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Course Outcomes MPhil (Sociology)

1.1 REFLECTIONS ON ETHNOGRAPHY

- CO1. History, Space and Subjectivity
- CO2. The Constitution of the Site: Ethnographic Authority and the Crisis of Postmodernity
- CO3. The Ethnographic Present, Modality and the Politics of Representation
- CO4. Ethnographic Texts: Orality, Writing and the Visual

1.2 CONTEMPORARY CLASS ANALYSIS

- CO1. Class as a social science concept
- CO2. Problems and constraints
- CO3. Class in interaction
- CO4. The future of class analysis

1.3 PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

- CO1. The Plurality of Cultures: Western Ethnocentrism & Universality.
- CO2. The Plurality of Cultures: Rationalism, Romanticism, Nihilism and the Europeanization of the globe.
- CO3. The Plurality of Cultures: Mathesis Universalis & culture -specific cognitive systems.
- CO4. The Plurality of Cultures: Self, Society, Culture in the Indic, European and Semitic traditions.
- CO5. Strategies of Universalization: The Project of a Philosophical Anthropology in the West.
- CO6. Strategies of Universalization: Indic & Indian Standpoints
- CO7. Strategies of Universalization: Reflexivity & Translation.

1.4 STRUCTURALISM AND POST-STRUCTURALISM

- CO1. Symbolic Order of the Social: History, Language, Event
- CO2. Power, Biopolitics and Institutional Practice: Violence, Archive, Testimony
- CO3. The Problem of Desire: Agency, Time and the Subject

1.5 THEORISING DEMOCRACY, EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

- CO1. Social Exclusion: Contexts, forms and practices
- CO2. Freedom and Democracy: Formal and substantive
- CO3. Equality and Justice: Formal and substantive
- CO4. Capabilities and Entitlements
- CO5. Inclusive Policies and Practices

1.6 ARCHAEOLOGY OF CASTE

- CO1. Genealogies
- CO2. Discourses
- CO3. Epistemes
- CO4. Fields

1.7 CRISIS - EVENT

- CO1. Theoretical Parameters : Event, Crisis, Disaster, Catastrophe.
- CO2. Method and Epistemology: Temporalities, Spatialities
- CO3. Method and Epistemology: Perspectives: Legal, Cultural, Literary, Visual, Material, Disciplinary
- CO4. Themes (number and emphasis to be decided in class): Governmentalities and World Orders
- CO5. Themes (number and emphasis to be decided in class): Wars and Violence
- CO6. Themes (number and emphasis to be decided in class): Ecology and Environment
- CO7. Themes (number and emphasis to be decided in class): Social Affect
- CO8. Themes (number and emphasis to be decided in class): Development and Relief
- CO9. Themes (number and emphasis to be decided in class): Humanitarianisms
- CO10. Events: Specific Events will be chosen each year, depending on class interests.

1.8 EVERYDAY LIFE AND ITS HORIZONS

- CO1. Intellectual Genealogies: Social Practices vis-à-vis Structures/ Systems
- CO2. Intellectual Genealogies: Speech and Language
- CO3. Intellectual Genealogies: Gender and Lived Experience
- CO4. Intellectual Genealogies: Critical Reflection and Transformation
- CO5. Accessing the Everyday: Everyday Objects
- CO6. Accessing the Everyday: Everyday Religiosities and Signs/ Symbols
- CO7. Accessing the Everyday: Everyday Heteronormativities
- CO8. Accessing the Everyday: Urban Margins – Streets, Sidewalks, Shop-Signs
- CO9. The Horizons of Life: Ordinary in relation to Extraordinary/ Spectacular Life
- CO10. The Horizons of Life: Non-Life and Absence
- CO11. The Horizons of Life: Everyday Life and Utopia

STREAM II: SPECIALIZATIONS

2.1 SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

- CO1. Body, Health and Illness: Theoretical Perspectives
- CO2. Illness Narratives and Limits of Representation
- CO3. Medical Pluralism and Healing: Issues, Trends and Practices
- CO4. Sociology, Public Health and Medicine

2.2 THEORISING MASCULINITIES

- CO1. Formations of Masculinity: ritual, socialization and body regimes
- CO2. Formations of Masculinity: performance, image, representation
- CO3. The production and reproduction of masculinities: production of gendered spheres
- CO4. The production and reproduction of masculinities: work, labour, employment

- CO5. Hegemonic and subaltern formations: gender, race and sexuality
- CO6. Hegemonic and subaltern formations: discourses of androgyny, effeminacy and homosexuality
- CO7. Embodiments of masculinity: bodies and identities
- CO8. Embodiments of masculinity: health, well-being and disability.

2.3 RETHINKING THE FAMILY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

- CO1. Relevance of a sociology of family in contemporary society: Classical theories and contemporary concerns
- CO2. Shifting patterns of marriage, non-marriage and family
- CO3. Genetic science, new reproductive technologies and the contemporary family
- CO4. Family in transnational contexts
- CO5. Representations of family
- CO6. Issues of method

2.4 NATURE, SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENT

- CO1. Social constructions of nature
- CO2. Human, cultural and political ecology
- CO3. Environmental knowledges and modalities of power
- CO4. Natural resource management institutions
- CO5. Development paradigms and the environment
- CO6. Livelihoods, environmentalisms and social movements

2.5 SOCIOLOGY OF CIVIL WAR

- CO1. Defining civil war: Historical and contemporary perspectives
- CO2. The logic of violence in civil war
- CO3. The culture of civil war: A repertory of practices
- CO4. Political economy of war
- CO5. Democracy, sovereignty, and citizenship
- CO6. Reparations, truth and reconciliation

2.6 STUDYING THE STATE

- CO1. Classical themes
- CO2. Institutions, practices, processes
- CO3. Hegemonies, consensus, boundaries
- CO4. Power, resistance, revolution

2.7 AGRARIAN STRUCTURE

- CO1. Agrarian Structure and the Political Order: Feudalism
- CO2. Agrarian Structure and the Political Order: Colonialism
- CO3. Agrarian Structure and the Political Order: Capitalism
- CO4. Commercialization of Agriculture: Social Aspects
- CO5. Agrarian Unrest

2.8 TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION, GENDER AND IDENTITIES

- CO1. Crossing Borders: Belonging, Home, Exile, Exclusion
- CO2. Gender and the Politics of Identity
- CO3. States, Citizenship, Control and Flexibility
- CO4. Cultural Flows and Identities.

2.9 SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SUBALTERNEITY: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

- CO1. Conceptualising Discrimination: Dimensions
- CO2. Conceptualising Discrimination: Categories and contrasts
- CO3. Constructions of hierarchies: Colonial lineages
- CO4. Constructions of hierarchies: Anthropology and ethnography
- CO5. Constructions of hierarchies: Popular representations
- CO6. Debating genres of marginality and identity: Caste and Race
- CO7. Debating genres of marginality and identity: Nomads and Gypsies
- CO8. Debating genres of marginality and identity: Tribes, indigenous people and aborigines
- CO9. Redressals, rebellions and negotiations: Affirmative Action policies in different social contexts
- CO10. Redressals, rebellions and negotiations: Social and political movements

2.10 GENDER AND POPULATION: PERSPECTIVES ON REPRODUCTION, SEXUALITY, AND POWER

- CO1. Population and society
- CO2. Sexuality and the cultural politics of reproduction
- CO3. Birth control: policy, power and rights

2.11 WOMEN IN INDIAN SOCIETY

- CO1. The significance of women's studies
- CO2. Women and social structure
- CO3. Cultural perceptions of women
- CO4. Movements and organization

2.12 ART, MODERNISM, AND THE PUBLIC

- CO1. Art and its Publics: Refinement and the question of taste.
- CO2. Art and its Publics: Art and philosophy in European culture
- CO3. Art and its Publics: Art worlds and the Culture Industry
- CO4. Aesthetic Experience and the Power of the Negative: The decadence debate
- CO4. Aesthetic Experience and the Power of the Negative: The re-definition of beauty
- CO5. Primitivism and Post-modernism
- CO6. Modernism and Indian Art

2.13 ETHNOGRAPHERS OF VIOLENCE: PERSPECTIVES FROM EUROPE AND ASIA

- CO1. The Case for a Sociology of Violence
- CO2. Borders and Boundaries
- CO3. Narratives and Memory
- CO4. Gender and Subjectivity
- CO5. Forms of Life, Forms of Death

2.14 GENDER IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

- CO1. Tracing the category 'Gender'
- CO2. The production of gendered bodies: Science and the gendering of bodies
- CO3. The production of gendered bodies: Power and the disciplining of bodies
- CO4. The production of gendered bodies: Multiple sexualities
- CO5. The production of gendered bodies: Temporarily-able and differently-able bodies
- CO6. Marriage, family and the intimate: Romance, conjugality and choice marriages
- CO7. Marriage, family and the intimate: Gender, social reform, and colonial law
- CO8. Marriage, family and the intimate: Religion and personal laws
- CO9. Marriage, family and the intimate: Violence in the family
- CO10. Gendering class, caste and work: Gender, households, labour and resources
- CO11. Gendering class, caste and work: Gender, globalisation and work
- CO12. Gendering class, caste and work: Caste and gender
- CO13. Gender, politics and movements: Gender and political power
- CO14. Gender, politics and movements: Gender and social/religious movements
- CO15. Gender, politics and movements: Women's movements

2.15 SOCIOLOGY OF PUNJAB

- CO1. Mapping Punjab: East, West, Transnational
- CO2. Defining histories, contemporary politics: Partitions
- CO3. Defining histories, contemporary politics: Language and territoriality
- CO4. Defining histories, contemporary politics: Radical politics
- CO5. Agrarian Punjab: Transformations
- CO6. Agrarian Punjab: Cultures of agriculture
- CO7. Agrarian Punjab: Migrations and agrarian social formations

- CO8. Producing Punjabiyat: Cinematic representations
- CO9. Producing Punjabiyat: Body styles and symbols
- CO10. Producing Punjabiyat: Cities and urbanities
- CO11. Producing Punjabiyat: The vulgar realm

2.16 SOCIOLOGY OF SCHOOLING: PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICE

- CO1. The School as an Entity: Defining schools
- CO2. The School as an Entity: Locating schools
- CO3. The School: Practice and Process: Schooling and childhood
- CO4. The School: Practice and Process: Cultivating virtue
- CO5. The School: Practice and Process: Embodying power
- CO6. The School: Practice and Process: Socio-cultural life
- CO7. Pedagogy and Transmission: What is pedagogy?
- CO8. Pedagogy and Transmission: The culture of the text-book
- CO9. Pedagogy and Transmission: The politics of transmission
- CO10. Schooling alternatives: Deschooling society

- CO11. Schooling alternatives: Critical pedagogy
- CO12. Schooling alternatives: Rural Initiatives

2.17 CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOCIETY

Syllabus to be announced.

2.18 CULTURE, REPRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

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2.19 SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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2.20 TEXTS OF OUR TIMES

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