

Course: PG Elective 1

Semester	3
Paper Number	12
Paper Title	Labour Migration and Livelihoods in India
Paper Code	MSOC4304
Number of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
Number of Periods Assigned	6
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course Description/Objective	<p>The Covid-19 pandemic induced country-wide lockdown that affected all sections of the society. The precarity of migrant workers became apparent as thousands of workers set to return to their hometowns on foot in the absence of public transport and the government of India had to intervene to marginally mitigate their struggles. According to the 2011 Census, there are 41 million interstate migrants in India who migrate to other states in search of employment opportunities. As public dialogue on the migrant labour and their livelihood opportunities escalate, this paper is an opportune engagement with migration theories and interstate labour migration in India. The course is structured to equip students with a basic theoretical understanding of migration theories, the history and components of labour migration in India, the role of identities the migrant labour inhabits, the government policies that affect the conditions of migrant labour and labourer and the sustainable livelihoods approach. The student should be able to relate these theories to the contemporary problems regarding migrant labour and livelihood as the conclusion of this course.</p>
Syllabus	<p style="text-align: center;">Module I</p> <p>Why People Migrate: Theories of Migration: A Brief Introduction Neoclassical New Economics Migration Systems and Networks Institutional Dual or Segmented Labour Market World System Mobility Transition Immigration Policy</p> <p>Historiography of Labour Migration in India: Refugee or Labourer?</p> <p>Women Labour and Migration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Module II</p> <p>Circulation of Labour and Resources in India: A Brief introduction to the types of labour migrant flow: Rural-Rural Rural-Urban Urban-Rural</p>

Government Policies:

Labour Rights
Labour Standards
Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act
Localizing and Delocalizing Policies and its Impact on the
Indentured Labour market

Livelihoods

Sustainable Livelihood Approach
Components of Livelihood
Market and Livelihood
The social aspects of the livelihood approach

Migration and Livelihood: The Larger Picture