

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY

				<b>Semester:</b>	5	<b>Paper No:</b>	13
<b>Paper Title:</b>	INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY						

### *COURSE SUMMARY*

**Objectives:** This paper examines the interface between industry and society. It explores various social dimensions of work and industry in both the formal and informal sectors. It also addresses the changing nature of industrial relations in the context of globalisation.

- Outline:**
- 1. Conceptualising Industrial Society**
    - 1.1 Industrialism
    - 1.2 Post-industrial Society
    - 1.3 Information Society
  
  - 2. Work, organization and industry**
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    - 2.2 Work and Alienation
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    - 2.4 The Informal Sector
  
  - 3. Industrial relations**
    - 3.1 Industrial Conflict
    - 3.2 Impact of Globalization

## COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

### 1. Conceptualising Industrial Society (Weeks 1-5)

#### 1.1 Industrialism

1.1.1 Kumar, K. *Prophecy and Progress*. Allen Lane: London, 1973 ( pp.45-111)

#### 1.2 Post-industrial Society

1.2.1 Bell, D. *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*.

Heinemann:London, 1976 (pp.12-45)

1.2.2 Etzioni, A. and P.A. Jargowsky, “ The false choice between high technology and basic industry” in K. Erikson and P. Vallas (eds) *The Nature of Work: Sociological Perspectives*. Yale University Press: New Haven and London,1990(pp. 304-317).

#### 1.3. Information Society

1.3.1 Kumar, K. *From Post-industrial to Post-modern society*. Blackwell Publishers Ltd.:Oxford, UK, 1999. (pp. 6-35 and 154-163)

### 2. Work, Organization and Industry (Week 6-11)

#### 2.1 Industrial Bureaucracy

2.1.1 Gouldner, A.W. *Patterns of Industrial Bureaucracy*. The Free Press:New York, 1954 (pp.15-29, 215-228 and 231-245)

#### 2.2 Work and Alienation

2.2.1 Erikson, K. and S.P. Vallas. *The Nature of Work: Sociological Perspectives*. Yale University Press: New Haven and London, 1990(pp. 19-33)

2.2.2 Hochschild, A.R. ‘Emotional Labour’ in S. Jackson and S. Scott (eds.) *Gender: A Sociological Reader*. Routledge:London, 2002 (pp.192-195)

#### 2.3 Social Discrimination

2.3.1 Nain, Gemma Tang ‘Black Women, Sexism and Racism’ in S. Jackson and S. Scott (eds.) *Gender: A Sociological Reader*. Routledge:London , 2002 (pp.117-121)

2.3.2 Parry, Jonathan “Two cheers for reservation: the Satnamis and the steel plant” in R. Guha and J.P. Parry (eds)

*Institutions and Inequalities: Essays in honour of Andre Beteille*  
OUP:New Delhi, 1999 (pp.129-169)

## **2.4 The Informal Sector**

2.4.1 Breman, Jan "The Informal Sector" in Veena Das, (ed.)  
*The Oxford India Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology* New Delhi: OUP, 2003 (pp. 1287-1312)

## **3. Industrial Relations (Week 12-14)**

### **3.1 Industrial Conflict**

3.1.1 Ramaswamy E. A. and Ramaswamy, U. *Industry and Labour*. Oxford University Press: New Delhi, 1981( pp.130-153)

3.1.2 Sherlock, S. "Railway Workers and their Unions" in Chaturvedi and Chaturvedi (eds.) *The Sociology of Formal Organisations*. OUP:Delhi, 1995(pp. 132-152)

### **3.2 Impact of Globalisation**

3.2.1 Mamkoottam, K. *Labour and Change: Essays on Globalization, Technological Change and Labour in India*. Response Books: New Delhi, 2003 (pp.26-77)

*Visual sources, projects, presentations will be interwoven with the course. Presentations may be made on BPO workers, recent strikes at Honda and Maruti, case studies of domestic helpers and other informal sector workers, instances of 'working from home', etc.*

## **SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. Kumar, K. 1973. *Prophecy and Progress*. London: Allen Lane pp.112-63
2. Ramaswamy, Uma. 1983. *Work, Union and Community*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (pp 140-151)
3. Eldridge, J.E.T. 1971. *Sociology and Industrial Life*. London: Thomas Nelson. Pp 139-197
4. Safa, Helen I., 1986. Ch.4: 'Runaway Shops and Female Employment: The Search for Cheap Labour' in Leacock and Safa (eds.) *Women's Work: Development and the Division of Labour*.pp 58-71
5. Breman, Jan. 1996. *Footloose Labour: Working in India's Informal Economy*. Cambridge University Press. Ch. 3, 49-71
6. Babu P. Ramesh, 2004. "'Cyber Coolies' in in BPO", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Jan. 31(pp. 492-497)