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**Syllabus**

**For**

**Semester – II**

**Sociology (Major & General)**

**Year 2014**

**TRIPURA UNIVERSITY**  
**Syllabus of Sociology (Honours)**  
**Semester II**

**SOC UG 201**  
**Sociological Thought**

**Unit-I: Rise of Sociology**

1. Enlightenment and its critique
2. Industrial Revolution and French Revolution
3. Positivism and its critique,
4. Scientific and humanistic orientations to Sociological study, Sociological Imagination
5. Growth of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India

**Unit-II: Classical Sociology-I**

1. Comte: Positivism, Social Statics and Dynamics, Hierarchy of Sciences, Morality, Major contributions
2. Spencer: Evolution, Social Darwinism, Individualism, Major contributions
3. Durkheim: Social Fact, Suicide, Division of Labour, Religion, Morality, Major contributions

**Unit III: Classical Sociology-II**

1. Marx: Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Base and Superstructure, Class Struggle, Alienation, Major contributions
2. Simmel: Formal Sociology, Modern Culture, Dialectical Approach, Major contributions
3. Weber: Social Action, Ideal Type, Authority, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Major contributions.

**Unit IV: Sociology in India**

1. Benoy Sarkar: Nature of Sociology, Progress, Personality, Indian Tradition, Major contributions
2. Dhurjati Prasad Mukerji: Nature of Sociology, Personality, Indian Tradition and Social Change, Major contributions
3. G. S. Ghurye: Caste, Tribe, Culture and Civilization, Major contributions
4. M.N. Srinivas: Caste & Varna, Social Change, Village, Major contributions

**Essential Readings:**

1. Bhupendra Kumar Nagla. (2008). *Indian Sociological Thought*; Jaipur, Rawat Publication.
2. Bhattacharyya, Swapan Kumar. (1990). *Indian Sociology: The Role of Benoy Kumar Sarkar*, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan. .
3. Coser, Lewis. A. (1979). *Master of Sociological Thought*, New Delhi: Rawat Publication.
4. Dhanagare, D. N. (1993). *Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology*. Rawat Publication, Jaipur.
5. I. S. Kon (ed). (1989). *A History of Classical Sociology*, Progress Publishers, Moscow
6. Irving M. Zeitlin. (2000). *Ideology and Development of Sociological Theory* (7th Edition), Prentice-Hall.
7. Mills, C Wright. (1967). *The Sociological Imagination*, Harmondsworth: Penguin.
8. M.Francies Abraham. (1982). *Modern Sociological Theory- An Introduction*, Oxford University Press, India.
9. Pramanik, S. K. 1994, *Sociology of G. S. Ghurye*, Rawat Publication, Jaipur.
10. Raymond Aron. (1998). *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* (Vol. 1 & 2). Transaction Publishers
11. Timasheff, Nicholas Sergeyevitch. (1967). *Sociological theory: Its nature and growth*, 3rd edition. Random House.

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Bandopadhyay, Bholanath and Krishnadas Chattopadhyay (ed.). (2012). *Bharater Samajtattick Chintadhara*, Levant Books, Kolkata.
2. Bhattacharyya, Swapan Kumar and Gayatri Bhattacharyya. (2010). 'Dhurjutiprasader Samajtattwa', in Subir Bhattacharjee (Ed.) *Dhurtipasad Rachanabali*, Dey's Publishing House, Kolkata.
3. Gupta, Bella Dutta. (1972). *Sociology in India*. Centre for Social Research, Kolkata., Kolkata: Pragatishil Prakashak
4. Giddens, Anthony. (1971). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber*, Cambridge University Press
5. H.E.Barnes. (1948). *An Introduction to the History of Sociological Thought*; Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
6. Nisbet, Robert. (1967). *The Sociological Tradition*, London: Heinemann Publisher.

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**Elective Paper**  
**Semester II**

**SOE-202: Foundations of Sociological Thought**

**Unit-1: The Emergence of Sociology**

Transition from social philosophy to sociology- The Intellectual context: Enlightenment-  
The social, economic and political forces: The French and Industrial Revolutions.

**Unit-2: The classical tradition**

Comte: Positivism, Social Change

Spencer: Social Darwinism, Super-organic evolution

Durkheim: Social solidarity, Suicide, Division of Labor and Religion

Weber: Ideal Type, Authority, The Protestant Ethic and the spirit of capitalism

Marx: Dialectical and historical materialism, class struggle

Pareto: Residue, Derivations and Circulation of elites.

**Unit-3: Schools of Sociological Theory.**

Functionalism-major arguments and critique

Conflict School- major arguments and critique

Social Action perspective-major arguments and critique

**Unit-4 : Sociology in India**

1. Growth of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India

2. Benoy Sarkar (1887-1968)

3. Dhurjati Prasad Mukherjee (1894-1961)

4. G. S. Ghurye

5. M.N.Srinivas

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1. Aron, Raymond, (1967), (1982 Reprint), Main currents in Sociological thought (2 Volumes), Harmondsworth, Middheseex: Penguin Books.
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13. Zeitlin, Irving (1998); Indian Edition, *Rethinking Sociology: A critique of Contemporary Theory*, Jaipur, Rawat Publication.