

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY

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| | | | | Semester: | 6 | Paper No: | 17 |
| Paper Title: | SOCIAL MOVEMENTS | | | | | | |

COURSE SUMMARY

Objectives: This course looks at social movements from a sociological perspective. It introduces the contexts and concepts of social movements and attempts to theoretically locate them through concrete case studies.

Outline:

- 1. Contextualizing Social Movements**
- 2. Theories of Social Movements**
- 3. Ideology, Participation and Mobilization: Case Studies.**
- 4. Contemporary Social Movements**

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Contextualizing Social Movements [Weeks 1-2]

1.1. David Snow, Sarah A. Soule and Hanspeter Kriesi, ed. 2008. *Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*. 'Mapping the Terrain' New York: Wiley-Blackwell. pp. 3-16.

1.2. Della Porta, Donatella and Mario Diani, 2006. *Social Movements: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. pp. 1-29.

2. Theories of Social Movements [Weeks 3-8]

2.1. Le Bon, Gustave. 2007. "The Minds of Crowds". In Jeff Goodwin and

James, M. Jasper, eds, *Social Movements: Critical Concepts in Sociology, Vol 1*. London: Routledge, pp.7-17

- 2.2. Crossley, Nick. 2009. *Making Sense of Social Movements*. Jaipur: Rawat Publication, pp. 17-55.
- 2.3. Nilsen, Gunvald Alf.2009. "The Author and the Actors of their own Drama: Notes towards a Marxist Theory of Social Movements", *Capital and Class*, 33:3, pp. 109-139.
- 2.4. McCarthy, John. D and Mayer, N. Zald. 1977. "Resource Mobilization and Social Movements: A Partial Theory", *American Journal of Sociology*, 82 (6), pp. 1212-1241.
- 2.5. Sidney Tarrow. 1996. "States and Opportunities: the Political Structuring of Social Movements". In Doug McAdam, John D. McCarthy and Mayer N. Zald, eds, *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements*, MA: Cambridge University Press, pp. 41-61.
- 2.6. Pichardo Nelson A. 1997. "New Social Movements: A Critical Review", *Annual Review of Sociology*, 23, pp. 411-430
- 2.7. Snow, David. A, Burke Rochford, Jr and Steven K. Worden; Robert D. Benford .,1986. "Frame Alignment Processes, Micromobilization, and Movement Participation", *American Sociological Review*, 51(4), pp. 464-481

3. Ideology, Participation and Mobilization: Case Studies [Weeks 9-14]

- 3.1. Omvedt, Gail. 2005. "Farmer's Movements and the Debate on Poverty and Economic Reforms in India". In Raka Ray and Fainsod Katzenstein, eds, *Social Movements in India Poverty, Power and Politics*. London: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, pp. 179-202.
- 3.2. Hardtman, Eva-Maria. 2009. "Dalit Activities in Lucknow: Buddhism and Party Politics in Local Practice". In Eva-Maria, Hardtman, *The Dalit Movement in India: Local Practices, Global Connections*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 124-158.
- 3.3. Dwivedi,Ranjit. 2010. Parks, People and Protest: The Mediating Role of Environmental Action Groups". In T. K. Oommen, ed., *Social Movements: Concerns of Equity and Security*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 297-316.
- 3.4. McCormick, Sabrina. 2007. Democratizing Science Movements: A New Framework for Mobilization and Contestation. *Social Studies of Science*, Vol. 37, No. 4, pp. 609-623.

3.5. Lalitha, K. and Susie Tharu. 1989. *We Were Making History: Life Stories of Women in Telangana People's Struggle*. Delhi: Kali for Women, pp. 19-32.

4. Contemporary Social Movements

No readings and examinations on this section. The section will be based on visual programmes and interactive sessions at the teacher's discretion, centered on the topics explored in section 1, 2 and 3.