

Semester	2
Paper Number	HSOCR2031T
Paper Title	Introduction to Sociology II
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periodsassigned	Th: 5 + 1
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	The course is structured to introduce to students the most basic tool kits for thinking sociologically. Students will learn to inculcate a 'sociological consciousness' through the play of biography and history that involves the study of contemporary societies. Students will also appreciate the status of sociology as a scientific discipline and its intimate relationship with common sense. The course aims to provide a brief history of the context of the emergence of sociology and some of its methodological and theoretical concerns. The course will also introduce students to basic sociological concepts such a socialization, institutionalization, structure and agency and so forth
Syllabus	<p>Group A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergence of Sociology (1 week) :The Enlightenment, French revolution, Industrial revolution</li> <li>2. Positivism (1 weeks) :The positivist paradigm; the method of positivism.</li> <li>3. Functionalism (2 weeks) :The basic tenets; grand analytical scheme of Talcott Parsons.</li> <li>4. Conflict perspective : (2 weeks)The basic tenets; Contributions of Dahrendorf and Coser</li> </ol> <p>Group B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Interpretive Sociology (2 weeks): The interpretive paradigm; methods used in the interpretive paradigm; Weberian meaning of verstehen.</li> <li>6. Interactionism (2 weeks) :The basic tenets; contributions of Mead and Cooley; Blumer's contribution to symbolic interactionism; Areas of convergence and divergence between the Chicago and Iowa schools</li> <li>7. Feminist perspectives (2 weeks): Gendering Sociological imagination; Waves of feminism; Basic questions raised in feminism; Liberal, radical, Marxist, socialist and post-modern feminism; Identity based feminism: Black feminist thought, with reference to the contributions of Patricia Hill-Collins</li> </ol>

<p>Reading/Reference Lists</p>	<p>Henn, Matt et al. 2006. 'What is Social Research' in A Short Introduction to Social Research. New Delhi: Vistar Publications. pp: 7-25.</p> <p>Seidman, Steven. 1996. 'From European Social Theory to American Sociological Theory: Talcott Parsons and the Autonomy of Theory' in Contested Knowledge: Social Theory in the Postmodern Era, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers, pp: 91-113.</p> <p>Turner, Jonathan. 1995. 'The Empirical Functionalism of Robert Merton' in The Structure of Sociological Theory, Jaipur: Rawat Publications, pp: 87-94.</p> <p>Turner, Jonathan. 1995. 'The Origins of Conflict and Critical Theorizing' in The Structure of Sociological Theory, Jaipur: Rawat Publications, pp: 129-134, 146-149.</p> <p>Wallace, Ruth and Wolf, Alison. 1995. 'Conflict Theory and Analytic</p> <p>Abbott, P, Wallace, C and Tyler, M.2008. An Introduction to Sociology: Feminist Perspectives. London: Routledge. Pp. 16-56.</p> <p>Manorama, Ruth. 1998. Dalit Women: the Downtrodden among the Downtrodden in J. Massey edited Indigenous People: Dalits, Dalit Issues in Today's Theological Debate. Pp. 159-167.</p> <p>Rege, Sharmila. 2003. A Dalit Feminist Standpoint in Economic and Political Weekly, February 6, 1999, Pp. 323-24.</p>
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>CIA: 20 End-Sem: 80</p> <p>The end semester examination will have the following paper structure i) Long Answer type questions : 20 x 2 = 40 marks (out of 4 ) ii) Short answer type questions : 10 x 4 = 40 (out of 8)</p>

