

## Generic Elective (GE) 17 Sociology of Tourism

### GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE-17 (GE-17) : Sociology of Tourism

### 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>GE 17 Sociology of Tourism</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Class Pass</b>	<b>Nil</b>

#### Learning Objectives:

1. This course explores the idea of travel as a social category and the various perspectives in understanding the same.
2. To examine tourism as an activity beyond leisure and contextualise it within a sociological analysis on multiple axes.
3. To understand tourism as a development issue with significant consequences for communities.

#### Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Develop* a theoretical understanding of tourism as a social category.
2. *Apply* the perspective of commodification and social change in understanding tourism as a social activity.
3. *Assess* the relationship between tourism, state, and communities in the context of globalisation.

### SYLLABUS OF GE- 17: Sociology of Tourism

#### Unit I: Why do people Travel? Conceptualizing Travel and Tourism (15 hours)

*This unit will enable students to understand tourism as a sociological and an anthropological category.*

#### Unit II: Tourist and their Choices: Travel beyond Leisure (18 hours)

*This unit will introduce tourism as a social activity that is more than a mere leisure activity. It elucidates the varieties of travel and the purposes of travel as an outcome of complex interactions between various forces.*

### **Unit III: Political Economy of Tourism: States and Communities (12 hours)**

*This unit explores the new challenges in the relationship of host communities and guests and the institutions of state and tourism in a globalised world.*

**Practical Component: NIL**

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

#### **Unit I: Why do people Travel? Conceptualizing Travel and Tourism**

Greenblat, Cathay Stein and Gagon, John. H. 1983. 'Temporary Strangers: Travel and Tourism from a Sociological Perspective'. *Sociological Perspectives*, Vol. 26 No. 1. pp. 89-110

MacCannell, Dean. 1973. 'Staged Authenticity: Arrangements of Social Space in Tourist Settings'. *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol. 79. No. 3. pp. 589-603

Urry, John and Larsen, Jonas. 2011. 'Theories' in *The Tourist Gaze 3.0*. New Delhi: Sage. Chapter 1. pp 1-30

#### **Unit II: Tourist and their Choices: Travel beyond Leisure**

LeDuc, Mathew. 2012. 'Discourses of Heritage and Tourism at a World Heritage Site: The Case of Hampi, India' in *Practicing Anthropology Tourism: Beyond Hosts and Guests* Vol. 34, No. 3, pp. 29-33.

Sharpley, Richard and Sundaram, Priya. 2005. 'Tourism: A Sacred Journey? The Case of Ashram Tourism, India'. *International Journal of Tourism Research*. Vol 7. pp. 161–171.

Bookman, Milica Z. & Karla R. Bookman. 2007. 'Offshore Doctors: The Demand for Medical Tourism' in *Medical Tourism in Developing Countries*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. Chapter 3. pp. 40-64.

Sengupta, Amit. 2011. 'Medical Tourism: Reverse Subsidy for the Elite'. *Signs*. Vol. 36. No. 2. pp. 312-319.

Rattan, Jasveen K., Eagles, Paul F.J and Mair, Heather L. 2011. 'Volunteer Tourism: Its Role in Creating Conservation Awareness'. *Journal of Ecotourism* Vol 11. No.1. pp. 1-15.

Amram, Azri. 2019. 'Digesting the Massacre: Food Tours in Palestinian Towns in Israel'. *Gastronomica*. Vol 19. No.4. pp. 60-73.

Iwashita, Chieko. 2002. 'Media Construction of Britain as a Destination for Japanese Tourists: Social Constructionism and Tourism'. *Tourism and Hospitality Research*. Special Issue. Vol 4. No.4. pp-331-340.

### **Unit III: Political Economy of Tourism: States and Communities**

Gray, Matthew. 1997. 'The Political Economy of Tourism in Syria: State, Society, and Economic Liberalization'. *Arab Studies Quarterly*. Vol 19. No 2. pp 57-73.

Stronzo, Amanda. 2001. 'Anthropology of Tourism: Forging New Ground for Ecotourism and Other Alternatives'. *Annual Review of Anthropology*. Vol 30. pp 261-283.

Sherlock, Kirsty. 2001. 'Revisiting the Concept of Hosts and Guests' *Tourist Studies*. Vol 1. No.3.pp. 271–295.

Barbosa, Raoni Borges. *et. al.* 2021. 'The Effects of COVID-19 in the Tourist Society: An Anthropological Insight of the Trivialisation of Death and Life'. *International Journal Tourism Anthropology*. Vol. 8. No. 2. pp. 179-189.

### **Practical Component: NIL**

#### **Suggested Readings:**

Cohen, Erik. 1972. Towards a Sociology of International Tourism. *Social Research*. Vol 39. No. 1. pp 164-182.

Howe, Alyssa Cymene. 2001. Queer Pilgrimage: The San Francisco Homeland and Identity Tourism. *Cultural Anthropology*. Vol. 16. No.1. pp. 35-61

Jacobs, Claude F. 2001. Folk for Whom? Tourist Guidebooks, Local Color, and the Spiritual Churches of New Orleans. *The Journal of American Folklore*. Vol 114. No. 453. pp. 309-330

MacCannell, Dean. 1999. *The Tourist. A New Theory of the Leisure Class*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Richter, Linda K. 1989 (republished 2019). *The Politics of Tourism in Asia*. University of Hawai'i Press.

Stoddart, Mark. C.J. and Graham, Paula. 2016. Nature, History, and Culture as Tourism Attractors: The Double Translation of Insider and Outsider Media. *Nature and Culture*. Vol 11. No.1. pp. 22-43

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