

Core Course 12
Sociological Research Methods – I

Total Credit=6
Total Marks 80+20=100
Total Classes: 38
Total Tutorials: 7
Class duration: 1 class=1 hour
1 tutorial = 1 hour
6 classes per week

Course Objective: The course is a general introduction to the methodologies of sociological research methods. It will provide the student with some elementary knowledge of the complexities and philosophical underpinnings of research.

		Classes	Tutorials	Marks
1. The Logic of Social Research(weeks 1-7)		22	2	35
1.1	What is Sociological Research? (a) Research , Science and Sociology. (b) Scientific Method : Positivist and Constructionist Interpretation of Science (c) Trend of Sociological Research , Sociological Imagination			
1.2	Objectivity in the Social Sciences (a) Objectivity as explained by Emile Durkheim (b) Objectivity as explained by Max Weber			
1.3	Reflexivity (a) The coming Crisis in Western Sociology –Methodological Approach (b) A Critique to Conventional Sociology : Reflexivity (Harold Garfinkle)			
2. Methodological Perspectives(weeks 8-11)		6	3	20
2.1	Comparative Method (a) Comparative Method in the works of Emile Durkheim, Max Weber and Redcliff Brown (b) Feminist Method : Approach and Design			
2.2	Feminist Method : Approach and Design			
3.Modes of Enquiry(weeks 12-14)		10	2	30
3.1	Theory and Research			

3.2	Inductive and Deductive Logic			
3.3	Quantitative and Qualitative Research :Characteristics , Purpose and Types			

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1.1 The Logic of Social Research (Weeks 1 and 2)

1.1.1 Mills, C. W. 1959, *The Sociological Imagination*, London: OUP Chapter 1 Pp. 3-24

1.1.2 Gluckman, M. 1978, 'Introduction', in A. L. Epstein (ed.), *The Craft of Social Anthropology*, Delhi: Hindustan Publishing Corporation, Pp. xv-xxiv

1.2. Objectivity in the Social Sciences (Weeks 3-7)

1.2.1. Durkheim, E. 1958, *The Rules of Sociological Method*, New York: The Free Press, Chapter 1, 2 & 6 Pp. 1-46, 125-140

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1.2.2. Weber, Max. 1949, *The Methodology of the Social Sciences*, New York: The Free Press, Foreward and Chapter 2 Pp. 49-112

1.3. Reflexivity

1.3.1 Gouldner, Alvin. 1970, *The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology*, New York: Basic Books, Chapter 13 Pp. 481-511

2. Methodological Perspectives (Weeks 8-11)

2.1. Comparative Method

2.1.1. Radcliffe-Brown, A.R. 1958, *Methods in Social Anthropology*, Delhi: Asia Publishing Corporation, Chapter 5 Pp. 91-108

2.1.2. Beiteille, A. 2002, *Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method*, New Delhi: OUP, Chapter 4 Pp. 72-94

2.3. Feminist Method

2.3.1. Harding, Sandra 1987, "Introduction: Is there a Feminist Method?" in Sandra Harding (ed.) *Feminism & Methodology: Social Science Issues*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, Pp. 1-14

3. Modes of Enquiry (Weeks 12-14)

3.1. Theory and Research

3.1.1 Merton, R.K. 1972, *Social Theory & Social Structure*, Delhi: Arvind Publishing House, Chapters 4 & 5 Pp. 139-171

3.2 Analyzing Data: Quantitative and Qualitative

3.2.1 Bryman, Alan. 2004, *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*, New York: Routledge, Chapter 2 & 3 Pp. 11-70

Discipline Specific Elective 04

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SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Course Objective:

The course introduces the idea that though work and production have been integral to societies through time, the origin and spread of industrialization made a distinct rupture to that link. This rupture can also be seen mirrored in the coming of sociology as a discipline that considered work as central to the study of society. Based on this premise the paper goes on to provide an outline as to how values and ideals of pluralized industrialism(s) have caused an absorbed multiple transformative shifts to the local and global social networks of the contemporary world.

	Classes	Tutorials	Marks
1. Interlinking Work and Industry	3	1	15
2. Forms of Industrial Culture and Organization	7	2	20
2.1 Industrialism			
2.2 Post Industrial Society.			
2.3 Information Society.			
3. Dimensions of Work	16	2	25
3.1 Alienation			
3.2 Gender			
3.3 Unpaid work and Forced Labour: Unpaid work: - Type of unpaid work: - 1. Unpaid Domestic work Unpaid care work. 2. Effects of Unpaid Domestic work on women and on children. 3. Forced Labour: Slavery, Debt Bondage & Human Trafficking.			
4. Work in the Informal Sector: 1. Street Vendors, Home based workers. 2. Social and Political Implications and Issues: Gender, Political power of agents, poverty, children & Child Labour.	12	2	20
5. Risk, Hazard & Disaster: Health & Safety, workplace hazards, disaster in workplace, Risk factor and its assessment.			

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COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Interlinking Work and Industry (Weeks 1-3)

1.1 Grint, Keith. 2005, „Classical Approaches to Work: Marx, Durkheim and Weber“ in *The Sociology of Work: An Introduction*. Polity Press. Cambridge. Pp. 90-112

1.2 Uberoi, J.P.S. 1970, „Work, Study and Industrial worker in England“ in *Man, Science and Society*. IAS: Simla. Pp 34-45

1.3 A sociological study of an oil Industry in Assam, Sarma Pranjal, Omega Publications, New Delhi, 2007.

1.4 Urbanization and Development, edited by Pranjal Sarma, EBH Publication (India), Guwahati, 2016.

2. Forms of Industrial Culture and Organisation (Weeks 4-6)

2.1 Industrialism

2.1.1 Ramaswamy E. A. and Uma Ramaswamy. 1981, *Industry and Labour*, New Delhi:Oxford University Press, Chapter 3, Pp.33-65

2.2 Post-industrial Society

2.2.1 Bell, Daniel. 1976, *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*, London: Heineman, Introduction, Pp.12-45

2.2.2 Etzioni, A. and P.A. Jargowsky. 1990, “The false choice between high technology and basic industry” in K. Erikson and P. Vallas (eds.) *The Nature of Work: Sociological Perspectives*, New Haven and London:Yale University Press, Pp. 304-317

2.3 Information Society

2.3.1 Kumar, Krishan. 1999, *From Post-industrial to Post-modern society*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers Ltd., Chapter 2 and 6, Pp 6-35 and 154-163

3. Dimensions of Work (Weeks 7-10)

3.1 Alienation

3.1.1 Erikson, Kai. 1990. „On Work and Alienation“ in Erikson, K. and S.P. Vallas (eds.)*The Nature of Work: Sociological Perspectives*. New Haven and London:American Sociological Association, Presidential Series and Yale University Press, Pp. 19-33

3.1.2 Taylor, Steve. 1998, „Emotional Labour and the new Workplace“ in Thompson and Walhurst (eds.) *Workplace of the Future*. London:Macmillan, Pp. 84-100

3.2 Gender

3.2.1 Devine, Fiona. 1992, „Gender Segregation in the Engineering and Science Professions: A case of continuity and change“ in *Work, Employment and Society*, 6 (4) Pp.557-75.

3.2.2 Freeman, Carla. 2009, „Femininity and Flexible Labour: Fashioning Class

through Gender on the global assembly line“ in Massimiliano Mollona, Geert De Neve and Jonathan Parry (eds.) *Industrial Work and Life: An Anthropological Reader*, London:Berg, Pp.257-268

3.3 Unpaid Work and Forced Labour

3.3.1 Edgell, Stephen. 2006, „Unpaid Work-Domestic and Voluntary work“ in *The Sociology of Work: Continuity and Change in Unpaid Work*. New Delhi:Sage, Pp.153-181

3.3.2 Coser, 1990, „Forced Labour in Concentration Camps“ in Erikson, K. and S.P.Vallas (eds.) *The Nature of Work: Sociological Perspectives*, New Haven and London: American Sociological Association, Presidential Series and Yale University Press, Pp. 162-69

4. Work in the Informal sector (Weeks 11-12)

4.1 Breman, Jan. 2003, “The Informal Sector” in Veena Das, (ed.) *The Oxford India Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology*, New Delhi: OUP, Pp. 1287-1312

4.2 Talib, Mohammad. 2010, *Writing Labour- Stone Quarry workers in Delhi*. New Delhi:OUP, Chapter 1, Pp. 23-54

5. Risk, Hazard and Disaster (Weeks 13-14)

5.1 Laughlin, Kim. 1995, Rehabilitating Science, Imagining "Bhopal" in George E. Marcus (ed.) *Techno scientific Imaginaries: Conversations, Profiles and Memoirs*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Pp. 277-302

5.2 Zonabend, Françoise. 2009, „The Nuclear Everyday“ in Massimiliano Mollona, Geert De Neve and Jonathan Parry (ed.) *Industrial Work and Life: An Anthropological Reader*, London: Berg, Pp 167-185