

## Generic Elective 02

### Family and Intimacy

#### **Course Objective:**

Family is one of the vital institutions of human society. It is experienced intimately and debated keenly. This course attempts to introduce students to a range of contemporary concerns pertaining to this institution from a sociological perspective and with an interdisciplinary orientation.

#### **Course Outline:**

- 1. What is Family? Definition, Meaning, Characteristics , Types and Functions (4 Weeks)**
- 2. Family and Intimacy: Themes and Accounts- Types of Marriage and Kinship (6 Weeks)**
- 3. Family and Intimacy: Critiques and Transformations- Emerging trends of Intimacy as-**
  - 3.1 Political belonging ( Membership, inclusion/ exclusion criteria)**
  - 3.2 Economic belonging( Work and Organizational life)**
  - 3.3 Cultural belonging ( Diverse cultural symbol)**
  - 3.4 Personal belonging ( kinship bondage) (4 Weeks)**

### Course Contents and Itinerary

#### **1. What is Family? (4 Weeks)**

Mitterauer, Michael, and Reinhard Sieder. *The European Family*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982. Chapter 1. Family as an Historical Social Form. Pp. 1-21

Worsley, Peter. *Introducing Sociology*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1984. Chapter 4. The Family. Pp. 165-209

Levi-Strauss, Claude. 'The Family' in Harry L Shapiro (ed.) *Man, Culture and Society*. New York: Oxford University Press, Pp. 261 - 285

Okin, Susan Moller. *Justice, Gender, and the Family*. New York: Basic Books, 1989. Chapter 2. The Family: Beyond Justice? Pp. 25 – 40.

Weston, Kath. *Families We Choose*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1991. Chapter 2. Exiles from Kinship. Pp. 21 – 42.

#### **2. Family and Intimacy: Themes and Accounts (6 Weeks)**

Lannoy, Richard. *The Speaking Tree*. London: Oxford University Press, 1974. Part Two, Chapters. 1, 2 & 4 The Child, Family Relationships & Change in the Family System. Pp. 83 – 112 & 124 - 131

Madan, T. N. *Family and Kinship: A study of the Pandits of Rural Kashmir*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1989. Chapters, 5 & 6. Pp. 64 – 108

Fruzzetti, Lina M. *The Gift of a Virgin: Women, Marriage, and Ritual in a Bengali Society*. Delhi: OUP. 1993. Introduction and Chapter 1. Sampradan: The Gift of Women and Status of Men. Pp. 1 – 28

Trawick, Margaret. *Notes on Love in a Tamil Family*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996. Chapters. 3 & 5 The Ideology of Love & Siblings and Spouses. Pp. 89– 116 & 187 – 204.

Raheja, Gloria Goodwin, and Ann Grodzins Gold. *Listen To The Heron's Words: Reimagining Gender and Kinship in North India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996. Chapter 2. Sexuality, Fertility, and Erotic Imagination in Rajasthani Women's Songs. Pp. 30 – 72

### **3. Family and Intimacy: Critiques Transformations (4 Weeks)**

3.1 Arrett, Michelle, and Arly C. Ntosh. *The Anti-Social Family*. London: Verso, 1991. Chapter 2. The Anti-Social Family. Pp. 43 – 80

Cartledge, Sue, and Joanna Ryan. *Sex & Love: New Thoughts on Old Contradictions*. London: Women's Press, 1983. Chapter 7 'Is a Feminist Heterosexuality Possible?' Pp. 105 – 123

Coontz, Stephanie. *Marriage, A History*. New York: Viking, 2005. Pp. 15 – 49

3.4 Therborn, Hans. *Between Sex and Power: Family in the World, 1900- 2000*.

London: Routledge, 2004. Introduction, Chapter 2 and Conclusion. Pp. 1- 12, 73 – 106 & 295 – 315