

Course: Discipline Specific Core**C10**

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| Semester ____ | 4 |
| Paper Number | HSOCR4101T |
| Paper Title | Social Stratification |
| No. of Credits | 6 |
| Theory/Composite | Theory |
| No. of periods assigned | 3 + 3 |
| Name of Faculty member(s) | 2 INSTRUCTORS |
| Course description/objective | <p>Sociologists have always laid an enormous amount of emphasis on the structural aspects which have a bearing on different societies.</p> <p>i) This course examines multiple axes of social stratification like caste, social class, gender and race and how they overlap and intersect to make our experiences of social reality a complex one.</p> <p>ii) It draws examples from the new middle class in contemporary India, race relations in America and Britain, the experience of gender in everyday life to depict different forms of stratification as they exist in different societies.</p> <p>iii) The course also tries to dwell upon the concept and the experience of social mobility through a few examples.</p> |
| Syllabus | <p>Group A</p> <p>Introducing Stratification (1 week)</p> <p>Theories of Stratification (4 weeks)</p> <p>Group B</p> <p>Forms of Inequalities and Questions of Identity (5 weeks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class• Caste, Race and Ethnicity• Feminism and Gendered Stratification <p>Mobility and Reproduction (2 weeks)</p> |
| Texts | |

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| Reading/Reference Lists | <p>Core Readings:</p> <p>Worsley, Peter. <i>Introducing Sociology</i>. 2nd ed. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1970. Chapter 8, Social Stratification: Class, Status and Power, pp. 395 – 408</p> <p>Bendix Reinhard 'Inequality and Social Structure: Comparison of Marx and Weber' <i>American Sociological Review</i>, Vol. 39, No. 2 (Apr., 1974), pp. 149-161</p> <p>Davis, Kingsley, and Wilbert E. Moore. 'Some Principles of Stratification'. <i>American Sociological Review</i> 10.2 (1945): pp. 242-249</p> <p>Tumin, Melvin M. 'Some Principles of Stratification: A Critical Analysis'. <i>American Sociological Review</i> 18.4 (1953): 387-394</p> <p>Davis Kingsley and Wilbert E. Moore 'Some Principles of Stratification : Critical Analysis: Reply'. <i>American Sociological Review</i> Vol. 18, No. 4 (Aug., 1953), pp. 394-397</p> <p>Jain, Ravindra K. 'Hierarchy, Hegemony and Dominance: Politics of Ethnicity in Uttar Pradesh, 1995' <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, Vol. 31, No. 4 (Jan. 27, 1996), pp. 215-223</p> <p>Winant, Howard and Michael Omi. 2010. 'Racial and Ethnic Formation' in Newman, David and Judy O'Brien ed <i>Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life</i>. New York: Pine Forge Press. pp: 261-267.</p> <p>Miles, Robert and Stephen Small. 2001. 'Racism and Ethnicity' in Steve Taylor ed. <i>Sociology: Issues and Debates</i>. Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Deshpande, Satish. 2003. 'The Centrality of the Middle Classes' in <i>Contemporary India: A Sociological View</i>. New Delhi: Penguin. pp: 125-150.</p> <p>Gupta, Dipankar. 1991 'Continuous Hierarchies and Discrete Castes' in <i>Social Stratification</i>, OUP</p> <p>Sheth, D.L. 1999. 'The Secularisation of Caste and the Making of the New Middle Class' in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>. 34:34/35. pp: 2502-2510.</p> <p>Fuller, Chris and Haripriya Narasimhan. 2007. 'Information Technology Professionals and the New Rich Middle Class in Chennai' in <i>Modern Asian Studies</i>. 41:1. pp: 121-150.</p> |
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Acker, Joan. 'Women and Social Stratification: A Case of Intellectual Sexism'. *American Journal of Sociology* 78.4, 1973. Pp. 936-944

Collins, Patricia Hill 'Toward a New Vision : Race Class and Gender as Categories of Analysis and Connection ' *Race, Sex & Class*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 1993), pp. 25-45

Bourdieu Pierre 'Cu tura Reproductio a d Socia Reproductio ' In *The Structure of Schooling: Readings in the Sociology of Education*. Richard Arum and Irene Beattie, Editors. NY: McGraw Hill. 1973: 56-68.

Suggested Readings:

Sills, David L ed. 1968. 'Social Stratification, in *International Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences Vol. 15/16/17*. New York: McMillan and Free Press. pp: 288-315

Beteille, Andre. *Inequality among Men*. London: Blackwell, 1977. Chapter 1. The Two Sources of Inequality. Pp. 1-22

Weber, Max, Hans Heinrich Gerth, and C. Wright Mills. From Max Weber. New York: Oxford University Press, 1946. Chapter VII, Class, Status, Party. Pp. 180 – 195

Tawney, R. H. *Equality*. London: Unwin Books, 1964. Chapter 1. The Religion of Inequality, Pp. 33-56

Bottomore, T. B. *Classes in Modern Society*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1966. Chapters. 2 & 3 The Nature of Social Class & Classes in Industrial Societies. 9-75

Gupta, Dipankar. 2004. 'The Certitudes of Caste: When identity trumps hierarchy' in *Contributions to Indian Sociology New Series*. 38:1&2.pp: v-xv.

Romero, Mary. 2010. 'Life as the Maid's Daughter: An Exploration of Race, Class and Gender' in Newman, David and Judy O'Brien ed *Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life*. New York: Pine Forge Press. pp:89-97.

Gilroy, Paul. 1992. 'There Ain't no Black in Union Jack' in Anthony Giddens ed *Human Societies: Introductory Reader in Sociology*. London: Blackwell. pp: 166-169.

Visvanathan Shiv. 2001. 'The Race for Caste: Prolegomena to the Durban Conference' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. XXXVI : 27.

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| | pp 2512-2516 |
| Evaluation | <p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>The end semester examination will have the following paper structure</p> <p>i) Long Answer type questions : 20 x 2 = 40 marks (out of 4)</p> <p>ii) Short answer type questions : 10 x 4 = 40 (out of 8)</p> |