

Core Course – 101 CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL TRADITION

Objectives

To introduce the students to the different thinkers viewed the societal changes from different perspectives. To understand the issues related to development of Sociology as a science Acquaintance with the writings of classical thinker would equip the students with theoretical insights to know, analyse and interpret the social scenario around then and would also familiarize them with the different sociological perspectives and theories.

Course Outline :

Unit - 1

Modernity of Social Theory : Social & Intellectual Forces :
Idealism vs. Empiricism : Intellectual Background in Freedom, German, British. (Biographical Accounts)

Unit - 2

Contribution of Karl Marx : Materialism & Theory of Social Change :
Theory of Capitalism: Class struggle; Theory of Surplus Value.

Unit - 3

Contributions of Emile Durkheim : Social Facts :
Division of Labour : Suicide' Elementary Forms of Religious Life.

Unit - 4

Contribution of Max Weber: Ideal types: Social Action; Theory of Authority; Bureaucracy

Unit - 5

Vilfredo Pareto

classification of logical and non logical actions.

Classification of residues and derivatives. Theory of Social change - Elites and masses, Types of elites and their circulation.

Recommended Books :

1. Wilhelm, Outhwaite and Mulkey M. : Social Theory & Social Criticism, Blackwell, New York, 1987.
2. Bottomore, Tom (ed.) Karl Marx : Selected Writign in Sociology & Social Philosophy, New York, 1956.
3. Stammer, Otto (ed.) Max Weber & Sociology Today, Oxford 1971.
4. Mevack, George : The Origins of Materialism, New York ,1971.
5. Rhoads, John, K. Critical Issues in Social Theory, Pennsylvania, 1991.
6. Hook, Sydney : From Hengel to Marx (Studies in the Int ellectual Development of K. Marx), New York, 1956.