

**Course: PG Core**

Semester	2
Paper Number	5
Paper Title	<b>Contemporary Sociological Thinkers</b>
Paper Code	<b>MSOC4201</b>
No. of Credits	<b>6</b>
Theory	<b>Theory</b>
No. of periods assigned	<b>6</b>
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This course will seek to take up the key-texts of some of the most influential contemporary sociological thinkers, which have shaped the discipline in different ways. The texts would be taught in details along with additional readings. For each of the modules two or more thinkers belonging to contrasting theoretical paradigms have been chosen, in order to facilitate a dialogue between them. Module I will take up two key thinkers, each of whom represents the two contrasting theoretical traditions of post-modernist and modernist thoughts respectively. Module II will take up the theme of <i>state and ideology</i> to look at three key contemporary thinkers belonging to three different theoretical traditions.
Syllabus	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Module I</b></p> <p><b>Michel Foucault:</b> <i>Discipline and Punish</i> (Introduction and Part 3: Discipline)</p> <p><b>Jurgen Habermas:</b> <i>Modernity: An Unfinished Project</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Module II</b></p> <p><b>Hannah Arendt:</b> <i>The Origins of Totalitarianism</i> (Preface and Part 3: Totalitarianism)</p> <p><b>Louis Althusser:</b> <i>Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses</i></p> <p><b>Walter Benjamin:</b> <i>Theories of German Fascism (1930) and On the Concept of History (1940)</i></p>