DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF PUNE

SYLLABUS for M.A. Degree

Credit and Semester System
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List of Papers

Compulsory

Classical Sociological Traditions (Semester I)
Sociology of India (Semester I)
Contemporary Social Theories (Semester II)
Methods and Methodologies of Research in Social Sciences (Semester II)
Application of Sociological Research (Semester III)
Dissertation/Sociology of Globalisation (Semester IV)

Semester I
Optionals:
Sociology of Social Movements
State, Society & Human Rights
Health, Medicine & Society
Political Sociology
Ecology, Environment & Society
Sociology of Religion
Open Course

Semester II
Optionals:
Sociology of Education
Modern India: Issues and Perspectives
Disaster & Disaster Planning
Sociology of Migration
Sociology of Media and Everyday Life
Sociology of Science
Open Course

Semester III
Optionals:
Modernity and Contemporary Social Theory
Sociology of Human Settlements
Human Resource, Industry & Society
Sociology of Tribe
Sociology of Developments
Sexuality & Human Rights
Urban Studies
Collective Action in the Urban Arena
Open Course

Semester IV
Optionals:
Dalit Studies: Issues and Perspectives
Modernity and Popular Culture in India
Reproductive Health & Development
Labour in Global Economy
Sociology of Minority Groups
Sociology of Agrarian Society
Feminist Sociology
Open Course
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SO 001 - CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL TRADITIONS

- Critical Assessment of the work of Karl Marx: Historical Materialism, Class Struggle and capitalist society; Alienation.
- Critical assessment of Emile Durkheim – Social Facts; Division of Labour; Suicide, Religion.
- Critical assessment of Max Weber: Protestant Ethic and spirit of capitalism, Methodology, Social Action; Bureaucracy and rationality.
- Limitations of Classical Theory: Race, Gender, Colonialism. Connecting the classical theory to present issues.

Readings:

SO 002 - SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA

- Formation of Sociology in India: Knowledge, Institutions and Practices
- India as an ‘Object’ of Study: Colonial, Nationalist, Indological, Functionalist, Dialectical, Subaltern and Non-Brahmanical discourses
- Debates on Social Institutions and Groups: Family, Kinship and Household, Village, Urban Settlements
- Debates on Social stratification: Caste, Class, tribe and gender
- Ethnicity, Nation and Nationalism.

Readings:

2. Breman Jan, Kloos Peter and Ashwini Saith, The Village in Asia Revisited, OUP 1997
4. Gail Omvedt, Dalits and Democratic Revolution, Sage, New Delhi
5. M.N.Srinivas, Collected Essays, OUP, New Delhi, 2002
7. Sujata Patel and Alice Thorner (eds), Bombay Metaphor for Modern India Bombay and Delhi, Oxford University Press.
8. Satish Deshpande, Contemporary India: Sociological Perspectives, Viking
SO 003 – SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

- Nature, Definitions, Typologies, Approaches
- Theories of Social Movements.
- Social Movement and the State
- Social Movement and Civil Society
- New Social Movements
- Case Studies in Old and New Social Movements.

Readings:

SO 004 - STATE, SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Perspectives on Rights: Liberal, Marxist and Neo-Marxist.
- State, Constitution and Rights in India: Class, Caste, Tribe and Gender Growth of new rights e.g. Environment
- Rights movement in India in the post independent period

Readings:

3. Oliver Menderlsohn: The Rights of the Subordinated People and Upendra Baxi
SO 005 – HEALTH, MEDICINE AND SOCIETY (MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY)

- Introduction: Concepts and perspectives on health, medicine, illness, sickness, disease and society.
- Theoretical perspectives on health and medicine within sociology:
- Health, health care and social institutions: state, market, community and family in health and medicine, Philosophical and historical debates on provision of health care and medicine:
- The sociology of health in India: Disparities in health indices: Historical Development of health services system in India; the sociology of medical knowledge and medical systems in India
- Health and Development: Current Challenges:

Readings:

SO 006 - POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

- Relationship between Society and Polity, Sociological Definitions of Politics, authority and the state
- Theoretical Approaches to the State: Liberal, Pluralist, Power-elite, Post-modernist
- Marxist tradition, Weberian Tradition, Discourse Theory and the New Political sociology
- Dominance and power within the nation -state-
  Nature of post-colonial state, State-civil society relationship
  Silent revolution, limited citizenship, mass movements
  Issues of nation-building and citizenship: ethnicity, class, gender and caste.
- Society and the state in India: religious nationalism, Hindutva and politics of the upper castes, the caste system and patriarchy; Language, Ethnicity and Region,
- Contemporary Challenges:
  Limited Citizenship, New Social Movements,
  Globalization, Civil society-state relationship

Readings:

   Gershon Shafir (ed) 1998The Citizenship Debates, University of Minnesota Press
   Charles Tilly, Coercion, Capital and European States, Blackwell (1990)
SO 007 – ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

- Approaches to the study of environment: Marxian, Gandhian, Phule, Ecofeminism
- Natural Resources and their Utilisation: Common Land, Water and Forest
- Problems of the Urban Environment: Pollution, Population and Slums
- Environmental Movements and the Politics of Development: Chipko, Narmada, Tehri, Balipal
- Initiatives of the State and International Agencies: Stockholm, Environment and Sustainable Development, Rio conference

Readings:

SO 008 - SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

- Definitions and its relationship with philosophy, morality, Dharma Science and Law.
- Approaches to the study of religion
  a) Classical approach: Durkheim Marx, Weber, Mauss
  b) Contemporary approach: Phenomenological, Neo Marxist, Freudian, New Functional, Anthropological
  c) The insiders view: theologians and religious belivers
- Religion in India, Perspectives, Mahatma Phule, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar and Swami Vivekanand
- Religions of the World: organised and non-organised
- Religious, economic, social, Cultural movements

Readings:

4. A. Nandy, Trivedy, Mayaram and Yagnik, Creating a Nationality: The Ramjanmabhoomi Movement and the Fear of the Self, OUP, Delhi, 1987
5. N. K. Bose, The Structure of Hindu Society,
SO 010 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORIES

- The Crisis of Sociology and the critique of positivism (Gouldner and Wright Mills)
- European Social Theory
  a. Marxism from the 30s to 70s (Frankfurt School, Gramsci and Althusser)
  b. Structuralism (Levi Strauss), Post Structuralism (Foucault and Derrida)
  c. Contemporary Theorists (Giddens, Bourdieu, Habermas and Beck)
- The Debate: One Sociology or Many Sociologies (Indigenous, Colonial, Autonomous and Contextual)

Readings:

1. George Ritzer and Barry Smart (ed) Handbook of Social Theory, Sage, 2001
2. Bryn Turner, Chris Rojek and Craig Calhoun (ed) The Sage Handbook of Sociology, Sage, 2005
3. The Polity Reader in Social Theory, 1994, Polity Press
6. -------------------------The Consequences of Modernity, University of California Press, 1990
8. Luke Goode, Jurgen Habermas, Democracy and the Public Sphere, Pluto,2005
SO 011 - METHODS AND METHODOLOGIES OF RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

I. Positivism and Sociology
   a) Classical View of Science, Reason, rationality
   b) Social science as science

II. Critiques of positivism
   a) Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology
   b) Hermeneutics and Critical theory: Gadamer, Apel, Habermas
   c) New philosophy of science: Popper and Kuhn
   d) Feminist Critiques
   e) Impact of post-modernism, Post-structuralism.

III. Historical Method
    Comparative Method

IV. Quantitative Research Strategies
   a) Survey
   b) Structured Interview
   c) Content Analysis
   d) Panel Study
   e) Sociometry

V. Qualitative Research & Research Strategies
   a) Seven Moments of Qualitative Research
   b) Ethnography
   c) Unstructured Interview / Conversational Analysis
   d) Life History
   e) Case Study
   f) Participatory Action Research

VI. Recent Debates
   a) Triangulation
   b) The position of the researcher

Readings:

10. Haralombus
11. Giddens
12. Gilham
SO 012 – SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

- New Developments in Sociology of Education; Theoretical Approaches and Contributions in Sociology of Education.
- Family, socialisation and class context.
- Education, globalization and economic development
- The Indian Tradition of Education: Colonial education, contribution of nationalists.
- Policies and programmes: evaluation, issues of inequality, Child Labour and Education

Readings:

SO 013 - MODERN INDIA: ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES

• Thick descriptions of contemporary Indian society, travelogues, journalistic accounts, historical sociological accounts.
• Colonialism, nationalism and rise of modern Institutions, debates on colonial modernity, science and development
• Debating Modernity in India, the modernization paradigm, ‘mistaken’ modernity, ‘our’ modernity, entrenched modernity, modernity at large, alternate dalit modernity, gender and modernity.
• Patterns of exploitation, sub-ordination, and exclusion: gendered labour markets, new classes, footloose labour, dis-inherited peasantry, alternate circuits of survival.
• Community and Identities: constructivist, and substantivist accounts.
• New articulations and collective actions

Readings:

2. P.Sainath, Everybody Loves a Good Draught, Penguin, New Delhi, 2005
8. Raka Ray and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein (eds), Social Movements in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2005.
SO 014 - SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTERS AND DISASTER PLANNING

- Concepts, definitions and Nature of disasters.
- Causes and Types of Disasters: famines, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, wars, industrial disasters, nuclear disasters.
- The effects and aftermath of disasters: victims and survivors
- The Welfare State and Disasters: the role of the state in preventing, apprehending and managing disasters.
- Disasters and civil Society: meaning of Disasters, the role of voluntary organizations, political organizations, citizens associations international bodies.

Readings:

2. Dhirendra Sharma, India’s Nuclear Estate (New Delhi: Lancers, 1983).
7. Dhirendra Sharma, India’s Nuclear Estate
8. Ashis Nandy : The Bomb, The Illustrated Weekly of India, 4 August 1985
SO 015 – SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION

- Theories of Migration; Dimensions of Gender, Caste and Class; Migration in Capitalist system; Migration and the World Economic System.
- Processes of Migration in the North and South (1400 to 1925)
- War, refugees and migration; Ethnicity, nationalism and migration.
- Voluntary Migration: Gujarati and Punjabi to North America, Canada; Tamils to Malaysia and Sri Lanka; Migration of Knowledge workers and Brain Drain; Seasonal migration.
- India: Development and displacement; Partition, Refugees and migration.

Readings:

SO 016 - SOCIOLOGY OF MEDIA AND EVERYDAY LIFE

- Culture, Society and Economy, Classifying Culture, Key concepts, Cultural Sociology, Sociology of Culture, cultural studies
- Media and Modernity, Social History of media.
- The problem of everyday life: fashion, music, tourism, counterculture
- Theories of Media and popular culture.
  (Culture, ideology and hegemony, propaganda model, critical media research, aristocracy of cultures)
- Politics of Representation, engaging with the ‘other’ Postmodern turn and new media.
- Combining Methodologies: decoding culture, new ethnography, reading discourses, genealogical analysis, analyzing global contexts

Readings:

3. Don Robotham, Culture, Society and Economy: Bringing Production Back in, Sage, London 2005
SO 017 – SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE

- Perspectives in the Philosophy, History and the Sociology of Science
- The Social Construction of Scientific Knowledge
- Science and the State in India, Colonial and Post Colonial Science and Technology Policy, Programs and Institutions (CSIR, IIT)
- Science, Society and Social Movements in India and the West (People Science Movements)
- Science, Ethics, Religion and Culture

Readings:

3. Barry Barnes (ed.): Sociology of Science,