

Sociology
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) 05
Sociology of Social Movements

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE -05 (DSE-05) : Sociology of Social Movements

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		
DSE 05 Sociology of Social Movements	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. This paper introduces students to the sociological study of social movements.
2. It aims to provide students with the major conceptual, theoretical and methodological tenets of the study of social movements.
3. The paper also demonstrates the complex relationship between social movements, culture, and the broader socio-political context, through a series of case studies.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Identify* and examine the various dimensions of the phenomenon of social movements and assess the various approaches to its study.
2. *Describe* the various dimensions of social movements and the relationship and dynamics between them.
3. *Recognise* and *evaluate* the salience of social movements in contemporary society.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-05: Sociology of Social Movements

Unit I: Sociology and Social Movements (12 Hours)

This unit introduces students to the formative issues in the sociological study of social movements.

Unit II: Social Movements: Strategies, Opportunities, Networks, Dynamics (12 Hours)

This unit familiarises students with the relationship between the various organising principles of social movements and their dynamics.

Unit III: States, Everyday Relations and Contention (12 Hours)

This unit apprises students about the relationship between movements and other institutional political phenomena.

Unit IV: Social Movements and Culture (9 Hours)

This unit maps the issues in contemporary studies of social movements.

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Sociology and Social Movements

Jasper, James M. 2007. 'Social Movements', in George Ritzer (ed). *The Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Sociology*, USA: Blackwell Publishing Ltd, p. 4451-4458.

Edelman, Marc. 2001. Social Movements: Changing Paradigms and Forms of Politics, *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol.30, p. 285-317.

Escobar, Arturo. 1992. Culture, Practice and Politics: Anthropology and the Study of Social Movements, *Critique of Anthropology*, Vol. 12, p. 395-424.

Unit II: Strategies, Opportunities, Networks, Dynamics

Mcadam, Doug et. al. 1996. *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobilizing Structures and Cultural Framings*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Introduction, p. 1-20.

Ray, Sthitapragyan. 2014. People and Protected Areas: Protest dynamics in a conservation project in Odisha, *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 63, No. 1, p. 59-76.

Kurzman, Charles. 1996. Structural Opportunity and Perceived Opportunity in Social Movement Theory: The Iranian Revolution of 1979, *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 61, No.1, p. 153-170.

Kothari, Smitu. 2002. Globalization, global alliances, and the Narmada Movement, in Sanjeev Khagram et. al. (eds.) *Restructuring World Politics: Transnational Social Movements, Networks and Norms*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, p.231-241.

Unit III: States, Everyday Relations and Contention

Auyero, Javier. 2004. When Everyday Life, Routine Politics, and Protest Meet, *Theory and Society*, Vol. 33, No. 3/ 4, p. 417-441.

Petras, James & Henry Veltmeyer. 2005. *Social Movements and State Power*, London: Pluto Press, Chapter 6, p. 220-240.

Della Porta, Donatella. 2011. Communication in Movement: Social movements as agents of participatory democracy, *Information, Communication and Society*, Vol. 14, No. 6, p. 800-815.

Ray, Raka. 1998. Women's movements and political fields: A comparison of two Indian cities, *Social Problems*, Vol. 45, No.1, p. 21-36.

Unit IV: Social Movements and Culture

Melucci, Alberto. 1985. The Symbolic Challenge of Contemporary Movements, *Social Research*, Vol. 52, No. 4, p. 789-816.

Amenta, E., & Polletta, F. 2019. The Cultural Impacts of Social Movements. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 45: Pp. 11.1–11.21

Suggested Readings:

Diani, Mario & Doug Mcadam (eds.) 2003. *Social Movements and Networks*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Goodwin, Jeff & James M. Jasper. 2015. *The Social Movements Reader: Cases and Concepts*, UK: Wiley Blackwell.

Jasper, James M. 1997. *The Art of Moral Protest: Culture, Biography and Creativity in Social Movements*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Khagram, Sanjeev. 2004. *Dams and Development: Transnational Struggles for Water and Power*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Klandermans, Bert & Conny Roggeband (eds.) 2007. *Handbook of Social Movements Across Disciplines*, New York: Springer.

Mcadam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow & Charles Tilly. 2004. *Dynamics of Contention*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Motta, Sara C. & Alf Gunvald Nilsen (eds.) 2011. *Social Movements in the Global South*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Petras, James & Henry Veltmeyer. 2011. *Social Movements in Latin America: Neoliberalism and Popular Resistance*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Polletta, Francesca. 2006. *It Was Like a Fever: Storytelling in Protest and Politics*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Subba, T.B. 1992. *Ethnicity, State and Development: A Case study of the Gorkhaland Movement in Darjeeling*, New Delhi: Har-Anand Publications.

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