

Ethnicity, Minorities and Multiculturalism  
(OPTIONAL)  
M. A. (Sociology)

Semester- I

Code : MSO-104

Credits: 4

Course Description:

Sociology is broadly concerned with examining the forces which bring people in groups (societies) together, draw them apart, and generate change in the social world. In studying race, religion, and ethnicity, sociologists examine the various systems, structures, organizations, processes, interactions, and meanings present in minority-majority relationships. Modern society is unique in its diversity, comprising of many racial religious, linguistic and cultural groups, whose social histories and distinct subcultures have contributed to their multicultural nature. The main purpose of this course is to broaden our understanding of interaction of ethnic and minority groups and how they interact with and challenge each other at the national as well as global level. The course will begin with basic concepts and perspectives, specifically on ethnicity and minority relations within our social institutions. The course will draw upon information from multiple perspectives to study the social traits of different ethnic groups.

Contemporary liberal democracies are characterized by important forms of diversity, including racial, religious, cultural, and linguistic diversity. The politics of multiculturalism has become one of the most visible responses to increasing levels of diversity, and important components of it have been adopted by many countries. This course examines the theoretical and practical implications of diversity, focusing on the core principles of politics of multiculturalism as well as the main criticisms levied against it.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

- Students will be able to define ethnic and minority groups and their social significance.
- Describe the basic sociological concepts and theories applicable to intergroup, minority-majority relationships.
- Students will be able to understand diversity of social life and how it relates to inter-group contestations and conflict.
- Identify and describe the social structural components necessary to maintain differential power relationships between minority and majority group members.
- Critically engage a broad range of policy issues and making policy recommendations impacting ethnic minority communities.

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## UNIT- I

### Understanding Ethnicity: Concept and Perspectives

- Ethnicity and Diversity: Religion, Race, Tribe and Language
- Ethnic Groups and Conflict in South Asia
- From Ethnicity to Minority: Understanding Ethno-Enclaves

## UNIT- II

### Pluralism and Multiculturalism: Minorities

- Contextualizing Minorities
- Minority Rights and Policies: A Global Perspective
- From Minority to Marginality

## UNIT- III

### Beyond Pluralism and Multiculturalism

- Diversity, Difference and Violence
- Global Right Movement: Heterogeneity to Homogeneity
- Reconciling Differences and Promoting Tolerance: Beyond Pluralism and Multiculturalism

### Essential Readings:

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Berghe, Pierre L. van den Berghe: 'Race and Ethnicity: A Sociological Look,' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 1, No. 4. (1978).

Chacko, Elizabeth : The Formation of a Contemporary Ethnic Enclave: The Case of "Little Ethiopia" in Los Angeles, available at <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/293207337>.

Cutler, David M. and Edward L. Glaeser (1997). "Are Ghettos Good or Bad?" *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112(3): 827-872.

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Kim, Jinwon : "Manhattan's Koreatown as a Transclave: The Emergence of a New Ethnic Enclave in a Global City", *City & Community*, 17, 1, (276-295), (2018).

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Ahmad, Aijaz : "Right-Wing Politics, and the Cultures of Cruelty", *Social Scientist*, Vol. 26, No. 9/10 (Sep. - Oct., 1998), pp. 3-25.

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Benhabib, Seyla : The Claims of Culture: Equality and Diversity in the Global Era.

Béteille, André : The Institutions of Democracy, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 46, No. 29 (JULY 16-22, 2011), pp. 75, 77-84.

Blee, Kathleen M. and Kimberly A. Creasap: "Conservative and Right-Wing Movements", *Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 36 (2010), pp. 269-286.

Brettschneider, Corey : When the State Speaks, What Should It Say? The Dilemmas of Freedom of Expression and Democratic Persuasion, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 8, No. 4 (December 2010), pp. 1005-1019.

Caiani, Manuela: Radical right-wing movements: Who, when, how and why? sociopaedia.isa, 2017.

Chatterjee, Partha.(1998) 'Secularism and Toleration' in Rajeev Bhargava (ed.) *Secularism and its Critics*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Ganeri, Jonardon : Intellectual India: Reason, Identity, Dissent, *New Literary History*, Vol. 40, No. 2, India and the West (SPRING 2009), pp. 247- 263.

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Sorabjee, Soli J. : "Indian Democracy: reality or myth?", *India International Centre Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (AUTUMN 2006), pp. 83-96.

Vertovec, Steven. 2010. "Towards post-multiculturalism? Changing communities, conditions and contexts of diversity." *International Social Science Journal*. 61 (199):83-95.

Wright, Matthew : "Diversity and the Imagined Community: Immigrant Diversity and Conceptions of National Identity", *Political Psychology*, Vol. 32, No. 5 (October 2011), pp. 837-862.

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Sociology of Religion  
M.A. (Sociology) Sociology, Semester I, 2020  
(Optional)

**Course Objective:**

This course is designed to examine faith as a mode of reason and attempts to distinguish between the theological and the sociological approaches to it. It problematizes the definition of religion and uses the multiplicity within religions to critique hegemonic, unitary models that serve to homogenize and reify an incoherent, messy experience.

Further, the course seeks to familiarize students with the sociological coordinates of contemporary debates around religion that one encounters in the contemporary world. The possibilities of democracy and dialogue enabled through religion have to be understood alongside events like banning of the veil in France, rise of Islamophobia post 9/11. Particularly in the context of the present, the (in)translatability of traditional formats onto the digital open up ways of thinking about religion that nudge us to rethink and reassess the human relationship with the divine that is mediated by technology.

**Learning Outcomes:**

After successful completion of the present course, the student should be able to:

1. Understand the manner in which religion as a worldview competes with other modes of conceptualizing the world.
2. Examine in a comparative manner, the link between religion and identity and the manner in which it is constructed.
3. Develop a nuanced understanding of the political economy that sustains and is sustained by religion in public life.
4. Question the ease (or lack thereof) of translating religion onto virtual spaces.
5. Develop insights regarding the creative potential of religion that contributes to particular forms of the artistic and the aesthetic.

**Unit I: Religion as Worldview**

1. Ideas, Institutions and Practices
2. Sociological approach to religion
3. Religion/ non-religion and multiplicities within

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## Unit II: Religion in the Everyday

1. Comparing religions: Identity and Ethics
2. Intersections: Caste and Gender
3. Sects, Saints and shrines, Novel forms of religiosity

## Unit III: Religion and Dialogue

1. Religion in the virtual realm
2. Secularism, Communalism and Fundamentalism
3. Religion and Creativity

### Essential Readings:

1. Agamben, Giorgio. 2019. *Creation and Anarchy: The Work of Art and the Religion of Capitalism*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, California.
2. Alter, Joseph. 1992. *The Wrestler's Body: Identity and Ideology in North India*, University of California Press, California.
3. Asad, Talal. 2003. *Formations of the Secular: Christianity, Islam and Modernity*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, California.
4. Asad, Talal. 1993. *Genealogies of Religion: Disciplines and Reasons of Power in Christianity and Islam*, Johns Hopkins University Press.
5. Asad, Talal. 1983. *Anthropological Conceptions of Religion: Reflections on Geertz in Man*, New Series, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp. 237-259.
6. Barrett, Ronald L. 2005. *Aghor Medicine: Pollution, Death and Healing in North India*, University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, California.
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8. Campbell, Colin. 1971. *Toward a Sociology of Irreligion*. The Macmillan Press Ltd., London and Basingstoke.
9. Campbell, Heidi (ed.). 2013. *Digital Religion: Understanding Religious Practice in New Media Worlds*. Routledge, London and New York.
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11. Flanagan, K. (2001). Reflexivity, Ethics and the Teaching of the Sociology of Religion. *Sociology*, 35(1), 1-19.
12. Gandhi, Ramachandra. 2015. *'Brahmacharya' in The Seven Sages*, Penguin.
13. Geertz, Clifford. 1973. *'Religion as a Cultural System' in The Interpretation of Culture*, Basic Books, New York.
14. Gilson, Michael. 2000. *Recognizing Islam: Religion and Society in the Modern Middle East*, I.B.Tauris.
15. Henn, Alexander. *Hindu Catholic Engagements in Goa: Religion, Colonialism and Modernity*
16. Hojsgaard, Morten and Margit Warburg (ed.). 2005. *Religion and Cyberspace*. Routledge, London and New York.

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18. Kaur, Kulwinder. 'Canon, modernity and practice of Rahit in defining Sikh identity', in *Eastern Anthropologist*, 69:1 (2016), pp.37-50.
19. Lester, Rebecca. Jesus in Our Wombs: Embodying Modernity in a Mexican Convent.
20. Marx, Karl. 1970. Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right, Oxford University Press.
21. Mauss, Marcel. 2003. On Prayer, BergahnBooks, New York.
22. McGuire, Meredith B. 2008. Lived Religion: Faith and Practice in Everyday Life, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
23. Nandy Ashish, 1995. An Anti Secularist Manifesto. *International Centre Quarterly*, 22(1), 35-64.
24. Plate, Brent S. 2005. Walter Benjamin, Religion and Aesthetics: Rethinking Religion through the Arts. Routledge, New York.
25. Saler, Benson. 1999. Conceptualizing Religion: Immanent Anthropologists, Transcendent Natives, and Unbounded Categories.
26. Schilbrack, Kevin. 2013. What Isn't Religion? In *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 93, No. 3 (July 2013), pp. 291-318.
27. Skaria, Ajay. 2016. Unconditional Equality: Gandhi's Religion of Resistance, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN.
28. Uberoi, JPS. 2019. 'Metaphysics of the Indian Modernity: The Theory of the Name' in Mind and Society: From Indian Studies to General Sociology, Oxford University Press.
29. Uberoi, JPS. 1991. 'The Five Symbols of Sikhism' in T. N. Madan (ed.) Religion in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
30. Weber, Max. The Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism
31. Wuthman, Robert. 2003. Studying Religion, making it Sociological in M. Dillon (ed.) Handbook of the Sociology of Religion, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

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**Classical Sociological Theory**  
**M.A Sociology, Semester I**  
**Total Credits: 4**

Code: MSO-101

**Course Objectives:**

Sociological theories try to understand the social world and its history. Classical Sociological theory introduces some of the 'classical' theoretical traditions and how they have shaped and currently permeates the discipline of sociology. The aim is to provide you with the ability to identify and make use of the concepts and theoretical perspectives of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Unit I focusses on the pioneering responses to the Age of Enlightenment and the Revolutions in the place of its origin in Europe. Unit II focusses on the intellectual equipment deployed in Europe to grasp the new social order. Unit III deals with the responses to capitalism and rationality in places having diverse philosophical and historical trajectories.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- explain the role of Enlightenment and the Industrial and French Revolutions in the emergence of Sociology as a discipline.
- Discuss the theories of classical thinkers – Comte, Spencer, Durkheim, Marx, Weber and Simmel.

**Unit I: The Dawn of Reason**

- The Enlightenment
- The Revolutions
- Early sociological thought: Ibn Khaldun, Saint-Simon and Auguste Comte

**Unit II: Division of Labour and the New Social Order**

- Social Darwinism: Herbert Spencer
- Division of Labour: Emile Durkheim
- Mode of Production: Karl Marx

**Unit III: Capitalism and Rationality**

- Historical Materialism and Alienation: Karl Marx
- Religion and Capitalism: Max Weber
- Modernity and Sociation: Georg Simmel

**Essential Readings for Unit I:**

1. Benton, Ted. *Philosophical Foundations of the Three Sociologies* (chapters-5, 7, & 8). 1977. Routledge & Keagan Paul, London.
2. Comte, Auguste, *The Positive Philosophy*, (selected pages).
3. Goldman, Lucien. *Enlightenment*. 1968. Routledge. London.

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  5. Horkheimer, Max and Adorno, Theodor. *Dialectic of Enlightenment*. 1979. Verso. London.
  6. Kant, I. 1784. "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?" (Essay)
  7. Nisbet, R.A. 1967, *The Sociological Tradition*. "The Unit Ideas of Sociology." Pp. 3-20, and "The Two Revolutions." Pp. 21-44. Heinemann: London.
  8. Zeitlin, Irving, M. 1968. *Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory*. Prentice Hall: Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Chaps. 1, 6, 7.

#### Essential Readings for Unit II:

1. Durkheim, Emile, *The Division of Labor in Society*. Free Press: New York. 1984.
2. Lukes, Steven, ed. 1982. *Durkheim: His Life and Work*,
3. Michael, Taylor, 2007, *The Philosophy of Herbert Spencer*, Continuum: London (selected pages).
4. Spencer, Herbert, 1873, *The Study of Sociology*, University of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor, 1969.
5. Marx, Karl and Engels, F. 1969, *Selected Works*, Vol. I, Moscow, Progress Publishers.

#### Essential Readings for Unit III:

1. Gerth, H.H. and Mills C.W.(ed.), 1991, *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. Routledge: London.
2. Marx, Karl, 1977, *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*, Progress Publishers: Moscow (pages 66-80).
3. Marx, Karl. 1954. *Capital*. Vol. I. Progress Publishers: Moscow. Chaps 1,7, 23
4. Weber, Max. 1976. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. Allen and Unwin: London.
5. Simmel, 1903/1971, 'The Metropolis and Mental Life' in D. Levine (ed.) *Georg Simmel*, University of Chicago Press: pgs. 324-339.
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#### Suggested Readings:

1. Ritzer, George and Goodman, D.J., 2008, *Classical Sociological Theory*, McGraw Hill: New York.
2. Calhoun, Craig, et.al. (ed.), 2007, *Classical Sociological Theory*, Blackwell.
3. Parkin, Frank, 2007, *Max Weber*, Routledge: New Delhi.

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# Methodological Orientations and Methods in Research

## M.A SOCIOLOGY, 1st Semester

Code: MSD-102

Credit: 4

### Course Objective:

The main objective of this course is to orient M.A. students with research methodologies, various tools and techniques of social sciences. The ontological and epistemological debates on formation and construction of knowledge and facts in social science will be deliberated.

The course will prepare students to have basic framework of research processes and build up confidence for taking up research in the future. It and equip them with the necessary skill for writing their M.A. Dissertation. The course will also help students to appreciate the scholarly writing and evaluate its quality.

### I. Philosophical Orientations in Research

- Paradigm Shift
- Rationalism and Empiricism
- Deconstruction and Decolonisation

### II. Methodological Perspectives

- Positivism and Interpretivism
- Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology
- Dialectics, Semiotics, Feminist

### III. Methods

- Quantitative
- Qualitative
- Mixed Methods

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### Unit 1. Prescribed Readings

1. Cohen, Morris R., 1932, "Hegel's Rationalism", The Philosophical Review, Vol. 41, No. 3 (May, 1932), pp. 283-301.
2. Derrida, Jacques, 1998, Of Grammatology, Translation. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Maryland, The Johns Hopkins University Press.
3. Foucault, Michel, 1969, The Archaeology of Knowledge, Trans. A. M. Sheridan Smith, London, Routledge.
4. Fuchs, S and Ward, S., 1994 "What is Deconstruction, and Where and When Does it Take Place? Making Facts in Science, Building Cases in Law", American Sociological Review, Vol. 59, No. 4 (Aug., 1994), pp. 481-500, Published by: American Sociological Association
5. Orman, T. Firinci "Paradigm as a Central Concept in Thomas Kuhn's Thought" International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Vol. 6, No. 10; October 2016.
6. Quine, W.V.O, 1951, 'Two Dogmas of Empiricism,' The Philosophical Review, 60: 20-43.
7. Ritzer, George, 1981, "Paradigm Analysis in Sociology: Clarifying the Issues", American Sociological Review, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 245-248
8. Smith, L. Tuhiwai, 2012, "Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples", published by Zed Books Ltd, UK.
9. Wilson, Edwin B., 1926 "Empiricism and Rationalism" Science, New Series, Vol. 64, No. 1646 Published by: American Association for the Advancement of Science

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- Benn, IS and Mortimer G.W, (eds.), 1976, Rationality and the Social Sciences, London, Routledge and Kegan Paul.
- Doyal, L. and R. Harris, 1986, *Empiricism, Explanation, and Rationality*, London, Routledge Kegan and Paul.
- Eckberg, Douglas Lee & Hill, Lester and Jr, 1979, "The Paradigm Concept and Sociology: A Critical Review", American Sociological Review, Vol. 44, No. 6, pp. 925-937
- Feyerabend, Paul, 1987, *Farewell to Reason*, London, Verso.
- Feyerabend, Paul, 1975, *Against Methods: Outline of an Anarchist Theory of Knowledge*. London, Verso.
- Gellner, Ernest, 1992, *Reason and Culture: The Historic Role of Rationality and Rationalism*, Oxford, Basil Blackwell.
- Hicks, Stephen, 2004, "Explaining Postmodernism", Scholargy Publishing, Tempe, Arizona, New Berlin/Wisconsin, USA
- Hundert E. J, Van Haltoon and David R Olson, (ed.), 1987, 'Enlightenment and the Decay of Common Sense.' in Frits Van Holthoon. *Common Sense the Foundations of Social Science*, New York. University of American Press.
- Khun, Thomas, 1962, *Structure of Scientific Revolution*, Chicago, University of Chicago Press.
- Popper, Karl, 1996, *The Structure of Scientific Revolution*, Chicago, University of Chicago Press.
- Popper, Karl, 2002, *Conjectures and Refutations*, New York, Routledge.
- Verso. Hume, David, 1999, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, New York, Oxford University Press.

### Unit 2. Prescribed Readings



1. ANANDHI, S., VELAYUDHAN, MEERA, 2010, "Rethinking Feminist Methodologies", Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 45, No. 44/45.
2. Barthes, R. 1977, "Elements of Semiology", New York, Hill and Wang.
3. Halfpenny, Peter, 1982, *Positivism and Sociology*, London, Allen & Unwin.
4. Harding, Sandra, G. (ed.), 1987, *Feminism and Methodology*, USA, Indiana University Press.
5. Ilyenkov, E. Vasilyevich, 2014 "Dialectical Logic", publisher Lulu.com.
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Total Credits: 04

Course objectives:

This course aims to examine the relationship between ecology and society, the diversity of life and the various social and cultural processes that link these. The environmental concerns which are affecting very aspects of life will be discussed in both historical and contemporary scenario using both the sociological as well as anthropological perspectives. Apart from this ecological movement, environmentalism and conservation will be discussed with empirical studies.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to understand the basic theories and concepts related to ecology and society discourse.
2. They will be able to analyse the impact of human pressure on the natural environment, sustainable development and biodiversity conservation.
3. They will be familiarising with the current environment crisis such as climate change and pollution etc.
4. They will be able to critically analyse various social and cultural processes that have a negative impact on environment.

Unit-I

Ecosystems and Streams of Ecological Thought

- 1) Industrial revolution, Domination over nature
- 2) Mutual Aid, Indigenous perspectives
- 3) Eco- Feminism

Unit-II

Ecology, Environment and Praxis

- 1) The Environmental-Ecological Crisis
- 2) Marxist approach to ecology
- 3) Culture and Ecological systems, Cultural Ecology

Unit-III

Ecological Democracy

- 1) Ecological movements, rights to nature and Livelihoods
- 2) Environmentalism: Climate change, consumption and lifestyles
- 3) Conservation, Development and ecological sustainability

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# Sociology of Tribes and Indigenous People

## CBCS-Course M.A. Sociology, Semester-I

Code: MSOX-11

Total Credits: 04

### Objective:

The indigenous people constitute a significant segment of any society. By and large, students have a partial and superficial knowledge about them. The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive profile of indigenous people. It takes a sociological approach to critically analyzing the concept of tribe and the problem of definition. It focuses on ways in which indigenous peoples have been impacted and continue to respond to forces such as colonialism, capitalism and development in different regions. Drawing on topics such as conflict over ecology, political autonomy, politics of resistance, modern development etc, and the course will explore the lived realities of different cultures. This paper will attempt to understand how Indigeneity, currently being defined and articulated, both as a theoretical concept and a lived experience. It will also focus on the tribal situation in contemporary economic and political context of India. Indigenous communities and tribes, continue to confront a range of issues that challenge their ability to maintain their cultures, govern themselves, and decide their futures.

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to describe the concepts of tribe and indigenous as well as relate it with particular historical context.
2. They will be able to engage with the everyday ways of life of tribes and the changes associated with it.
3. The students will be able to examine various social, cultural, economical and political processes in different context and related to specific community.
4. They will be able to develop a critical outlook towards state policies and its applications and consequences.

### Unit-I

#### Concept and context

- 1) Tribe and the Problem of Definition
- 2) Colonial Construction and Anthropological gaze
- 3) Exploring Indigeneity

### Unit-II

#### Contemporary issues and indigenous peoples

- 1) Territories and Questions of Political Autonomy

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- 2) Ecology: Conservation and Conflict
- 3) State and the Politics of Resistance

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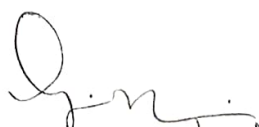
### Unit-III

#### Tribal situation in India: Emerging Challenges

- 1) Tribes and Indian society: Antiquity, academic and administrative significance
- 2) Development and Marginalisation
- 3) Constitutional safeguards/ provisions

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