

**Semester IV**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**  
**Category I**  
**BA (Honors) Sociology**  
**Sociological Thinkers-1**

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSC) 10: Sociological Thinkers-1**

**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		
<b>DSC-10 Sociological Thinkers-I</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12th Class Pass</b>	<b>BA (H) DSC 04: Sociological Perspectives or equivalent course</b>

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The course introduces students to the theoretical contributions of Emile Durkheim, Max Weber and Talcott Parsons.
2. It provides an understanding of the conceptual foundations of the positivist, interpretive and American Structural-Functional Schools of Sociology.

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

1. *Outline* the key concepts and theoretical architecture of the sociological thought of Durkheim, Weber and Parsons.
2. *Apply* the concepts and theories to conceptualize research questions to study and analyses social realities.

## **SYLLABUS OF DSC -10: Sociological Thinkers-I**

### **Unit I. Emile Durkheim (18 Hours)**

*This unit introduces the students to Durkheim's conception of Sociology as a scientific discipline and enables them to comprehend the relationships between individual and society through the writings of Durkheim.*

**a. Social Fact**

**b. Individual and Society**

### **Unit II. Max Weber (18 Hours)**

*This unit introduces the students to basic concepts of Max Weber's interpretive sociology, his methodological tools and his substantive contribution to the study of social action and the relationship between cultural ideas and social change.*

**a. Social Action and Ideal Types**

**b. Ideas and Social Change**

### **Unit III. Talcott Parsons (9 Hours)**

*The unit introduces the structural-functional theory of Talcott Parsons with a focus on social action, action frame of reference and pattern variables.*

**a. Action Systems**

**b. Pattern Variables**

## **Practical Component: NIL**

### **Essential/Recommended Readings:**

#### **Unit I. Emile Durkheim**

**a. Social Fact**

Jones, Robert. A. (1986). 'Studying Social Facts: The Rules of Sociological Method' in *Emile Durkheim: An Introduction to Four Major Works*. London: Sage Publications. Ch 3. Pp. 60-81.

**b. Individual and Society**

Durkheim, Emile. (2005). 'How to Determine Social Causes and Social Types' in *Suicide: A Study in Sociology*. London: Taylor & Francis. Introduction and Book II, Chapter 1, Pp. xxxix-li, 97-104.

Durkheim, Émile. (1984). 'Mechanical Solidarity or Solidarity by Similarities and Solidarity Arising from the Division of Labour or Organic Solidarity' in *The Division of Labour in Society*. United Kingdom: Macmillan. Book 1 -Chapters 2 & 3. Pp. 31- 64, 68-86.

## **Unit II. Max Weber**

### **a. Social Action and Ideal Types**

Weber, Max. (1947). *The Theory of Social and Economic Organization*. New York: The Free Press. Pp. 87-123.

### **b. Ideas and Social Change**

Weber, Max. (2012). *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. New York: Routledge. Chapters. 1, 2, 3 & 5. Pp. 3-50, 102-125.

## **Unit III: Talcott Parsons**

### **a. Action Systems**

### **b. Pattern Variables**

Parsons, Talcott. (1951). *The Social System*. London: Routledge. Ch. 1 & 2. Pp. 1-44.

### **Suggested Readings:**

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

Durkheim, E. (1982). *The Rules of Sociological Method (W.D. Halls, Trans.)*. New York London Toronto Sydney: The Free Press.

Freund, J. (1970). *The Sociology of Max Weber*. Penguin Books.

Giddens, A. (1971). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings by Marx, Weber and Durkheim*. Cambridge University Press.

Lukes, S. (1985). *Emile Durkheim: His Life and Work: A Historical and Critical Study*. Stanford University Press.

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

Black, Max ed. (1961). Parsons Sociological Theory in *The Social Theories of Talcott Parsons: A Critical Examination*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ. Prentice Hall. pp. 1-63.

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**B.A. (H) Sociology**  
**Discipline Specific Core (DSC) 11**  
**Economic Sociology**

**Discipline Specific Core Course -11 (DSC-11) : Economic Sociology**

**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		
<b>DSC 11</b> <b>Economic Sociology</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Class Pass</b>	<b>BA (H) DSC 01: Introduction to Sociology or equivalent course</b>

**Learning Objectives:**

1. To familiarise students with the key concepts and theoretical perspectives in Economic Sociology.
2. To provide an understanding of the social and cultural bases of various dimensions of the economy such as production, distribution, exchange, consumption and markets.
3. To enable students to comprehend economic processes at all levels as embedded and interconnected.

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

1. *Understand* the key concepts and theories of economic sociology as a specialised branch of knowledge.
2. *Identify* the diverse ways in which the economy is embedded in other aspects of society and culture.
3. *Use* sociological concepts and theories to understand and analyse the transformations of the economy and its key processes and institutions from a comparative perspective.
4. *Generate* research questions and arguments about the intersections of economy and society.

**SYLLABUS OF DSC-11: Economic Sociology**

**Unit I: Introduction to Economic Sociology (15 hours)**

*This unit provides an understanding of the key concepts and theoretical perspectives of Economic Sociology as a specialised branch of knowledge.*

- a. What is Economic Sociology?**
- b. Perspectives in Economic Sociology**

### **Unit II: Economic Action and its Locations (24 hours)**

*This unit provides an understanding of the various dimensions of economy such as production, distribution and consumption while highlighting their sociocultural bases.*

- a. Production and its Logics**
- b. Distribution and its Reach**

### **Unit III: Contemporary Directions in Economic Sociology (6 hours)**

*This unit provides an understanding of the changing economic processes and institutions in contemporary times.*

- a. Informal Economy**
- b. Platform Society**

### **Practical Component: NIL**

### **Essential/Recommended Readings:**

#### **Unit I. Introduction to Economic Sociology (15 hours)**

##### **a. What is Economic Sociology**

Martinelli, Alberto. 2023. 'The conception and definition of economic sociology' in *The Routledge International Handbook of Economic Sociology*. New York: Taylor & Francis, 2023. Pp. 57-74.

Portes, Alejandro. 2010. 'The Assumptions That Ground the Field' in *Economic Sociology: A Systematic Inquiry*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press. Chapter 2. Pp. 10-26.

##### **b. Perspectives in Economic Sociology**

Polanyi, Karl. 1992. 'Economy as an Instituted Process' in M. Granovetter and R. Swedberg (eds.) *The Sociology of Economic Life*. Colorado: West View Press. Pp. 27-50.

Granovetter, Mark. 1985. 'Economic Action and Social Structure: The Problem of Embeddedness'. *American Journal of Sociology*. 91(3). Pp. 481- 507.

### **Unit II: Economic Action and its Locations (24 hours)**

##### **a. Production and its Logics**

Sahlins, Marshall. 2017. 'The Original Affluent Society' in *Stone Age Economics*. New York: Routledge. Chapter 1. Pp. 1-37.

Scott, James C. 1976. 'The Economics and Sociology of Subsistence Ethics' in *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*. Chapter 1. New Haven, Yale University press. Pp. 13-34.

Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1983. 'The Commodification of Everything: Production of Capital' in *Historical Capitalism*. London: Verso. Chapter 1. Pp. 13-46.

### **b. Distribution and its Reach**

Mauss, Marcel. 1966. 'The Gifts and Obligation of Return Gift' and 'Distribution of the System: Generosity, Honour and Money' in *The Gift: Forms and Functions of Exchange in Archaic Societies*. (tr. Ian Cunnison). London: Cohen and West. Chapters. 1, 2. Pp. 1-46.

Patterson, Thomas C. 2005. 'Distribution and Redistribution' in James G. Carrier (ed.) *A Handbook of Economic Anthropology*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. Pp. 194-209.

Weiss, Brad. 1996. 'Coffee Breaks and Coffee Connections: The Lived Experience of a Commodity in Tanzanian and European Worlds' in David Howes (ed.) *Cross-Cultural Consumption: Global Market, Local Realities*. London and New York: Routledge. Pp. 93-105.

## **Unit III: Contemporary Directions in Economic Sociology (6 hours)**

### **a. Informal Economy**

Light, Donald W. 2004. 'From Migrant Enclaves to Mainstream: Reconceptualizing Informal Economic Behaviour' in *Theory and Society*. 33(6). Pp. 705-737.

### **b. Platform Society**

Dijck, Jose Van. et al. 2018. 'The Platform Society as a Contested Concept' in *The Platform Society: Public Values in a Connected World*. New York: Oxford University Press. Chapter 1, Pp. 1-30.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Appadurai, A. 1986. *The Social Life of Things: Commodities in Cultural Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Carrier, James G. 1995. *Gifts and Commodities*. London: Routledge.

DiMaggio, Paul. 2019. 'Cultural Aspects of Economic Action and Organization' in R. Friedland and A. F. Robertson (eds.) *Beyond the Market Place: Rethinking Economy and Society*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 113-136.

Graeber, David. 2001. *Toward an Anthropological Theory of Value: The False Coin of Our Own Dreams*. New York: Palgrave.

Hann, Chris and Keith Hart. 2011. *Economic Anthropology*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Hirst, Paul and G Thompson 1999. *Globalization in Question*. 2nd Edition. Cambridge, Oxford: Polity Press.

Sahlins, Marshal. 1974. *Stone Age Economics*. London: Tavistock.

Smelser, Neil. J. and Richard Swedberg. 2005. *The Handbook of Economic Sociology*. New York: Russel Sage Foundation.

Tonkiss, Fran. 2006. *Contemporary Economic Sociology*. London: Routledge.

Verdery, Katherine. 1996. *What Was Socialism, And What Comes Next?* New Jersey: Princeton University Press.

Zelizer, Viviana A. 1989. 'The Social Meaning of Money: Special Monies'. *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 95 (Sept.). Pp. 342-377.

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## Sociology of Gender

### DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -12 (DSC-12) : Sociology of Gender

#### 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		
<b>DSC 12</b> <b>Sociology of Gender</b>	4	3	1	0	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Class Pass</b>	<b>BA (H) DSC 05: Social Stratification or equivalent course</b>

#### Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce the sociology of gender as a critical area of sociological inquiry.
2. To provide a sociological understanding of the categories of gender, sex and sexuality.
3. The problematise the common-sense conception of gender from a sociological perspective.

#### Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Identify* and explain key concepts in the sociology of gender.
2. *Investigate* gendered inequalities in a comparative mode across time and space.
3. *Analyse* gender in relation to other forms of social stratification and identities such as caste, class, family and work.

#### SYLLABUS OF DSC-12: Sociology of Gender

##### Unit I. Understanding Gender (9 Hours)

*This unit locates the understanding of gender within the framework of sociological theories.*

##### Unit II. Gender, Power and Resistance (9 Hours)

*This unit examines the forms of resistance to gender-based power through ideological change and social movements.*

- a. Power and Subordination
- b. Negotiations and Resistance

##### Unit III. Gender: Differences and Inequalities (12 Hours)

*This unit examines the intersection of gender with different forms and locations of social inequality.*

- a. Stratification and Difference

## **b. Work and Household**

### **Unit IV. Masculinity and Femininity (15 Hours)**

**This unit elucidates the varied ways in which gender is socially constructed.**

#### **a. Production of Masculinity and Femininity**

#### **b. Culture and Sexuality**

### **Practical Component: NIL**

### **Essential/Recommended Readings:**

#### **Unit I. Understanding Gender**

Jackson, S. and S. Scott (eds.) 2002 'Introduction: The Gendering of Sociology' in S. Jackson and S. Scott *Gender: A Sociological Reader*, London: Routledge. pp 1-26.

Risman, Barbara J. 2018. 'Gender as a Social Structure' in *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*. Germany, Springer International Publishing, 2018. Pp. 19-38.

#### **Unit II. Gender, Power and Resistance**

##### **a. Power and Subordination**

Susie, Tharu and Tejaswini Niranjana. 1994. 'Problems for a Contemporary theory of Gender' in *Social Scientist*, Vol.22 No. 3/4 (Mar-Apr) Pp. 93-117.

Abu Lughod, Lila. 2002. 'Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and its Others.' in *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 104, No. 3. Pp.783-790.

##### **b. Negotiations and Resistance**

Kandiyoti, Deniz. 1991. 'Bargaining with Patriarchy' in Judith Lorber and Susan A. Farrell (eds.) *The Social Construction of Gender*, New Delhi: Sage Publications. Pp. 104-118.

Ahmed. S. 2017. 'Bringing Feminist Theory Home' in *Living a Feminist Life*. Durham: Duke University Press. Pp. 1-18.

#### **Unit III. Gender: Differences and Inequalities**

##### **a. Stratification and Difference**

Walby, Sylvia. 2002. 'Gender, Class and Stratification: Towards a New Approach' in S. Jackson and S. Scott (eds.) *Gender: A Sociological Reader*. London: Routledge. Pp. 93-96.

Rege, S. 1998. 'Dalit Women Talk Differently: A Critique of 'Difference' and Towards a Dalit

Feminist Standpoint Position' in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 33, No. 44, Oct.31-Nov. 6. Pp. 39-48.

### **b. Work and Household**

Whitehead, A. 1981. 'I'm Hungry Mum: The Politics of Domestic Budgeting' in K. Young et al. (eds.) *Of Marriage and the Market: Women's Subordination Internationally and its Lessons*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. Pp. 93-116.

Palriwala, Rajni. 1999. 'Negotiating Patriliney: Intra-household Consumption and Authority in Rajasthan (India)', in Rajni Palriwala and Carla Risseeuw (eds.), *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising kinship and gender relations in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*. Delhi: Sage Publications Pp. 190-220.

## **Unit IV. Masculinity and Femininity**

### **a. Production of Masculinity and Femininity**

Halberstam, Judith. 2012. 'An Introduction to Female Masculinity: Masculinity without Men' in *Female Masculinity*. Delhi: Zubaan . Pp. 1-29.

Cornwall, Andrea and Nancy Lindisfarne 1994 'Dislocating Masculinity: Gender, Power and Anthropology' in Cornwall and Lindisfarne (ed.). *Dislocating Masculinity: Comparative Ethnographies*. Routledge. Chapter 1, pp 11-26.

### **b. Culture and Sexuality**

Ortner, Sherry. 1974. 'Is male to female as nature is to culture?' in M.Z. Rosaldo and L. Lamphere (eds.) *Women, Culture and Society*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pp. 67-87.

Dube, Leela. 2001. Anthropological Explorations in Gender: Intersecting Fields. Delhi:Sage Publications, 2001. Chapter 3. The Symbolism Of Biological Reproduction and Sexual Relations of Production. Pp. 119-151

Rubin, Gayle. 1984. 'Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality' in Carole Vance, ed., *Pleasure and Anger*. London: Routledge. Pp. 143-165.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Bhatia, R. 2022. *Gender: A Sociological Understanding*. Delhi: Pearson

Hill-Collins, Patricia. 2002. "Learning from the Outsider Within" in S. Jackson and S. Scott (eds.) *Gender: A Sociological Reader*. London: Routledge. Pp. 69-78.

Narain, Arvind and Vinay Chandra. (eds). 2015. *Nothing to Fix: Medicalization of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*. New Delhi Sage Publications. Chapter 3.

Uberoi, Patricia "Feminine Identity and National Ethos in Indian Calendar Art" in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 25, No. 17 (Apr. 28, 1990) Pp. WS41-WS48.

Visvanathan, S. 1996. 'Women and Work: From Housewifization to Androgyny' in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 31 Number 45/46. Pp. 3015-17.

Menon, Nivedita .2012. *Seeing like a Feminist*. India: Penguin.

### **Additional Resources**

*Being Male, Being Koti* (2010) Dir: Mahua Bandhpodhyay

*Paris is Burning* ( 1991) Dir: Jenine Livingston

*Izzatnagari Ki Asabhyaa Betiyaan* (2012) Dir: Nakul Singh Sawhney

*Danish Girl* (2015) Dir: Tom Hooper

*Bol* (2011) Dir: Shoaib Mansoor

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