

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY

*SOCIOLOGY*

				<b>Semester:</b>	4	<b>Paper No:</b>	8
<b>Paper Title:</b>	SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS 1						

*COURSE SUMMARY*

**Objectives:** The course introduces the students to the classics in the making of the discipline of sociology through selected texts by the major thinkers.

- Outline:**
- 1. Karl Marx**
    - 1.1. Materialist Conception of History
    - 1.2. Capitalist Mode of Production
  - 2. Max Weber**
    - 2.1. Social Action and Ideal Types
    - 2.2. Religion and Economy
  - 3. Emile Durkheim**
    - 3.1. Social Fact
    - 3.2. Individual and Society

## COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

### 1. Karl Marx (Weeks 1-5)

- 1.1. Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1969. *Selected Works Vol. 1*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. pp. 13-15, 16-80, 98-106, 142-174, 502-506
- 1.2. Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1969. *Selected Works Vol. 1*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. pp. 13-15, 16-80, 98-106, 142-174, 502-506.

### 2. Max Weber (Weeks 6-9)

- 2.1. Weber, Max. 1947. *The Theory of Social and Economic Organization*. New York: The Free Press, pp. 87-123
- 2.2. Weber, Max. 2002. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (translated by Stephen Kalberg). London: Blackwell Publishers, pp. 3-54, 103-126, Chapters I, II, III, IV & V

### 3. Emile Durkheim (Weeks 10-14)

- 3.1. Durkheim, E. 1958. *The Rules of Sociological Method*. New York: The Free Press. pp. 48-107, 119-144
- 3.2. Durkheim, E. 1951. *Suicide: A Study in Sociology*. New York: The Free Press, pp. 41-56, 145-276

## SUGGESTED READINGS

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

Giddens, A. 1971. *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Durkheim and Max Weber*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.