

Sociology
Generic Elective 08
Cities and Society

Generic Elective Course 08 (GE 08): Cities and Society

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		
GE 08 Cities and Society	4	3	1	Nil	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives

1. To present and examine some of the distinct issues that cities face in developing countries.
2. To provide a focused discussion on cities in the developing world, equipping students with the theoretical tools necessary to analyse these issues and the processes which underpin them.
3. To generate an understanding on the forms of social inclusion and exclusion in cities in terms of class, gender, ethnicity, and location (neighborhoods).

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

1. *Understand* a sociological perspective on the nature of contemporary cities in the global south.
2. *Assess* the distinctiveness of cities in developing nations in terms of their issues and problems.
3. *Analyze* the processes of inclusion and exclusion that impinge upon the lives of the city dwellers in terms of their identities.
4. *Develop and discuss* a case study approach and arrive at cross cultural analysis of cities.

SYLLABUS OF GE 08

Unit I: Conceptualising the City in the 21st Century (6 Hours)

In this unit, students will be introduced to the specific issues associated with urbanization in developing nations of 21st century.

Unit II: Experiences of Urban Life in Developing Societies (9 Hours)

This unit highlights the ways in which the social categories of class, gender and ethnicity impacts the individual and community experiences of the city.

- a. Class
- b. Gender
- c. Ethnicity

Unit III Right to the City: The Processes of Claim-making (15 Hours)

This unit focuses on the cultures of resistance that groups and communities have come to adopt in their struggle to communicate issues around access to power and legitimacy.

- a. Gender and Citizenship
- b. Claims of Urban Poor
- c. Cultures of Resistance

Unit IV. Future of Cities in the Developing World (15 Hours)

This unit examines the emerging challenges in the study of cities and highlights the cultural and political directions that further influence the wider context of city life in the developing world.

- a. Challenges of Urban growth and Planning
- b. Issues of Sustainability: Urban Housing
- c. Uncertain cities in Emerging Economies

Practical component (if any) – NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Conceptualising the City in 21st Century

Sassen, S. (2010). The city: Its return as a lens for social theory. *City, Culture and Society*, 1(1). Pp.3–11.

Simone, Abdou Maliq. (2020). Cities of the Global South. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 46. Pp .603-22

Unit II: Experiences of the Urban Life in Developing Societies

a. Class

Bayón, María Cristina, Saraví, Gonzalo A. and Breña, Mariana Ortega . 2013. The Cultural Dimensions of Urban Fragmentation: Segregation, Sociability, and Inequality in Mexico City *Latin American Perspectives* Vol. 40, No. 2. Pp. 35-52 .

b. Gender

Thieme,Susan, Muller-Boker,Ulrik. and Backhaus, Norman.2011. Women's Livelihoods in a Transnational Social Space: Labour Migration from Far West Nepal to Delhi, India in

Saraswati Raju (Ed.), *Gendered Geographies. Space and Place in South Asia*. OUP. New Delhi. Pp. 62-78.

c. Ethnicity

McDuie-Ra, Duncan. 2013. Beyond the 'Exclusionary City'. *Urban Studies*, Vol 50, No. 8. Pp. 1625-1640.

Unit III Right to the City: Processes of Claim-making

a. Claims of Urban Poor

Simone, AbdouMaliq. 2015. The Urban Poor and Their Ambivalent Exceptionalities: Some Notes from Jakarta. *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 56. Pp.15-23.

Gupte, Jaideep. 2012. Linking Urban Vulnerability, Extralegal Security, and Civil Violence: The Case of the Urban Dispossessed in Mumbai in Renu Desai and Romola Sanyal (Eds.), *Urbanizing Citizenship. Contested Spaces in Indian Cities*. Sage. New Delhi. Pp. 90-210.

b. Gender and Citizenship

Fadaee, Simon and Schindler, Seth. 2017. Women Hawkers in Tehran's Metro: Everyday politics and the production of public space. *International Development Planning Review*, Vol. 39(1). Pp. 57-75.

Froystad, Kathinka. 2006. Anonymous Encounters: Class categorisation and social distancing in public places in Geert De Neve and Henrike Donner (Eds.), *The Meaning of the Local: Politics of Place in Urban India*. Routledge. London. Pp. 159-179.

c. Cultures of Resistance

Klaus, Enrique. 2014. Graffiti and Urban Revolt in Cairo. *Built Environment*, Vol. 40, No. 1, Arab Cities After 'The Spring'. Pp. 14-33.

4. Future of Cities in the Developing World

a. Challenges of Urban Growth and Planning

Shaw, Annapurna. 2005. Peri-Urban Interface of Indian Cities: Growth, Governance and Local Initiatives. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 40, No.2. Pp 129-136.

b. Issues of Sustainability: Urban Housing

Rademacher, Anne. 2009. When is Housing an Environmental Problem? Reforming Informality in Kathmandu. *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 50. No.4. Pp 513-33.

Roy, Souvanic. 2016. The Smart City Paradigm in India: Issues and Challenges of sustainability and Inclusiveness. *Social Scientist*, Vol. 44, No. 5/6. Pp. 29-48.

c. Uncertain cities in Emerging Economies

Yves Van Leynseele & Marco Bontje. 2019. Visionary cities or spaces of uncertainty? Satellite cities and new towns in emerging economies. *International Planning Studies*, Vol. 24. No. 3-4. Pp. 207-217.

Suggested Readings:

Vormann, Boris and Gina Caison. 2014. The Logics and Logistics of Urban Progress: Contradictions and Conceptual Challenges of the Global North-South Divide. *The Global South*, Vol 8, No. 2. The Global South and/in the Global North: Interdisciplinary Investigations Pp. 65-83.

Srivastava, Sanjay. 2009. Urban Spaces, Disney-Divinity and Moral Middle Classes in Delhi. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 44. No. 26/27. Pp. 338-345.

Saad, Moataz Moustafa. Ibrahim, Mohamed AbdelAll and Sayad, Zeyad M. El. 2017. Eco-City as Approach for Sustainable Development. *American Scientific Research Journal for Engineering, Technology, and Sciences*, Vol 28. No 1. Pp. 54-74.

Hyun Bang Shin and Soo-Hyun Kim. 2016. The developmental state, speculative urbanization and the politics of displacement in gentrifying Seoul. *Urban Studies*, Vol. 53, No. 3, Special issue: Locating gentrification in the Global East Pp. 540-559.

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