

**Ph.D. Course Work**  
**Syllabi for Sociology (2018-19) - Onwards**

**ADVANCED SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

**Objectives:**

**To help the researcher to understand the various research methods**

**To know the ethical and legal issues involved in research**

**Unit I**

**Concept of Research Meaning**

Motivation, objectives and importance of Research –Types of Research Descriptive vs. Analytical, Applied vs. Fundamental, Quantitative vs. Qualitative, Conceptual vs. Empirical – Selection and formulation of Research Problem – Research Design

**Unit II**

**Research Formulation**

Defining and formulating the research problem - Selecting the problem - Necessity of defining the problem - Importance of literature review in defining a problem – Literature review – Primary and secondary sources – reviews, treatise, monographs-patents – web as a source – searching the web - Critical literature review – Identifying gap areas from literature review - Development of working hypothesis

**Unit III**

**Research Methods**

(a) Traditional Methods – Historical, Institutional, Legal, Philosophical, Comparative, Ethical methods etc. (b) Modern Methods – Sampling method, Questionnaire, Schedule etc, Interview method and Focus Group discussion, Observation Method, Case Study method, Content analysis, Delphi method, Statistical Method, Experimental method, Brainstorming Techniques etc.

**Unit IV**

**Research design**

Basic Principles- Need of research design — Features of good design – Important concepts relating to research design – Observation and Facts, Laws and Theories, Prediction and explanation, Induction, Deduction, Development of Models. Developing a research plan - Exploration, Description, Diagnosis, Experimentation. Determining experimental and sample designs.

**Unit-V**

**Data Collection and analysis**

Execution of the research - Observation and Collection of data - Methods of data collection – Types of data (a) Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Data. (b) Construction and adaptation of instruments, Administration of questions and tests, Sampling Methods- Data Processing and Analysis strategies - Data Analysis with Statistical Packages - Hypothesis-testing - Generalization and Interpretation. Tabulation of data - (c) Data organization in SPSS and Excel

(d) Graphical representation of data II. Analysis of Data (a) Discussion and Interpretation of results. (b) Testing of Hypothesis: Logical and Statistical Techniques.

#### Unit VI

Report Writing Structure and components of scientific reports - Types of report – Technical reports and thesis – Significance – Different steps in the preparation – Layout, structure and Language of typical reports – Illustrations and tables - Bibliography, referencing and footnotes - Oral presentation – Planning – Preparation – Practice – Making presentation – Use of visual aids - Importance of effective communication - Organization of the Research Report Preliminaries, - Contents of Report, Bibliography, Appendices Style Manuals - Criteria for the evaluation of the Research Report.

#### Unit VII

Ethical issues - ethical committees - Commercialisation – Copy right – royalty - Intellectual property rights and patent law – Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights – Reproduction of published material – Plagiarism - Citation and acknowledgement - Reproducibility and accountability.

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Mukherjee, P.N. (eds.) 2000. Methodology in Social Research: Dilemmas and Perspectives. New Delhi, Sage.

Mulkay Michel. 1979. Science and the Sociology of Knowledge. London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd.

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Shipman, Martin. 1988. The Limitations of Social Research. London, Longman.

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## ADVANCED SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

- be able to demonstrate a thorough understanding and knowledge of a range of sociological theorists and their contributions to the field;
- have developed a complex appreciation for the central issues and problems of sociological theory;
- to be able to demonstrate an appreciation of the intellectual and social contexts in which sociological theories have been developed;
- be able to assemble ideas about sociological theory into a coherent argument of high standards, applying the tools of critical analysis; and
- be able to demonstrate in depth an understanding of the relationship between theory and the research agendas and processes of contemporary sociology.

### Unit I

#### **Positivistic Construction of the Social Order.**

This module would critically assess the development of Positivism and Positivistic Sociology with a focus on functionalism in sociology and anthropology and culminating with a consideration of Parsonian systems sociology.

#### ***Essential Readings:***

1. Durkheim, E. (2013). *Durkheim: The Rules of Sociological Method: And Selected Texts on Sociology and Its Method*. Palgrave Macmillan. (*Read Chapter One on Social Facts*)
2. Merton R. K., (1967) *On Theoretical Sociology*, the Free Press, New York (*Read Two Chapters On the History and Systematic of Sociological Theory and On Sociological Theories of Middle Range*)
3. Kingsley D, (1959). The myth of functional analysis as a special method in sociology and anthropology, *American Sociological Review* Vol. 24, No. 6.
4. Turner J. H.,(2006) *A Handbook of Sociological Theory*, Springer Science and Business Media, (Read Chapter One titled *Sociological Theory Today* and Two titled *What Makes Sciences Scientific* by Stephen Fusch)
5. Bourdieu, P. (1991). The peculiar history of scientific reason. In *Sociological forum*, Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 326.
6. Taylor C., (1985). *Philosophy and the Human Sciences*, *Philosophical Papers 2*, Cambridge University Press. (Read *Social Theory as Practice*).
7. Mills, C. W. (2000). *The sociological imagination*. Oxford University Press. Read Chapters Two and Three titled 'The Grand Theory' and 'Abstracted Empiricism').
8. Wallerstein, I (1996) *Open the Social Sciences: Report of the Gulbenkian Commission on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences*, Stanford University Press. NA (*Read it in hard copy Chapter One: The Historical Construction of the Social Sciences, from the Eighteenth century to 1945*).
9. Nicholas D. (1994) 'Ritual and Resistance: Subversion as a Social Fact', in *A Reader in Contemporary Social Theory* Princeton University Press, and Princeton, New Jersey, NA

(Read it in hard copy)

## Unit II

### **Marxist orientations to Class society**

This module will assess the importance of class analysis in the study of modern capitalist societies both in the advanced countries as well as the global south. Similarly it also assesses the role of critical theory in its attempt to explain modern capitalism.

#### **Essential Readings:**

1. Marx M & Friedrich E. (1970) *The German Ideology*. Vol. 1. International Publishers Co, (Read Part One)
2. Polyani, K (1947) *On Belief in Economic Determinism*, *Sociological Review* Vol. 39, No. 1
3. Callinicos, A. (2004) *Making History: Agency Structure, and Change in Social Theory*, Brill Leiden (Read Chapter 1 and Chapter 2)
4. Althusser, L.(2006). "Ideology and ideological state apparatuses (notes towards an investigation)." *The anthropology of the state: A reader*,
5. Jürgen Habermas (1991) *The structural transformation of the public sphere: An inquiry into a category of bourgeois society*. MIT Press. (Read Section I)
6. Bernstein, B. & Henderson, D.(1969) *Social Class Differences in the Relevance of Language to Socialization*, Sage Social Sciences Collections
7. Gramsci, A. (1971) "The intellectuals and the Notes on Italian History and Passive Revolution in 'Selections from Prison Notebook, International Publications New York
8. Marcuse, H. (2013) *Onedimensional Man: Studies in the ideology of advanced industrial society*. Routledge, London (Read Chapter 2 and 4 in part I)
9. Guha R. (1997) *Dominance without hegemony: History and power in colonial India*. Harvard University Press, 1997. NA (Read chapter one and two)

## Unit III

### **Interpretative Orientations in Human Interaction**

This module begins with assessing Weberian emphasis on rational social action and moves on to consider the relevance of the cultural turn in modern social theory.

#### ***Essential Readings:***

1. Weber, M. (1978). *Economy and society: An outline of interpretive sociology*, University of California Press (volume 1: PART 2: THE ECONOMY AND THE ARENA OF NORMATIVE AND DE FACTO POWERS.
2. Gerth, H & Mills, C.W(1946) *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology, 'Science as Vocation,'* Oxford University Press, New York (Available Online)
3. Giddens, A (1993) *New Rules of Sociological Method: A Positive Critique of Interpretative Sociologies*, Stanford University Press. (Read it in hard copy Chapter two: Agency, Act-identifications and Communicative Intent)
4. Smith, D (1991) *The Rise of Historical Sociology*, Temple University Press. (Read it in hard copy chapter one: Like a Phoenix Rising )

5. Rock, P. (1976). Some Problems of Interpretative Historiography. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 27(3), 353-369. Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/589621>
6. Oliver, I. (1983). The 'Old' and the 'New' Hermeneutic in Sociological Theory. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 34(4), 519-553. ( Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/590937> )
7. Geertz, C (1973) *The Interpretation of Cultures*, Basic Books, Inc., Publishers, New York. (Read Chapter one: Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture).
8. Bourdieu, P & Wacquant, L (1992). *An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology*, University of Chicago Press Books (Read Part Three: The Practice of Reflexive Sociology (The Paris Workshop) (Available Online)
9. Hall, S.(1994) *Cultural Studies: Two paradigm in A Reader in Contemporary Social Theory* Ed. Nicholas Dirks and others, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey (Read it in hard copy)

#### Unit IV

#### **Interactionist and Phenomenological Orientation of Individual and Society.**

In this module we examine how social theory has focused on the individual and the sphere of interaction as a way of understanding the individual and group in the diverse practices that go into the making of everyday life in this connection the module focuses on Interactionism, phenomenology, ethnomethodology and dramaturgy.

#### ***Essential Readings:***

1. George Herbert Mead (Edited by Charles W. Morris) (1934) *Mind Self and Society from the Standpoint of a Social Behaviorist*, University of Chicago Press. (Read Part two on Mind).
2. Cooley, C.H. (1909) *Social Organization: A Study of the Larger Mind*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, pp. 2531. (*The part on Primary Groups from pg 2531*) Another essay by Charles Horton Cooley. "A Primary Culture for Democracy," *Publications of the American Sociological Society* 13, (1918): 110. Link: [https://brocku.ca/MeadProject/Cooley/Cooley\\_1918b.html](https://brocku.ca/MeadProject/Cooley/Cooley_1918b.html) (Both these essays will have to be presented together)
3. Blumer, H. (1980). Mead and Blumer: The Convergent Methodological Perspectives of Social Behaviorism and Symbolic Interactionism. *American Sociological Review*, 45(3), 409-419. (Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2095174>)
4. Garfinkel, H (1967) *Studies in Ethnomethodology*, Polity Press. ( Read chapter Four: Some Rules of Correct Decisions that Jurors Respect)
5. Willis, P (1977) *Learning to Labour: How Working Class Kids Get Working Class Jobs*, Columbia University Press. (Read selected portions as given in module)
6. Atkinson, P(1988) *Ethnomethodology: A Critical Review Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 14.
7. Goffman, E.(1956) *The presentation of self in everyday life*, University of Edinburgh Social Science Research Centre. (Read Chapter VI titled The Arts of Impression Management)
8. Gorman, R. (1975). Alfred Schutz An Exposition and Critique. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 26(1), 119. (Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/589239>)

9. Costelloe, T. (1996). Between the Subject and Sociology: Alfred Schutz's Phenomenology of the LifeWorld. *Human Studies*, 19(3), 247-266. (Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2001111>)

## Unit V

### **Post Structuralist Orientations of Modernity and Post Modernity**

In this module we examine the role of structuralism and post structuralism in dealing with issues of social structure, subjectivity, power, agency as well as the critical interventions on themes of modernity and post modernity.

#### ***Essential Readings:***

1. LéviStrauss, C. (2008). *Structural Anthropology*. Basic Books. (Read chapter Structural analysis in Linguistics and in Anthropology)
2. LéviStrauss, C. (2008). *Structural Anthropology*. Basic Books. (Read chapter The Structural study of myth).
3. Hugo G. N. (1971) Ideological Bases of LeviStrauss' Structuralism, *American Anthropologist* Vol. 73, No. 3,
4. Bourdieu, P (1977) *Outline of theory of Practice*, Cambridge University Press. ( Read Section 1: Analyses in Part One)
5. Bourdieu, P (1977) *Outline of theory of Practice*, Cambridge University Press. (Read Part two: Structure and The Habitus)
5. Bourdieu, P. (1986) The forms of capital. In J. Richardson (Ed.) *Handbook of Theory and Research for the Sociology of Education* (New York, Greenwood), 241-258. (Read the essay titled: The Forms of Capital by Pierre Bourdieu)
6. Foucault, M (1989) *The Order of Things: An archaeology of the human sciences*, Routledge. (Read section 2: The Prose of the World in Part One).
7. Foucault, M (1991) *The Foucault Effect: Studies in governmentality*, ed. By Graham Burchell et al., University of Chicago Press. (Read chapter four: Governmentality)
8. Foucault, M (1991) *The Foucault Effect: Studies in governmentality*, ed. By Graham Burchell et al., University of Chicago Press. ( Read chapter three: Questions of Method)
9. Giddens, A (1990) *The Consequences of Modernity*, Stanford University Press. ( Read Part One)
10. Beck, U (1992) *Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity*, Sage Publications, United Kingdom. (Read Part One Living on the Volcano of CivilizationThe Contours of the Risk Society)
11. Harvey, David (1989) *The conditions of Postmodernity: An enquiry into the origins of cultural change*, Blackwell Publishers. (Read Part I)

## Unit VI

### **Feminist and Gender Orientations.**

This orientation will deal with the critical ways in which feminist thought has reshaped the theory and practice of sociological analysis in the past half century. In taking up a critique of modern capitalism and patriarchy, it also looks at issues of gender discrimination and human rights.

#### ***Essential Readings:***

1. Pamela Abbot, P. & Wallace, C. (2005) *An Introduction to Sociology: Feminist Perspectives*, Routledge London (Read Chapter 1 and 2)
2. Nancy F. (2009) *Feminism, Capitalism and the Cunning of History*. *New Left Review* No. 56, March April.
3. Scott, J W (1986) *Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis*. *The American Historical Review*. Vol. 91, No. 5, pp. 1053 1075.
4. Sinha M.(2000) *Refashioning Mother India: Feminism and Nationalism in Late Colonial India*," *Feminist Studies* Vol. 26, NO. 3, October 1
5. Sarkar, T.(1987) "Nationalist Iconography: Image of Women in 19th Century Bengali literature", *EPW*, 22, 47, Nov 21
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7. Uma Chakravarti (1995) *Gender, Caste and Labour Ideological and Material Structure of Widow hood*, *EPW*, Vol. XXX, No. 36, Sep. 09.
8. Ambedkar, B. R., & In Rege, S. (2013). *Against the madness of Manu: B.R. Ambedkar's writings on Brahmanical patriarchy*. (Read introductory chapters)
9. Velaskar, P. (2002) *Theorizing Dalit Women's Oppression*, Paper Presented at the workshop *Dalit Feminism* organized by IWAS and Women's Studies Unit TISS Mumbai.

## Unit VII

### **Theorizing Indian Society**

This orientation deals with the sociological analysis of Indian society. It critically examines the main themes of identity, social structure, power, ideology in shaping the contemporary sociological discourse of modern Indian society.

#### ***Essential Readings:***

1. Dumont, L.& Pocock D.F.(1957) *For a sociology of India*" *Contributions to Indian Sociology*,
2. F.G. Bailey 1963; *Politics and Social Change: Orissa in 1959*
3. T.N. Madan 1966; *Family and Kinship: a Study of the Pandits of Rural Kashmir*
4. Patel, S (2006) *Beyond Binaries: A Case for Self Reflexive Sociologies*, *Current Sociology*, May 2006, vol. 54 no. 3, pp: 381395
5. Sarkar, B. K. (1985) *The Positive Background of Hindu Sociology*, Motilal Banarasidas, Varanasi. (Read chapter I and II)
6. Srinivas, M.N. (1987) *Development of Sociology in India: An Overview*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (Jan. 24, 1987), pp. 135138.
7. Dhanagare, D.N. (1998) *Themes and Perspectives In Indian Sociology*. Rawat Publications, New Delhi. (Read chapters 3 and 8)
8. Mani, B. R. (2005). *Debrahmanising history: Dominance and resistance in Indian society*. Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi. ( Read Part Introduction and part I)
9. Ambedkar, B. R. (1990). *Annihilation of Caste: An Undelivered Speech*. Arnold Publishers.



10. Omvedt, G. (1990) Dalits and the Democratic Revolution: Dr Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in Colonial India, OUP, New Delhi. (Read Introduction and \* Towards a Historical Materialist Analysis of the Origins and Development of Caste)
11. Guru, G (ed.) Humiliation: Claims and Context, OUP, New Delhi. (Read Introduction )