

Sociology
Generic Elective (GE) 18
Sociology of Ageing

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
GE 18 Sociology of Ageing	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. The course introduces students to the concept of ageing and outlines the relevance of its study in society through cross-cultural research.
2. The course examines ageing as a socially constructed phenomenon.
3. The course familiarises students with the social, institutional and technological support for the aged.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Analyse* ageing as a sociocultural process and recognise different attitudes and beliefs that shape ageing and develop a more informed and nuanced perspective on the ageing process.
2. *Assess* age-based discrimination and its intersection with other dimensions of inequality.
3. *Examine* the various perspectives on the challenges of ageing and the responses through policy programs.

SYLLABUS OF GE- 18: Sociology of Ageing

Unit I: Understanding Sociology of Ageing (12 hours)

This unit provides an overview of the concept of ageing and the significance of its study.

Unit II: Ageing: Individual, Family and Society (9 hours)

This unit provides an understanding of the interplay between societal responses to ageing and the lived experiences of the individuals within the context of family.

Unit III: Ageing and Social Processes (12 hours)

This section discusses age-based discrimination and its intersection with other dimensions of inequality.

Unit IV: Ageing: Challenges and Responses (12 hours)

This section examines the challenges of ageing and the responses through policy programs.

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Understanding Sociology of Ageing

S Raju. 2014. 'Studies on Ageing in India: A Review' in G.Girdhar, K.M.Satyanarayana, Sanjay Kumar, K.S.James and Moneer Alam(eds.), *Population Ageing in India*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 7. Pp.180-224.

Achenbaum, W. Andrew. 2020. 'Past as Prologue: Toward a Global History of Ageing' in D.Dannefer and C.Philipson (eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Social Gerontology*. Sage Publications. Chapter 2. Pp. 20-32.

Woodward, Janis and Culbert, Brandan. 2019. 'AAGE and Age: A Conversation with Dr. Christine L. Fry, Founding President of AAGE' in *Anthropology and Ageing*. Vol 40, No. 2. Pp. 72-75.

Harper, Sarah. 2006. 'Understanding Age and Ageing' in *Ageing Societies: Myths, Challenges and Opportunities*. Hodder Arnold. Chapter 3. Pp. 66-92.

Unit II: Ageing: Individual, Family and Society

Gangopadhyay, Jagriti. 2020. 'Examining the Lived Experiences of Ageing Among Older Adults Living Alone in India' in M.K.Shankardass (eds.) *Ageing Issues and Responses in India*. Chapter 13. Springer Publications. Pp. 207-220.

Lamb, Sarah. 2007. 'Lives Outside The Family: Gender And The Rise Of Elderly Residences In India' in *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*. Vol. 33, No. 1, Aging in Asia. Pp.43-61.

Biswas, K. Ashok., Leshabari, Kelvin. and Gebuis, P.A. Edward. 2015. ' Living with Family at Old Age' in *The International Journal of Collaborative Research on Internal Medicine and Public Health*. Vol.7, No.10. Pp. 186-195.

Unit III: Ageing and Social Processes

Gopal, Meena. 2006. 'Gender, Ageing and Social Security' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 41, No. 42. Pp. 4477-4486.

Soletti, B. Asha. and Laavanya, P.V. 2020. 'Revered or Abused: Exploring Reasons for Abuse Within Family from the Narratives of Three Elderly Women in Chennai' in M.K.Shankardass (eds.) *Ageing Issues and Responses in India*. Springer Publications. Chapter 14. Pp. 221-234.

Previtali,Federica., Keskinen, Katri Keskinen., Niska, Miira and Nikander, Pirjo. 2022. 'Ageism in Working Life: A Scoping Review on Discursive Approaches' in *Gerontologist*. Vol 62, No. 2. Pp. 97-111.

Katz, Stephen. 2020. 'Sociocultural Perspectives on Ageing Bodies' in D.Dannefer and C.Philipson (eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Social Gerontology*. Sage Publications. Chapter 27. Pp. 357-366.

Unit IV: Ageing: Challenges and Responses

Ranjan, Alok and V R, Muraleedharan. 2020. 'Higher Disease Burden in India's Elderly' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. IV, No. 35. Pp. 13-16.

Mathur, Arvind. 2023. 'Geriatric Co-Management' in *The Journal of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics*. Vol 19. Issue 1. Pp. 1-2.

McCreadie, Claudine. 2020. 'Technology and Older People' in D.Dannefer and C.Philipson (eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Social Gerontology*. Chapter 47. Pp. 607-617.

Gupta, Sandhya. 2020. 'Institutional Care For Elderly' in M.K.Shankardass (eds.) *Ageing Issues and Responses in India*. Springer Publications. Chapter 9. Pp.143-155.

Willcox, D. Craig., Willcox, J. Bradley., Sokolovsky, Jay and Sakihara, Seizo. 2007. 'The Cultural Context of "Successful Aging" Among Older Women Weavers in a Northern Okinawan Village: The Role of Productive Activity' in *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. Springer. Vol 22. Pp. 137-165.

Kapur, Sarita. 2020. 'Senior Citizens – Protections in Laws, an Overview' in M.K.Shankardass (eds.) *Ageing Issues and Responses in India*. Chapter 9. Springer Publications. Pp.171-184.

Suggested Readings:

Alam, Moneer and Karan, Anup. 2011. *Elderly Health in India: Dimension, Differentials and Determinants*, BKPAI Working Paper No. 3, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), New Delhi.

Alam, Moneer. 2006. *Ageing in India: Socio-Economic and Health Dimensions*. Academic Foundations.

Sharma, K.L. 2009. *Dimensions of Ageing: Indian Studies*. Rawat Publications.

Vatuk, S. 1990. 'To Be a Burden on Others: Dependency Anxiety Among the Elderly in India', in O.M. Lynch (eds). *Divine Passions: The Social Construction of Emotion in India*. University of California Press. Pp.64–88.

Dannefer, Dale. 2021. *Age and the Reach of Sociological Imagination Power, Ideology and the Life Course*. Routledge.

Montgomery, J. V. Rhonda. 1984. 'Teaching Social Gerontology' in *Teaching Sociology*. Vol 11, No. 4. Pp. 455-468

Dominguez, Marti and Pina, Tatiana. 2020. 'Aging through Cartoons: The Unbearable Lightness of Old People Stereotypes' in Vincent Salvador and Agnese Sampietro (eds.). *Understanding the Discourse of Aging: A Multifaceted Perspective*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 16. Pp. 307-324.

Amado, Abarrategui Lucía, Villas-Boas, Susana and Espinilla, Pascual Sergi in Vincent Salvador and Agnese Sampietro. 2020. 'How do Adolescents See their Grandparents and Older People? A Discursive Approach to Gender and Age Stereotypes by means of the Radio Editorial', in Vincent Salvador and Agnese Sampietro (eds.). *Understanding the Discourse of Aging: A Multifaceted Perspective*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 17. Pp. 325-339.

Angouri, Jo. 2012. 'The Older I Get the Less I Trust people: Constructing Age Identities in the Workplace' in *Pragmatics*. Vol. 22, No. 2. Pp. 255-277.

Gangopadhyay, Jagriti and He, Longtao. 2022. *Eldercare Issues in China and India*. Routledge.

Formosa, Marvin and Higgs, Paula. 2015. *Social Class in Later Life: Power, Identity and Lifestyle*. Policy Press.

Wanka, A. and Gallistl, V. 2018. 'Doing Age in a Digitized World—A Material Praxeology of Aging With Technology', in *Frontiers in Sociology*. Vol 3. Article 6. Pp. 1-16.

Artner, L. 2018. 'Materialities in and of Institutional Care for Elderly People', in *Frontiers in Sociology*. Vol 3. Article 30. Pp. 1-12.

WHO's work on the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030). <https://www.who.int/initiatives/decade-of-healthy-ageing#:~:text=The%20United%20Nations%20Decade%20of,communities%20in%20which%20they%20live>.

Tyagi, R. and Paltasingh T. 2015. *Caring for the Elderly: Social Gerontology in the Indian Context*. Sage Publications.

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