

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY

ALLIED COURSE PAPER - I

Paper Title:	INTRODUCING SOCIOLOGY						

COURSE SUMMARY

Objectives: The course attempts to acquaint students with the distinctive way in which sociology views society. It is aimed at developing an understanding of how sociology differs from commonsense as well as its special relationship with some other social sciences. Students will also gain an understanding of some forms and processes of social interaction.

- Outline:**
- 1. Nature and Scope of Sociology**
 - 1.1 Sociology and Commonsense
 - 1.2 Relationship of Sociology with other social science
 - 2. Concepts**
 - 2.1 Individual & Group
 - 2.2 Institutions
 - 2.3 Culture
 - 2.4 Social Inequality

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology [Week 1-5]

- 1.1 Mills, C.W., 1970, *The Sociological Imagination*, Harmondsworth Penguin, Ch. The Promise, (pp. 3-24)
- 1.2 Beteille, Andre, 2002, *Essays in Approach and Method*, Oxford University Press, Ch. 1, (pp. 13-26)
- 1.3 Beattie, 1966, *Other Cultures*, R.K.P., London, Ch. 2, (pp. 16-33)
- 1.4 Durkheim, E., 1952, *Suicide- Book I*, R.K.P., London, Ch. 1, 2, (pp. 57-103)
- 1.5 Beteille, Andre, 2002, *Sociology- Essays in Approach and Method*, Oxford University Press, Ch. 2, (pp. 27-39) = 109

2. Concepts [Week 6-13]

2.1. Individual and Group

- 2.1.1 Durkheim, E., 1952, *Suicide- Book 3*, R.K.P., London, Ch.1, (pp. 297-325)
- 2.1.2 Ritzer, George, 2004, *The McDonaldization of Society*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, (pp. 24- 42)

2.2. Institutions

- 2.2.1. Bierstedt, Robert, 1974, *The Social Order*, McGraw Hill Book Company, New York, Ch. 11, (pp. 298-308)
- 2.2.2. Goffman, Erving, 1991, *Asylums*, Penguin, (pp. 7-22)
- 2.2.3. Uberoi, Patricia, 2006, 'Freedom and Destiny: Gender, Family and Popular Culture,' in *Imagining the Family: An Ethnography of Viewing Hum Aapke Hain Kaun* Oxford University Press, Ch. (pp. 138-179)

2.3. Culture

- 2.3.1. Bierstedt, Robert, 1974, *The Social Order*, McGraw Hill Book Company, New York, Ch. 5, 6, (pp. 125-151)
- 2.3.2. Ritzer, George, 2004, *The Mcdonaldisation of Society*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, Ch. 1, (pp. 1-22)

2.3.3. Clifford, Geertz, 1973, ' Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight' *Interpretation of Cultures*, Basic Books, (pp.412-453)

2.4. Social Inequality

2.4.1. Gupta, Dipankar, ed., 2005, *Anti- Utopia: Essential Writings of Andre Beteille*, Oxford University Press, Ch.14, (pp.302-327)

2.4.2. Kapadia, Karin, 1996, *Siva and Her Sisters*, Oxford University Press, Introduction and Ch. 12, (pp. 3-12 and 249-253)

2.4.3. Thorat, S. and Umakant (ed.), 2004, *Caste, Race and Discrimination*, Rawat Publications, (pp. 49-52, 164-167)

[Field trips, projects and presentations will be an integral part of the course]

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Giddens, Anthony, 2006, *Sociology*, Polity, Ch. 1
2. Berger, Peter, 1963, *Invitation to Sociology*, Doubleday, New York, Chs. 1, 2
3. Macionis, John J., 2005, *Sociology*, Pearson, Ch. 1, 3
4. Bierstedt, R., 1974, *The Social Order*, McGraw Hill, Ch. 6,9
5. Beteille, A., 1987, *The Idea of Natural Inequality and Other Essays*, Oxford University Press, Ch. 1