

SEMESTER-V
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
Category I
BA (Honors) Sociology
Semester V

Sociological Thinkers- II

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -13 (DSC-13) : Sociological Thinkers II

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 13 Sociological Thinkers- II	4	3	1	0	12 th Class Pass	BA (H) DSC 10: Sociological Thinkers I or equivalent course

Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce the contributions made by Karl Marx, Claude Levi-Strauss and Pierre Bourdieu to sociological theory.
2. To familiarise students with Marxian and Structuralist and Practice Theories.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Understand* conflict, structural and practice-oriented perspectives in the discipline of sociology.
2. *Conceptualise* research informed by these distinctive theoretical traditions of sociology.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-13: Sociological Thinkers- II

Unit I Karl Marx (18 Hours)

This unit introduces the students to the materialist conception of history as mode of analysis. It explores the basis, processes and consequess of capitalist society through the writings of Karl Marx.

- a. Dialectical and Historical Materialism
- b. Capitalist Mode of Production and Alienation

Unit II Levi Strauss: Structuralism (9 Hours)

This unit introduces students to structuralism and the study of myths through the writings of Levi-Strauss.

Unit III: Pierre Bourdieu: Theory of Practice (18 Hours)

This unit explains how an individual's practices are tacit and embodied and are an outcome of the interaction between social structures and the individual.

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Karl Marx

a. Dialectical and Historical Materialism:

Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1969. *Selected Works, Vol. 1*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. Pp. 19-26.

b. Capitalist Mode of Production and Alienation

Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1969. *Selected Works Vol. 1*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. Pp. 142-174.

Giddens, Anthony. 1971. *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 1-64.

Unit II: Claude Levi Strauss: Structuralism

Lévi-Strauss, C. 1981. 'Structuralism and Myth' in *The Kenyon Review, New Series*, Vol. 3, No. 2, Spring. Pp. 64-88.

Unit III: Pierre Bourdieu: Theory of Practice

Bourdieu, P. 1977. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters. 2 Pp. 72-95.

Suggested Readings:

Bhambra Gurminder. and John Holmwood. 2021. *Colonialism and Modern Social Theory*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Bottomore, T.(ed.). 1991. *The Dictionary of Marxist Thought*. Delhi: Wiley Blackwell.

Grenfell, M. (ed.) 2012. *Pierre Bourdieu: Key Concepts*. New-Delhi: Rawat Publications.

Seidman, S. 1994. *Contested Knowledge*. Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers.

Thompson, K. & Tunstall, J. (ed.) 1977. *Sociological Perspectives. Selected Readings*. New York: Penguin Books.

Turner, J. 1995. *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.