

MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Course Code: SOC–505

Type: Core Course

Semester: Spring

L-T-P-C (3-1-0-4)

Objectives of the Course:

The course makes an endeavor to comprehend the extension of the ideas of the founding fathers in both functional, conflict and interactionist and constructionist traditions of sociology. It provides a better way of comprehending the social reality as interaction between the structure and individual as both have their role in changing the society.

UNIT- I **Functionalist Perspectives**

Macro-Micro Integration

Talcott Parsons- Voluntaristic theory of social action, Pattern variables, Functional Prerequisites of social system

Robert K. Merton- paradigm of functional analysis, reference group, middle range theories

Jeffrey Alexander- Neo-functionalism

UNIT II **Structuralist and Conflict Perspectives**

Claude Levi-Strauss- Structuralism

L. Althusser – structural Marxism; Ideological state apparatus

Antonio Gramsci- Hegemony

Dahrendorf- The class and class conflict in industrial societies

Lewis Coser- Functions of Conflict

UNIT III **Interactionist Perspectives - I**

G.H. Mead- Mind, Self and Society

Herbert Blumer- Symbolic interactionism

Erving Goffman- Presentation of self in everyday life

UNIT IV **Interactionist Perspectives - II**

A. Schultz- The phenomenology of social world

Garfinkel – Ethno-methodology

P. Berger and Luckmann- The social construction of reality.

Essential Readings:

- Alexander, Jeffrey C. 1987. *Twenty Lectures: Sociological Theory Since World War II*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Althusser, L. 2006. *For Marx*, London: Verso
- Berger, P. and T. Luckmann, 1967. *The Social Construction of Reality*, New York: Anchor.
- Blumer, H. 1969. *Symbolic Interactionism*, N.J.: Prentice Hall.
- Britten Arthur 1973 *Meanings and Situations* London: Routledge and Kegan Paul
- Collins, R. 1997. *Sociological Theory*. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.
- Craib, Ian. 1992. *Modern Social Theory: From Parsons to Habermas* (2nd edition). London: Harvester Press
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- Suttles G. 1972 *The Social Construction of Communities* University of Chicago Press
- Garfinkel, Harold. 1984. *Studies in Ethno-methodology* Oxford, Blackwell
- Gramsci, Antonio 1971. *Selections from the Prison Notebooks* International Publishers CO.
- Merton, R.K. 1968. *Social Theory and Social Structure*. New York: Free Press
- Mead, G.H. 1962. *Mind, Self and Society*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
- Parsons, T. 1951. *The Social System*. New York: Free Press.
- Schutz, A. 1967. *The Phenomenology of the Social World*, Evanston: Northwestern University Press.
- Sturrock, John ed. 1979. *Structuralism: From Levi Strauss to Derrida*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Waters Malcolm 2000. *Modern Sociological Theories* London: Sage Publications
- Zeitlin, I. M. 1998. *Rethinking Sociology: A Critique of Contemporary Theory*. Jaipur: Rawat.

Further Readings:

- Althusser, L. 2009. *Reading Capital*, London: Verso
- Bottomore, Tom. 1984. *The Frankfurt School*. Chester, Sussex: Ellis Horwood and London: Tavistock Publications.
- Collins, R. 1994. *Four Sociological Traditions*, New York, Oxford University Press
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