

**MASOC-401**  
**CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS**

Objectives: This course intends to familiarize students about classical sociological thinkers and instill in them their major contributions. It also tries to highlight their contemporary relevance

**Unit-I Development of Classical Sociology**

Emergence and Development of Sociology: Socio-Economic Force, Intellectual context.

**Unit-II Auguste Comte**

Law of three stages, Positivism, Hierarchy of sciences

**Unit-III Karl Marx**

Dialectical Materialism, Materialistic conception of history, Alienation, Theory of class struggle, Theory of Capitalism

**Unit-IV Emile Durkheim**

Division of Labour, Social Fact, Rules of Sociological Methods, Sociology of Religion, Theory of suicide

**Unit-V Max Weber**

Rationality and Bureaucracy, Ideal types, Social action, Power, Authority and legitimacy, Theory of Protestant Ethics and Theory of Capitalism, Class, Status and Party

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1. Dr. Arvinder A. Ansari, 2016
2. Vikas Publishing House, 2016

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**MASOC- 402**  
**PERSPECTIVES ON INDIAN SOCIETY**

Objectives: This course aims to sensitise the diversity as well as interconnectedness of theoretical perspective on Indian society, thereby adding depth as well as insight to their understanding of the subject.

**Unit I Colonial context**

Emergence and development of Social Anthropology and Sociology in India, Indian Society as fragmentary and static in colonial ethnography, Colonial legacy in sociological and social anthropology in post-independence period

**Unit II Indological/textual Perspective**

G.5. Ghurye  
Louis Dumont

**Unit III Structural-Functional Perspective**

M.N. Srinivas  
S.C. Dube

**Unit IV Marxist Perspective**

B.P. Mukherjee  
A.R. Desai  
R.K. Mukherjee  
D.D. Kosambi

**Unit V Subaltern Perspective**

B.R. Ambedker  
Ranajit Guha

**Authors:**

1. Dr. Sujit Thakur, 2016
2. Amit Chamaria, 2016
3. Dr. Syamala K and Dr. P.I Devaraj, 2016
4. Vikas Publishing House, 2016

**Suggested Reading:**

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Cohn, Bernard S, 1996, *Colonialism and its Forms of Knowledge: The British in India*,

Princeton, Princeton University Press.

Desai, A.R., 1948, *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Mumbai, Popular Prakashan

Desai, A.R., 1975, *State and Society in India*, Mumbai, Popular Prakashan

Dhanagane, D.N. 1993-*Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology*, Jaipur, Rawat.

Dube, S.C. 1967 - *The Indian Village*, London: Routledge, 1955.

Dube, S.C.1973 - *Social Sciences in Changing Society*, Lucknow University Press.

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Ghurye , G.S., 2008, *Caste and Race in India*, Popular Prakashan, Mumbai

Hardiman, David, 1989-*The coming of the Devi: Adivasi Assertion in Western India*, OUP.

Hardiman, David, 1996- *Feeding the Bania: Peasants and Usurers in Western India*, Oxford University Press.

Karve, Irawati, 1961- *Hindu Society: An Interpretation*, Puna: Deccan College.

Kosambi, D.d. *The culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Perspective*, New Delhi, Vikas Publishing House, 1982.

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P.N. Prabhu- *Hindu Social Organisation*-Popular Prakashan, Bombay, 1963.

Ranjit Guha, *Subaltern Studies*, Vol. I, OUP, New Delhi, 1991.

Singer, Milton and Bernard S Cohn (eds.), 1968- *Structure and Change in Indian Society*, Chicago: Aldine Publishing Company.

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Singh, Y. 1986- *Indian sociology: social Conditioning and Emerging concern*, Delhi, vistaar.

Srinivas, M.N. 2002. *Collected Essays*, Oxford University Press

Srinlvas, M.N. 1960 -*India's' Villages*, Asia Publishing House" Bombay

**MASOC- 403**  
**METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**Objective:** This course aims to provide exposure to fundamentals of various research techniques and methods. It tries to build upon basic assumptions in adopting different methodologies for different kinds of research themes. It introduces certain philosophical ideas underlying the emergence of different methodologies in social sciences and attempts to sensitize post-graduate students to develop a critical outlook at the existing perspectives and methods and to evolve conceptual clarity, which can lead them in their future research

**Unit I Scientific Research: Characteristics, Types and Method**

Meaning, Characteristics and objective of Scientific Research, Aims of Social Research, Types of Social research, Major Steps in Social Research, Hypothesis

**Unit II Concept, Theory and Fact**

Concept, Theory and Fact, Relationship between Theory and Fact, Inductive And deductive reasoning, Theory building, Objectivity -subjectivity debate, value Neutrality, Validity and Reliability

**Unit III Research Design and Sampling**

Research design, Types of Research Design, Sampling: Type, Size and Sampling error.

**Unit IV Methods of Data Collection**

Questionnaire, Schedule, Case Study, Observation, interview method and content analysis, Projective Techniques.

**Unit V Scales and Scaling techniques**

Scaling and its importance, Nominal Scale, Ordinal Scale, Interval Scale, Ratio scales, Bogardus Scale and Likert scale

Authors:

1. Dr Harish Kumar, 2016
2. Yamini Agarwal, 2016
3. Dr. Deepak Chawla and Dr. Neena Sondhi, 2016
4. Vikas Publishing House, 2016

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Kuhn. T.S, 1970: The Structures of Scientific Revolutions, London: The University of Chicago Press.

Madge, John 1970: The Prigins of Scientific Sociology, London, Tavistock.

Mukherjee, P.N. (eds.O 2000: Methodology in Social Research: Dilemmas and perspectives, New Delhi: Sage (Introduction)

Non Lin: Foundations of Social Research, McGraw hill Book Co. New York, 1976.

P.V. Young, 1988: Scientific Social Survey and Research, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.

Popper, K. 1999: The Logic of Scientific Discovery, London: Routledge

Ronald Fletcher: making of Sociology

## **MASOC-404 RURAL SOCIOLOGY**

**Objectives:** The objective of the paper is to make the students aware of the basic sociological issues and also to acquaint them with the processes of change and development of the rural society in India.

### **Unit I: Rural sociology: Introduction:**

Field of study: Meaning, nature, scope and significance, Emergence of Rural Sociology as an academic discipline.

### **Unit II: Rural Society, and Rural Social Institution**

Rural Society and its features, Rural-Urban Differences and Continuum, institution of family, religion, caste and economy, Village studies and their significance

### **Unit III: Rural Power Structure**

Traditional rural power structure, Dominant caste, Panchayat Raj, Changing leadership and emergence of elites

### **Unit IV: Rural development**

Social transformation and development of rural India, Approach to rural development – modernization and globalization, land reforms-Zamindari, Royotwari and Mahalwari systems, Bhoodan movement.

### **Unit V: Five year Plans and Rural Development**

Overview of rural development programmes in Five Year Plans, Rural development Programmes- CDP,IRDP,EAS,ITDP,SGSV PMRV,MNREGS, SHGs- Problems and prospects.

### **Authors:**

1. Miss Ritu Shastri, 2016
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- Dube, SC, India's changing villages, Allied, Bombay, 1967
- Gupta, S K, Tribal development, Indus, New Delhi, 2002
- Srinivas, M.N. The remembered Village, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1997
- Singh, V, Essays on modernization in Indian, Manohar, New Delhi, 1978
- Oomen, T K Social transformation in rural India, Vikas, Delhi, 1989
- Andre Bettle 1974: Six Essays in Comparative Sociology, OUP, New Delhi (Relevant chapters)
- Ashish Nandy 1999: Ambiguous Journey to the City, New Delhi: "OUP
- Berch, Berberogue, Ed. 1992: Class, State and Development in India (Chapter 1, 2, 3 and 4)  
Sage
- Behera, M,C (ed), 2009: Making Gandhi relevant: rural development in the context of Globalization, commonwealth Publishers, New Delhi
- Dhanagare, D N 1988: Peasant Movements in India, OUP, New Delhi
- Mencher, J.P, 1983: Social Anthropology of Peasantry Part III, OUP, New Delhi
- Radhakrishnan, P. 1989: Peasant Struggles: Land reforms and Social Change in Malabar 1836
- Behera, M,C (ed), 2005: Globalization and Rural Development-Understanding New development paradigm, commonwealth Publishers, New Delhi.

<b>Syllabi</b>	<b>Mapping in Book</b>
<p><b>Unit I: The crisis of sociology and the Critique of Positivism</b>            Elvin Gouldner-The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology, C.W. Mill-The Sociological Imagination.</p>	<p>Unit I. The Crisis of Sociology and Critique of Positivism</p>
<p><b>Unit II: Structural-Functionalism</b>            T Parsons-System Theory, R.K. Merton-Critique and Reformation of Functional Analysis and J. Alexander-Neo-Functionalism.</p>	<p>Unit II: Structural Functionalism</p>
<p><b>Unit III: Conflict Theory</b>            Marx Critique and Dialectics of Conflict: R. Dahrendorf-Functional Analysis of Conflict: L. Coser- Conflict and Social Change: R. Collins.</p>	<p>Unit III: Conflict Theory</p>
<p><b>Unit IV: Structuralism and Post-Structuralism</b>            Human Nature and Cultural Diversity: C. Levi-Strauss-Structuralism and Post-Structuralism: Derrida, M. Foucault.</p>	<p>Unit IV: Structuralism and Post-Structuralism</p>
<p><b>Unit V: Critical theory and Neo-Marxism</b>            The Frankfurt School-Life World and System: J. Habermas-Structuralism Marxism: L. Althusser Hegemony : A. Gramsci            Recent Trend in Sociological Theorizing: Structuration: Anthony Giddens-Habitus and Field; Bourdieu- Postmodernism-Semiotics-Convergence.</p>	<p>Unit V: Critical Theory and Neo-Marxism</p>

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- Prof.TapanMohanty, Professor, Sociology of Law, Dean, Distance Education, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Prof.SoubhagyaRanjanPadhi, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, (A Central University) Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh.
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6. Mills, C. W. *The Power Elite*
7. ----- (1959). *Sociological Imagination*. New York: Oxford University Press.
8. Nord, W. R. (1992). "Alvin W. Gouldner as Intellectual Hero", *Journal of Management Inquiry* 1 (4):350-355.
9. Phillips, B. S. (1988). "Towards a Reflexive Sociology", *American Sociology* 19 (2).
10. Turner, S. P. and J. H. Turner (1990). *The Impossible Science: An Institutional Analysis of American Sociology*, Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
11. Young, T. R. (1971). "The Politics of Sociology: Gouldner, Goffman, and Garfinkel". *American Sociologist* 6 (4) 276-281.



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 SOCIOLOGY OF TRIBES IN NORTHEAST INDIA
 

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Syllabi	Mapping in Book
<b>Unit I: Northeast as a reality and construct</b> Physical and ecological settings; Historical accounts of the Societies of Northeast India, Pre-colonial, Colonial and Post-Colonial Periods; Northeast as a Concept and Perspectives; Institutional Frame-NEC and DONER	Unit I: Northeast as a reality and construct
<b>Unit II: Demographic features</b> Population Distribution of Hills and Plains- Demographic Patterns, Sex Ratio, Density of Population, Linguistic and Religious Groups, Castes-Tribes Interaction.	Unit II: Demographic Features
<b>Unit III: Traditional socio-political institution</b> Social: Kingship, Family, Marriage; Political-Traditional and Modern Institution.	Unit III: Traditional socio-political institution
<b>Unit IV: Socio-Cultural Dimensions and Economic Development</b> Agricultural Practices in Hills and Plain; Land Relation; Industries and Industrialization-Historical Background of Industrialization in Region, Types of Industry- Tea Industry, Bamboo Industry, Oil Industry and Handloom Industry, Problems and Prospects.	Unit IV: Socio-Cultural Dimensions and Economic Development
<b>Unit V: Issues and problems</b> Human Resource Development, Migration, Cross Border Infiltrations, Ethnic Identity and Inter-State Boundary Disputes, Insurgency, Look East Policy	Unit V: Issues and Problems

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**Furter Reading:**

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2. Bailey FM (1914) Explorations of the Tsangpo or Upper Brahmaputra. Geogr J 44(4):341–364
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4. Dubey, S.M. (ed.) (1978) North East India: a sociological study, New Delhi, Cosmopublications.
5. Deb, B.J. (ed.) (1995) Regional development in north east India, New Delhi, reliance publishing house.
6. Bhattacharjee, J.B. (ed.), (1989) Sequences of Development in North East India, New Delhi, Omsons publications.
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 URBAN SOCIOLOGY
 

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Syllabi	Mapping in Book
<b>Unit I: Basic concepts</b> Urban, town, city, Urban vs Rural, Urbanism, Pre-Industrial City, Post-Industrial City.	Unit I. Basic concepts
<b>Unit II: Theoretical approaches</b> Chicago School-Park, Burgess, McKenze; Rural-Urban Continuum- Robert Redfield; Marxian Approach; Post-Modernist Approach.	Unit II: Theoretical Approaches
<b>Unit III: Urbanization in India</b> Growth of cities in India-ancient, pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial; Types; Factors of urbanization.	Unit III: Urbanization in India
<b>Unit IV: Classification of Cities: Urban Social Structure</b> Population Structure in Indian Cities, Changing occupational Structure; Emergence of new classes, Changing Family Structure; Migration and Mobility.	Unit IV: Classification of Cities: urban Social structure
<b>Unit V: Urban Planning and Problem</b> Urban management in India, Urban institutions, Factors affecting Planning, Problems of housing, Slum development, Urban environmental problems, Urban poverty, Delinquency, Crime, Urban spacing-expansion of cities and consequent displacement	Unit V: Urban Planning and Problem

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**Further reading:**

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2. DAVID. A et al. 2015. *Being Urban: A Sociology of City Life, Third Edition*. Santa Barbara, California, Praeger ,An Imprint of ABC-CLIO.
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- Abrahamson, M. 1976. *Urban Sociology*. Englewood, prentice Hall.
4. Quinn, J.A. 1955. *Urban Sociology*. New Delhi, S. Chand & Co
5. Ramachandran, R. 1991. *Urbanization and Urban System in India*. Delhi,
6. OUP Ellin Nan. 1996. *Post Modern Urbanism*. UK, Oxford.

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## Sociology of Development

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### Syllabi

### Mapping in Book

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#### **Unit I: Introduction to Sociology of Development**

Meaning, Nature and Scope, Basic concept: Economic growth and development, Progress and Evolution; Human Development, Globalization and Sustainable Development.

**Unit I.** Introduction to of Sociology Development  
(Pages 2-25)

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#### **Unit II: Approaches to Study Development**

Marxist, Functional, Liberal and Ecological

**Unit II:** Approaches to Study Development  
(Pages 26-45)

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#### **Unit III: Theories of Development**

Modernization, Dependency, World System, Uneven Development

**Unit III:** Theories of Development  
(Pages 46-69)

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#### **Unit IV: Critiques of Development**

Gandhi and Schumacher

**Unit IV:** Critiques of Development  
(Pages 70-85)

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**Unit V: Development of Northeast India**

North East India Development Policies-Philosophy, Culture and Social Parameters, Establishment of Northeastern Council and, DONER, Issues of Tribal Development And Ethnic Identity, Look East Policy

**Unit V: Development of Northeast India**  
(Pages 86-122)

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2. Desai, A. R State and society in India paths of development, popular. Bombay, 1984.
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6. Frank, A.G. Latin America-Underdevelopment or revolution, Monthly Review Press 1964
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