

Paper- IX (A) : Comparative Sociology (5684 A)

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Unit-A

The salience of the comparative perspective in the social sciences in general and in sociology in particular; indices of comparison: culture, nation, class, gender.

Historical and social context of the emergence and growth of sociology in the West; the Eurocentric moorings of Western sociological tradition; Americanization of sociology; national traditions in sociology.

Unit-B

The emergence and growth of sociology in Asia and Africa; the colonial context. The impact of Western sociology on the development of sociology in the Third world; sociology in a post colonial mould; the issue of reorientation of research and teaching in sociology in accordance with national concerns and priorities.

Unit-C

Central themes in Comparative Sociology: Modernity; Development; Diversity, Pluralism and Multiculturalism; Nation-state; Environment; Gender; Globalization.

Unit-D

Theoretical concerns and debates in comparative Sociology; Problems of Theorising in sociology in comparative and cross-cultural perspective; Contextualization) the need to approaches in sociology to national concerns and priorities; Sociology as social criticism, policy issues; formulation and evaluation.

Unit-E

The Indian Context: the bearing of the colonial context on the development of sociology in India; the continuance of the colonial legacy in contemporary Indian sociology; the debate on decolonization, contextualization and indigenization; the focus on national and regional concerns.

Essential readings:

Andreski, S. 1964 : Elements of Comparative Sociology (London, Widenfeld and Nicolson)

Beteille, Andre 1987 : Essays in Comparative Sociology (New Delhi : Oxford University Press)

Beteille, Andre 1992 : Society and Politics in India : Essays in Comparative perspective (New Delhi : Oxford University Press)

Dube, S.C. 1988 : Modernization and Development : the Search for alternative paradigm (New Delhi : Vistar)

Kiely, R. and Phil Marfleet, eds. 1998 : Globalization and the Third World (London: Routledge)

Kothari, Rajni 1988 : Rethinking Development : In Search of Humane Alternatives Delhi : Ajanta

Oommen, T.K. and P.N. Mukherjee, eds. 1986 : Indian Sociology : Reflection and Introspections (Bombay : Popoular Prakashan)

Parekh, Bhikhu 2000 : Rethinking Multiculturalism : Cultural Diversity and Political Theory (London : Macmillan)

Saraswati, B. N. 1994 : Interface of Cultural Identity and Development (New Delhi Indira Gandhi National Centre of the Arts)

World commission on Environment and Development, 1987: (New Delhi : Oxford University Press)

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Berremen, G.D. 1981 : The Politics of Truth Essays in Critical Anthropology, New Delhi South Asian Publishers)

Kuper, A. 1996 : Social Science Encyclopaedia, London : Routledge)

Mohan, R.P. and A.S. Wike, eds. 1994 : International Handbook of contemporary Developments in Sociology (London : Mansell)

Wallerstein, Immanuel 1974 : Modern World System (New York : Oxford University Press)

Genov, Nikolai, 1989 : National Traditions in Sociology (Delhi : Sage)

Ferreira, J. V. ns A. R. Momin, eds. : 1983 Nemesis : Critica Perspectives on Modernization (Bombay : Ramrakhiani Publications)

Pedagogy

The Course should be taught in such a way that the disciplinary quest and societal concerns appear to be organically inter-linked and integrated.

