

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
M.PHIL/PH.D. SYLLABUS

SOC-RS-C101: Methodological Orientation SOC-RS-C102: Recent Advances in Sociological Theory SOC-RS-C103: Preparation of Research Proposal

SOC-RS-C101: Methodological Orientation

Unit I: Orientations

Functionalist, Dialectical, Interactionist, Phenomenological and hermeneutics, Grounded theory orientation

Unit II: Methods

Qualitative: historical and comparative; observation methods; textual interpretation (hermeneutics); ethnographic; case study, Quantitative: Survey; content analysis

Unit III: Tools

Interview schedule; notes; diaries; oral history; PRA and RRA Techniques

Unit IV: Statistical methods and computer applications

Measures of central tendency-arithmetic mean, median and mode
Measures of dispersion-range, quartile, Standard deviation and mean deviation
Correlation-Pearson's product, moment correlation, rank correlation
Association of attributes-Chi-square test contingency and its uses
Excel and SPSS

Essential Readings:

Beteille, A and T.N Madan. 1975. *Encounter and Experience: Personal Accounts of Field Work*, Delhi: Vikas
Brenner, M. Ed. 1978. *The social context of Method*, London: Croom Helm
Bryman, Alan. 1992. *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*. London: Routledge
Colton, D and Covert, R. W. 2007, *Designing and Constructing Instruments for Social Research and Evaluation*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass
Goode, W.J. and P.K. Hatt. 1962. *Methods in Social Research*. New York: McGraw Hills
Hindess, B. 1973. *The Uses of Official Statistics in Sociology: A critique of Positivism and Ethnomethodology*, London: McMillan
Krippendorff, K. 1980. *Content Analysis: An introduction to its Methodology*, London: Sage

SOC-RS-C-102: Foundations of Sociological Theory

Unit I: Classical Sociology

Auguste Comte: Notion of Positivism, Debate on Science and Arts
Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber (Methodology used by these thinkers)

Unit II: Approaches to Modern Sociology: Functionalist and Conflict theories

Talcott Parsons: Social System

Malinowski: Need Orientation in Functionalism

R. Brown: Part-Whole orientation in structural-Functionalism

Coser: Social Function of conflict

R. Dahrendorf: Organisation, Authority and Conflict

Unit III: Structuralist and Post-Structuralist

Levi-Strauss: Binary Opposition

Foucault and Derrida: Discourse Analysis and Deconstruction

Giddens: Agency and Structure (Critique of Structuration)

Pierre Bourdieu

Neo-Marxist: Gramsci, Critical School of Thought and Althusser

Unit IV: Indian Sociological perspective

GS Ghurye: Caste and Race

D.P. Mukerjee

M.N Srinivas: Westernisation, Sanskritization and Dominant caste

SC Dube: Sociology of *Development*

AR Desai: *State and Society*

Essential Readings:

Boyne, R. 1990. *Foucault and Derrida: the other side of reason*, Routledge: London

Brown, R. 1965. *Structure and Function in primitive society*, Free Press: New York

Coser, L. 1956. *The Function of Social Conflict*, Free Press: New York

Dahrendorf, R. 1959. *Class and class conflict in industrial society*, Free Press: New York

Desai, A.R. 1975. *State and Society in India*, Popular Prakashan: Bombay

Dube, S.C. 2003. *India's changing villages: human factors in community development*, Routledge

Dumont, Louis 1970: *Homo Hierarchicus: The Caste System and its Implications*. Delhi: OUP.

Durkheim, E. 1964. *Division of Labour in Society*. New York, Free Press.

Durkheim, E. 1966. *Suicide*. New York: Free Press.

Ghurye, G.S. 2005. *Caste and Race in India*, Popular Prakashan: Bombay

Giddens, A. 1986. *The constitution of society: outline of the theory of structuration*, University of California Press

Levi-Strauss, Claude. 1974. *Structural Anthropology*, Basic Books: Delhi

Malinowski, B. 1922. *Argonauts of the western pacific*, New York: Dutton

Martineau, H. 2000. *The Positive Philosophy of Auguste Comte*, Kitchener: Batoche
Marx, K. 1867. *Capital. Vol. 1*. Harmondsworth: Penguin. (p: 1-55 and vol 3.)

SOC-RS-C-103: Preparation of Research Proposal

Review of Literature

1. Reference writing (style of writing, preparation of footnotes and end notes, bibliography)
2. Developing a research proposal
3. Presentation