables exposure to some other discipline / subject / domain will be called an Elective Course.  
Aggregate Marks: 1050
  - First Semester: 225 marks/18 credits (four courses each with 50 marks of 4 credits and one course with 25 marks of 2 credits).

## **CC-1 (CORSOC 101): Classical Sociological Tradition**

### **Objectives**

The Industrial Revolution and consequent transformation brought out dramatic changes in the traditional feudal structure of the societies in Europe through the emergence of capitalism. These changes have had far-reaching effects on the economic and social systems of these societies that they grasped the attention of thinkers. That gave rise to the discipline of Sociology. Different thinkers viewed and presented their distinct analysis of the different features of the emerging modern industrial capitalist society and also attempted to predict the future of this society. Some of them engaged their attention on the issues related to development of Sociology as a Science. They laid down the theoretical foundations of Sociology on which modern Sociological theories are erect. Besides, they also tried to analyse and interpret other sociological issues such as education, power structures, religion and the like. Among these Sociological thinkers prominent are Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, G. Simmel and V. Pareto. Acquaintance with the writings of these five thinkers would equip the students with theoretical insights to know, analyse and interpret the social scenario around them and would also familiarize them with the different sociological perspectives and theories. While teaching, emphasis should be on critical analysis of the writing of these thinkers.

1. Émile Durkheim
2. Max Weber
3. Karl Marx
4. Georg Simmel
5. Vilfredo Pareto

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- Simmel, Georg. 1969. *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* ,translated, Edited with an Introduction by Karl H.Wolff, The Free Press, New York, Collier Macmillan Publishers, London.
- Simmel, Georg. 1971. *On Individuality and Social Forms , Selected Writings*, with an Introduction by Donald G. Levine , The University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London .
- Strauss, Anselm.1964. *George Herbert Mead on Social Psychology*, The University of Chicago press.
- Ritzer, George.1992. *Classical Sociological Theory*, Mac Graw Hill.
- Thompson, Kenneth.1985. *Readings from Émile Durkheim*, Routledge.
- Turner, Bryan S. 1999. *Classical Sociology*, Sage, London.
- Weber, Max. *Economy and Society*, University of California Press, 1978
- Weber, Max. 1930*The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Unwin& Hyman, London and Boston.
- Weber, Max. 1993. *The Sociology of Religion*,Trans: Ephraim Fischoff, Penguin Random House

- Weber, Max. 2011. *Methodology of the Social Sciences*, translated and edited by Edward A. Shils and Henry A. Finch with a New Introduction by Robert J. Antonio and Alan Sica, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick (USA), and London (UK)
- Zeitlin, Irving M. 1969. *Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory*. Prentice Hall India, New Delhi.

## **CC-2(CORSOC102): Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology-1**

### **Objectives**

This course introduces the students to the substantive, theoretical and methodological issues which have shaped sociological thinking in the latter half of the 20th century, and which continue to concern the practitioners of sociology today. The main focus of this course will be on structural, functional, and conflict theories, and symbolic interactionism, phenomenology, ethnomethodology and neo-marxism. The course will also examine the theoretical relevance and analytical utility of the premises in understanding social structure and change.

### **Course outline:**

#### **Introduction:**

Nature of sociological theory — Levels of theorisation in sociology — Relationship between theory and research

#### **Structural-functionalism:**

The idea of social structure: A. R. Radcliffe-Brown — The problems of role analysis: S. F. Nadel — Functional dimensions of social system: T. Parsons — Codification, critique and reformulation of functional analysis: R. K. Merton — Neo-functionalism: J. Alexander

#### **Structuralism and post-structuralism:**

Human nature and cultural diversity: C. Levi-Strauss — Structuralism and Post-structuralism: M. Foucault

#### **Conflict theory:**

Marx critique and dialectics of conflict: R. Dahrendorf — Functional analysis of conflict: L. Coser — Conflict and social change: R. Collins

#### **Interactionist perspective:**

Symbolic interactionism: G.H. Mead and H. Blumer — Phenomenological Sociology: A. Schutz — Social construction of reality: P. Berger and T.G. Luckmann — Ethnomethodology: H. Garfinkel

### **Essential readings:**

Alexander, Jeffrey C. 1987. Twenty lectures: Sociological theory since world war II. New York: Columbia University Press.

Bose, P. Michel Foucault (Bengali), Oxford University Press

Bottomore, Tom. 1984. The Frankfurt school. Chester, Sussex: Ellis Horwood and London: Tavistock Publications.

Craib, Ian. 1992. Modern social theory: From Parsons to Habermas (2nd edition). London: Harvester Press.

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Giddens, Anthony. 1983. Central problems in social theory: Action, structure and contradiction in social analysis. London: Macmillan.

Finlinghal, Alix L. 2008. Foucault for Beginners, Hyderabad, Orient Blackswan

Foucault, M. 1991 Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison, Penguin:London

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Kuper, Adam. 1975. Anthropologists and anthropology: The British school, 1922-72. Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books.

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Ritzer, George. 1992 (3rd edition). Sociological theory. New York: McGraw-Hill.

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Zeitlin, Irving M. 1998 (Indian edition). Rethinking sociology: A critique of contemporary theory. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.

### **CC-3 (CORSOC 103): Structure & Process of Indian Society**

#### **Objective:**

This course is aimed at sensitizing students to the diversity as well as inter-connectedness of theoretical perspectives on Indian society, thereby adding depth as well as insight to their understanding of the subject.

### **Course Outline:**

1. The colonial context: the representation of Indian society as fragmentary and static in colonial ethnography; the census, district gazetteers and the imperial gazetteer as instruments of colonial policy; the colonial legacy in Sociology and Social Anthropology in the post-Independence period; neo-colonialism;
2. The structure and composition of Indian society: villages, towns, cities; rural-urban linkages; tribes; weaker section, dalits, women and minorities, population profile and related issues. Overview of basic institutions of Indian society; changing dimensions.
3. Cultural and ethnic diversity: historically-embedded diversities in respect of language, caste, religious beliefs and practices and cultural patterns. Regionalism: Ethnic and Linguistic Assertions, Communalism, Issues of Religious Minority.
4. Convergence and integration: the sharing of material traits, cultural space, language and regional ethos; the evolution of composite cultural legacy; change and transformation in Indian society; nation-building and national identity, Secularism, Pluralism, Nationalism, Citizenship.
5. Positive Discrimination: Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and O B C

### **Essential Readings:**

Bhattacharyya S.K. et. al. Understanding Society, NCERT, New Delhi

Bandhyapadhyaya, S. 2004 Caste, Culture and Hegemony, Sage, New Delhi

Beteille, Andre. Inequality and Change in Indian Society

Bose, N. K. 1967, Culture and Society in India. Bombay : Asia Publishing House.

Bose, N.K. 1975 : Structure of Hindu Society. New Delhi.

Choudhury, K. 2019 Jater Vinash: Ambedkar O Tnar Agrajader Abadan, Kolkata Bhabana and Dafodwan

Desai, A.R. Recent Trends in Indian Nationalism.

DeSouza, P. R. ed. 2000 Contemporary India – Transitions (New Delhi : Sage)

Dhanagare, D.N. 1993 : Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology (Jaipur\_Rawat).

Dube, S.C. 1973: Social Sciences in a Changing Society (Lucknow University Press)

Dube, S.C. 1967 The Indian Village (London : Routledge, 1955)

Dube, S.C. 1990 : Society in India (New Delhi : National Book Trust)

- Dube, S.C. 1958 : India's Changing Villages (London : Routledge and Kegan Paul)
- Dumont, Louis 1970 : Homo Hierarchicus : The Caste System and its Implications (New Delhi : Vikas)
- Gupta, D. (ed). 1991. *Social Stratification*, OUP.
- Hardiman, David 1996: Feeding the Bania: Peasants and Usurers in Western India Oxford University Press.
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- Singh, Y. 1986: Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concerns, Delhi Vistaar.
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- Tylor, Stephen: India: An Anthropological Perspective References

Singh, Yogendra. Modernization of Indian Tradition

Singer, Milton and Bernard Cohn. eds. 1968 Structure and Change in Indian society, Chicago : Aldine Publishing Company.

Singer, Milton 1972: When A Great Tradition Modernizes, Delhi, Vikas.

Srinivas, M.N., 1980 : India : Social Structure (New Delhi : Hindustan Publishing Corporation).

Srinivas, M.N., 1963 : Social Change in Modern India (California, Berkeley : University of California Press)

Srinivas, M.N. National Integration in India

Singh, Yogendra, 1973 : Modernization of Indian Tradition (Delhi : Thomson Press)

Thormen, D. The Shaping of Modern India.

Uberoi, Patricia, 1993 : Family, Kinship and Marriage in India (New Delhi : Oxford University Press)

Watson, C.W. Multiculturalism

## **CC-4 (CORSOC 104): Sociology of Change & Development**

### **Course Outline**

1. Changing Conceptions of Development: economic growth, human development, social development; sustainable development, the question of socio-cultural sustainability, multiple sustainabilities
2. Theories of Development and Underdevelopment
3. Paths and Agencies of Development: capitalist, socialist, mixed economy, Gandhian; state, market, non-governmental organizations
4. Social Structure and Development: structure as a facilitator/inhibitor, development and socio-economic disparities, gender and development
5. Culture and Development: culture as an aid/impediment to development, development and displacement of tradition, socio-cultural repercussions of globalization, social implications of info-tech revolution.



**Essential readings:**

Abraham, M.F. 1990. Modern Sociological Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: OUP

Agarwal, B. 1994. A Field of One's Own : Gender and Land Rights in South Asia. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Appadurai, Arjun. 1997. Modernity At Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization. New Delhi: OUP  
Dereze, Jean and Amartya Sen. 1996. India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity. New Delhi: OUP.

Desai, A.R. 1985. India's Path of Development: A Marxist Approach. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.(Chapter 2).

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World Commission on Environment and Development. 1987. *Our Common Future*. (Brundland Report). New Delhi. OUP

## **CC-5 (AECCSOC 105) : Writing a Research Report**

As decided by the concerned teacher

