

**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

**Suggested Reading:**

- Durkheim, E. 1964a. *Division of Labour in Society*. New York: Free Press.  
Durkheim, E. 1964b. *The Rules of Sociological Method*. New York: Free Press.  
Durkheim, E. 1966. *Suicide*. New York: Free Press.  
Marx, K. 1982. *German Ideology*. London: Lawrence and Wishart.  
Marx, K. 1867. *Capital*. Vol. 1. Harmondsworth: Penguin. (PP:1-55)  
Marx, K. 1961. *Economic and Philosophical Manuscript*. Moscow: Foreign Languages Publishing House.  
Weber, M. 1978. *Economy and Society*. Berkeley: University of California Press.  
Weber, M. 1958 *The Protestant Ethics and Spirit of Capitalism*. New York: Charles Berger, Peter L. An Invitation to Sociology,  
Haralambos, M. 1998. *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.  
Inkeles, Alex. 1987. *What is sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall.

**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

**Suggested Reading:**

- Ambedkar, B.R., 1916, Castes in India: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development, Jullundur, Patrika Publications
- 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.
- Dumont Louis, 1970-Homo Hierarchies: the Caste System & its Implication, New Delhi.
- 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.

Lannoy, Richard 1971- the Speaking Tree, A Study \_ of Indian culture & society, London, OUP.

Marriott, Mckim, 1990 -Indian Though Hindu Categories, sage, Delhi.

Oommen, T.K. and P.N. Mukherjee, (eds.), 1986- Indian Sociology: Reflection and Introspection, Popular Prakashan , Bombay.

Mukherjee. D.P. 1958, Diversities, Peoples Publishing House, Delhi.

Mukherjee, Ramkrishna, 1974, The Rise and Fall of the East India Company: A Sociological Appraisal, London, Monthly Review Press

Oommen, T.K. and P.N. Mukherjee, (eds.), 1986 -Indian sociology: Reflection and Introspection, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.

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.

Singer, Milton, 1972 - When a great tradition modernizes, Delhi, Vileas. ,

Singh, K.S. 1992 - The people of India: An Introduction Seagul Books, Calcutta.

Singh, V, 1973. Modernization of Indian tradition, Delhi, Thomson Press.

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

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

Srinivas, 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

**Suggested Readings**

- Goode, J. William and K. Hatt, Paul, 1987: Methods in Social Research, New York, McGraw-Hill Book Company.
- Hughes, John 1987: The Philosophy of Social Research, London, Longman.
- 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.

**Suggested Readings**

- Arora, RC, integrated rural development, S. Chand, New Delhi, 1986  
Behra, M C, Globalizing Rural development, Sage, New Delhi, 2006  
Desai A R, Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay, 1977  
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.

**MASOC-501**  
**MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS**

**Objectives:** Aim of this course is to familiarize students with sociological thinkers, who contributed for critical understanding of mainstream theories and gave a new dimension to look at structure - agency relationship with focus on societal crisis of contemporary world.

**Unit I The Crisis of Sociology and the Critique of Positivism**

Elwin Gouldner- The coming crisis of western sociology, C.W.Mill-The Sociological Imagination

**Unit II Structural- Functionalism**

T. Parsons -System Theory, R.K. Merton - Critique and reformulation of functional analysis and J. Alexander-Neo-functionalism

**Unit III Conflict Theory**

Marx critique and dialectics of conflict: R. Dahrendorf - Functional analysis of Conflict: L.Coser - Conflict and social change: R. Collins

**Unit IV Structuralism and Post-Structuralism**

Human nature and cultural diversity: C. Levi-Strauss - Structuralism and post-Structuralism: Derrida, M. Foucault

**Unit V Critical theory and neo-Marxism**

The Frankfurt school- Life world and system: J. Habermas-Structuralism Marxism: L. Althusser \_ Hegemony: A. Gramsci  
Recent trends in sociological theorizing: Structuration: Anthony Giddens -Habitus and field: Bourdieu - Postmodernism - Semiotics - Convergence

**Suggested Readings**

- Bourdieu, P. 1990. The Logic of Practice. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Craib, Ian. 1984. Modern social Theory: From Parsons to Habermas. New York: St. Martin's Press.
- Giddens, Anthony. 1976. New Rules of Sociological Theory. London: Hutchinson,
- Habermas, J. 1984. The Theory of Communicative Action (Vol I &II), Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Merton, R. K, 1949. Social Theory and Social Structure. New York: Free Press.
- Mills, C. Wright. 1959. Sociological Imagination. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Ritzer, George. 1992. (3rd edition). Sociological Theory, New York: Mc Graw - Hill.
- Gouldner, Alwin, 1970, The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology, Basic Books, New York
- Ritzer G. and Barry Smart (ed) Handbook of Social Theory, Sage, 2001.
- Ritzer George (edt): Encyclopedia of Social Theory, Sage,2005.
- Bryn Turner, Chris Rojek and Craig Calhoun (ed) The Sage Handbook of Sociology, Sage, 2005
- The Polity Reader in Social Theory, 1994, Polity Press.
- Adams And Sydie 0: Sociological Theory, Vistar Publication, New Delhi, 2001
- Giddens A. and Turner J.: Social Theory Today Polity Press, UK, 1987.
- Seidman Steven: Contested Knowledge- Social Theory in the Post modern Era, Blackwell Pub,1994.

Smart Barry: Michel Foucault, Routledge, London.  
Cassell Philip(edt): The Giddens Reader, Maxmillan, UK, 1987.  
Charles Lemert, Sociology After the Crisis Westview 1995  
Alan How, Critical Theory, Pal grave Macmillan 2003  
Anthony Giddens, The Constitution of Society. Outline of a Theory of Structuration, Polity  
1984  
Jurgen Habermas, The Theory of Communicative Action, Vol. 1 and 2 Cambridge: Polity  
Press, 1987.  
Luke Goode, Jurgen Habermas, Democracy and the Public Sphere, Pluto,2005  
Steven Loyal, The Sociology of Anthony Giddens, Pluto, 2003  
Bourdieu, P.: In other words - Essays Towards a Reflexive Sociology, Stanford: Stanford  
University Press, 1990  
Pierre Bourdieu, The Logic of Practice, Polity, 1990.

**MASOC-502**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF TRIBES IN NORTHEAST INDIA**

**Objectives** The Purpose of this course is to expose the students to the various issues related to Northeast region.

**Unit I Northeast as a Reality and Construct**

Physical and ecological setting; Historical account of the societies of Northeast India: Pre-colonial, Colonial and post colonial periods; Northeast as a concept and Perspective; Institutional frame -NEC and DONER

**Unit II Demographic Features**

Population distribution of hills and plains - demographic pattern, sex ratio, density of Population, linguistic and religious groups, castes - tribes interaction.

**Unit III Traditional Socio - Political institutions**

Social: Kinship, Family, Marriage; Political- Traditional and Modern Institutions.

**Unit IV Socio - Cultural Dimension and Economic Development**

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 V Issues and Problems**

Human Resource Development, Migration, Cross boarder infiltration, Ethnic identity and inter-state boundary disputes, Insurgency, Look East Policy

**Suggested Readings:**

- Alam, D. et.al (ed); 2001, Guwahati: The gate of the east, publishing concept, New Delhi.  
Bhattacharjee, J.B. (Ed): 1989, Sequences of development in north east India, Omsons publication, New Delhi.  
Bordoloi, B.N. (Ed); 1980, Constraint of tribal development in North East India  
Dutta, B.B. 1987, Land relations in North East India, people's pub. New Delhi.  
Dutta Ray, B (Ed) Population, Poverty and environment in North East India, Concept Pub. New Delhi, 2000.  
Ganguly, J.B. (Ed) 1995, Urbanization and development in north east India: trends and policy implication, Deep and pub. New Delhi  
Mukherjee, S. et. al, Demography of North East India, Omsons Pub. New Delhi  
Samatna, R.K. (Ed): 1991, Rural Development in North East India, Uppal Publishing House, New Delhi  
Singh, B.P. Problems of Change - Study of any India, New Delhi oxford  
Anderson, B 1995 (1983) Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism  
Verso. London. Interface, Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi Barua, A. K. 1991 Social Tension in Assam.  
Purbanchal. Guwahati Baruah, S. 1999 India Against Itself: Assam and the Politics of nationality. Oxford University Press. New Delhi.  
Baruah, S. 2005 Durable Disorder: Understanding the politics of Northeast India. OUP. Delhi.



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Bordoloi, B.N. et al, (ed) 1987 Tribes of Assam. Tribal Research Institute (TRI). Assam.

Chaube, S. 1999 (1973) Hill Politics in North - East India. Orient Longman. Delhi.

Deb, B J, 1995, Regional development in NE India, Reliance, New Delhi

Elwin, V. 1949 A Philosophy for NEFA. Directorate of Research, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar,

Gadgil, M and Guha, R, 1993, The fissured land, OUP, New Delhi

Gait, E.A. 1963, A History of Assam. Lawyers' Book Stall. Guwahati.

Gopalkrishnan, R, 1991, NE India, land economy and people, Vikas, New Delhi

Grierson, G. A. 1995 Languages of Northeast India: A Survey. Vols. 1& II. Gyan Publishing House.

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Misra, U. 1988 North - East India: Quest for Identity. Omsons Publications. Guwahati.

Misra, U. 2000 The Periphery Strikes Back: Challenges to the nation-States in Assam and Nagaland.

Indian Institute of Advanced Study. Shimla.

Sen, S, 1993, Religion in NE India, Uppal, New Delhi

## **MASOC-503**

### **URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

**Objectives** -The objective of this paper is to sensitise the students to understand urban dimensions of society, its social structure and social process and to appreciate and diagnose emerging urban issues in India.

#### **Unit I Basic Concepts**

Urban, Town, City, Urban vs Rural, Urbanism, pre - industrial city, post industrial city

#### **Unit II Theoretical Approaches**

Chicago School- Park, Burgess, Mckenze; Rural Urban continuum - Robert Reidfield; Marxian approach; Post Modernist approach,

#### **Unit III Urbanization in India**

Growth of cities in India - ancient, pre - colonial, colonial and post-colonial; Types; Factors of urbanization

#### **Unit IV Classification of Cities: Urban Social Structure**

Population structure in Indian cities, changing occupational structure; emergence of new classes, changing family structure; Migration and mobility

#### **Unit V Urban Planning and Problem**

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

#### **Suggested Readings:**

- Abrahamson M 1976 Urban Sociology, Englewoot, Prentice Hall.  
Bharadwaj, R.K. 1974: Urban Development in India. National Publishing House.  
Bose Ashish 1978, Studies in India Urbanisation 1901-1971, Tata Mc Graw Hill.  
Colling Worth, J b 1972. Problems of Urban Society VOL. 2, George and Unwin Ltd.  
Gold, Harry, 1982: Sociology of Urban Life. Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliff.  
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Ronnan, Paddison, 2001: Handbook of Urban Studies. Sage: India  
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Desai A Rand Pillai S D (ed.) 1970 Slums and Urbanisation, popular, Bombay.  
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Fawa F. Sylvia, 1968, New Urbanism in World Perspectives \_ a Reader, T.Y.Cowell, New York.  
Misra, R P, 1998, Urbanisation in India- Challenges and opportunities, Regency, Pub,1998  
Ramachandran R 1991 Urbanisation and Urban Systems in India, OUP, Delhi.

**MASOC 504**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT**

**Objectives:** The main objective of this paper is to make the students understand the concept of development in sociological perspective and to appreciate development as an integrated process.

**Unit I Introduction to Sociology of Development**

Meaning, Nature and Scope, Basic concepts: Economic growth and Development, Progress and Evolution; Human Development, Globalization and sustainable development

**Unit I Approaches to Study Development**

Marxist, Functional, Liberal and Ecological

**Unit III Theories of Development**

Modernisation, Dependency, World system, Uneven Development

**Unit IV Critiques of Development**

Gandhi and Schumacher

**Unit V Development and Northeast India**

North East India Development Policies-Philosophy, Culture and Social Parameters, Establishment of North Eastern Council and, DONER, Issues of tribal development and ethnic identity, Look East Policy.

**Suggested Reading:**

- Apter, David E. Re thinking development, Sage, New Delhi 1987  
Desai A R State and society in India paths of development, Popular, Bombay, 1984  
Desai A R Essay on Modernization Vol II, Thacker, Bombay 1971.  
D'souza, V. Development Planning and structural Inequalities, Sage, 1990  
Joshi, P.G Land reforms in India, Essay House, Bombay, 1975.  
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Rakhi Bhattacharjee, Development Perspective-in North East India, Foundation Publication, 2011.
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Krishna Subodh, V V Mahanti Scientific communities and brain drain: A Sociological study Gyan Pub. House in collaboration  
Mehta, S R, 1999, Dynamics of Development: A Sociological Perspective Gyan Books New Delhi.  
Tony Barnett. Tony Barnett Tony, 1988, Sociology and Development, Routledge  
Sharma, Subhash, 2006, Dialectics of Agrarian Development A Sociological Study in North India, Yash Publication  
Shweta, 2010, Sociology Environment and Economics Development, Kunal Books Publishers & Dist  
Singh, 2010, Sociology of Development, Rawat Publications, Jaipur  
Somshekar, 1(2008, Development programmes and Social change among tribes, Serial Pub, New Delhi  
Behera, M, C and Jumyir Basar (ed), 2010: Intervention and Tribal Development: Challenge before Tribes in India in the Era of globalization, New Dehli: Serials Publications.