

**Sociology**  
**Classical Sociological Tradition**

**Semester III**

**Subject Code: A 31612**

**Lectures: 60**

**Objectives:**

- To introduce the factors leading to the emergence of sociological theory.
- To understand theoretical foundations of Sociology.
- To introduce the works of the founding sociologists.
- To review the classical sociological theory critically in terms of race and gender.

**Unit 1: Introduction**

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- Meaning of social theory
- Social and intellectual forces in the emergence of sociological theory
  - Concept of modernity
  - Enlightenment
  - Renaissance
  - Reformation
  - Rise of individualism
  - Declining importance of religion
  - Scientific revolution
  - Empiricism
  - Positivism
  - French Revolution
  - Emergence of Fascism
  - Industrial revolution
  - Emergence of Capitalism
  - Emergence of Socialism
  - Marxian Utopia
  - Urbanization
  - Industrialization
  - Idealism

**Unit 2: Classical Tradition : Comte and Durkheim**

**12**

- August Comte
  - Law of evolution
- Emile Durkheim
  - Contribution to methodology
  - Theory of suicide



**Unit 3: Classical Tradition : Marx and Weber**

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- Karl Marx
  - Dialectical Materialism
  - Views on Capitalism
  - Alienation
- Max Weber
  - Contribution to Methodology
  - Theory of social action
  - Views on Religion

**Unit 4: Limitations in terms of Race and Gender**

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- W. E. B. Dubois
  - Perspective of Race
  - Standpoint of the oppressed
- Harriet Martineau
  - Looking at social institutions from women's point of view
- Charlotte Perkins Gilman
  - Critical evolutionary perspective
  - Analysis of women's subordination

**\*Assignments and library hours – 12 hours**

**Recommended Text Books:**

3. Allan Kenneth, 2005: Explorations in Classical Sociological Theory; Pine Forge Press, N. Delhi.
4. Morrison, Ken (1995) : Marx, Durkheim and Weber- Formations of Modern Sociological Thought, Sage, New Delhi.

**Reference Books:**

26. Calhoun Craig et.al ,2005: The Sage Handbook of Sociology, Sage, Publications, UK.
27. Giddens, Anthony (1971) : Capitalism and Modern Social Theory - An analysis of the writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber, Cambridge University Press
28. Aron, Raymond 1965 – 1967: Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. I and II Penguin, Chapters on Marx, Durkheim and Weber.



**Sociology  
Sociology of India**

**SemesterIV**

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**Unit 1: Introduction**

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- Formation of sociology in India – pre-independence and post-independence period
- Indian sociology in crisis

**Unit 2: Perspectives looking at Indian Society as an 'object'**

**12**

- Indological (G. S. Ghurye)
- Structural functional(M. N. Srinivas)
- Dialectical (A. R. Desai)

**Unit 3: Critical Perspectives to study Indian Society**

**12**

- Subaltern ( Ranajeet Guha)
- Non-brahmanical (M. Phule, Dr. Ambedkar)
- Feminist (Leela Dube)

**Unit 4: Debates on Indian society**

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- Changing conception of Family
  - Household and Kinship
- Changing conception of caste
  - From Indological to Dalit perspective
- Debates on village – urban settlement and ethnicity in India

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**Recommended Text Books:**

1. Sharma, S. 1985. Sociology in India. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
2. Singh, Y. 1983. Image of Man: Ideology and Theory in Indian Sociology. New Delhi: Chanakya Publications
3. D.N.Dhanagare, Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology, Rawat Publications, 1999
4. S.M.Dahiwale (ed), Indian Society: Non-Brahmanic Perspectives, Rawat Publications, 2004
5. Satish Deshpande, Contemporary India: Sociological Perspectives, Viking

**Reference Books:**

1. Veena Das, The Oxford Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology, Vol. I and II, OUP, New Delhi, 2003.
2. Dube, S. C., 1990, Indian Society, National Book Trust, New Delhi.

