

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY

				<b>Semester:</b>	5	<b>Paper No:</b>	11
<b>Paper Title:</b>	SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS 2						

### *COURSE SUMMARY*

**Objectives:** To introduce students to contemporary sociological thinking through some seminal works.

**Outline:**

- 1. Talcott Parsons**
  - 1.1. Action Systems
- 2. Claude Levi-Strauss**
  - 2.1. Structuralism
- 3. Erving Goffman**
  - 3.1. Interactional Self
- 4. Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann**
  - 4.1. Social Construction of Reality
- 5. Herbert Marcuse**
  - 5.1. Critical Social Theory
- 6. Pierre Bourdieu**
  - 6.1. A Theory of Practice

## COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

### 1. Talcott Parsons (Weeks 1-3)

1.1. Parsons, T. and E. Shils (eds). 1951. *Towards a General Theory of Action*. New York: Harper and Row Publishers, pp. 3-29

### 2. Levi-Strauss (Weeks 3-4)

2.1. Levi-Strauss, C. 1993. "Structure and Dialectics", in *Structural Anthropology Volume I*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, pp. 232-242

### 3. Erving Goffman (Weeks 5-6)

3.1. Goffman, E. 1956. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh (Monograph No. 2), pp. 1-9, 132-151, 152-162

### 4. Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann (Weeks 7-8)

4.1. Berger, P. L. and T. Luckmann. 1991. *The Social Construction of Reality*. London: Penguin Books, pp. 31-62

### 5. Herbert Marcuse (Weeks 9-11)

5.1. Marcuse, H. 1964. *One Dimensional Man: Studies in the Ideology of Advanced Industrial Society*. Boston: Boston Press, pp. 7-92

### 6. Pierre Bourdieu (Weeks 12-14)

6.1. Bourdieu, P. 1977. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 72-95

[Projects, feature films and documentary screenings and field visits will be an integral part of the coursework]

## SUGGESTED READING

1. Ritzer, G. 1996. *Sociological Theory*. New York: McGraw Hill Companies.