

Semester-III

Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology (43681)

Unit A

Sociological Theory: Concept and Characteristics. Components of Sociological Theory. Relationship between Fact Theory and Research.

UnitB

Structural-Functional Theory: Structural - A.R, Radcliffe Brown, S.F. Nadel, C. Levi-Strauss. Functional-Dimensions of Social System -T. Parsons, Functional Analysis of R.K. Merton.

Unit-C

Conflict Theory : Marx's Critique and Dialectics of Conflict- R.Dahrenodrf. Functional Analysis of Conflict - L. Coser; Conflict and Social Change- R.Collins.

Unit-D

Interactionist Perspective : Symbolic Interactionism- E. Goffman, G.H. Mead and H. Blumer; Phenomenological Sociology- E. Husserl and A. Schutz; Social Construction of Reality- P. Berger and T.G. Luckmann; Ethnomethodology - H. Garfinkel.

Unit-E

Recent Trends in Sociological Theorising: Structuration- Giddens; Neo Functionalism -Alexander.

Post- Modernism - Derrida, Foucault.

Neo-Marxism- J. Habermas, L. Althusser.

Essential readings :

Alexander, Jeffrey C. Twenty lectures: Sociological theory since world war, New York : Columbia University Press.

Bottomore, Tom. 1984. The Frankfurt School. Chester, Sussex : Ellis Horwood and London: Tavistock Publications.

Craib, Ian. 1992. Modern Social Theory: from Parsons to Habermas (2nd edition). London : Harvester Pess.

Collins, Randall. 1997 (Indian edition). Sociological theory. Jaipur and New Delhi : Rawat.

Giddens, Anthony. 1983. Central Problems in Social Theory: Action, structure and contradiction in social analysis. London: Macmillan; Structuroture

Rizer, George. 1992 (3rd edition). Sociological Theory. New York : McGraw-Hill. Singhi, N. K., Samajshatriya Siddhant (Hindi) Rawat: Jaipur

Sturrock, John (ed.). 1979. Structuralism and Since : From Levi Strauss to Derrida. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Turner, Jonathan H. 1995 (4th edition). The Structure of Sociological Theory. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.

Zeitlin, Irving M. 1998 (Indian edition). Rethinking Sociology: A critique of contemporary theory. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.

Doshi, S.L., Adhunikta, Uttar Adhunikta Aur Nav Samajshastriya Sidhanth (Hindi) Rawat, Jaipur.

Doshi, S.L., Uchchar Samajshastriya Siddhant (Hindi), Rawat Publications, Jaipur.

Pedagogy

The biographical details of the sociologists mentioned may be used only to place their theoretical contributions in appropriate intellectual contexts.

It is necessary to evaluate the relevance and significance of the perspectives listed for understanding society in general and society in India in particular. Illustrations may be drawn from empirical studies influenced by or bearing on these perspectives.