

Core Course 08

ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY

Course Objective:

The course provides an understanding of the social and cultural bases of economic activity. It highlights the significance of sociological analysis for the study of economic processes in local and global contexts.

Outline: 1. Perspectives in Economic Sociology

Formalism and Substantivism

New Economic Sociology

2. Forms of Exchange

Reciprocity and Gift

Exchange and Money

3. Systems of Production, Circulation and Consumption

Hunting and Gathering

Domestic Mode of Production

Peasant

Capitalism

Socialism

4. Some Contemporary Issues in Economic Sociology

Development

Globalisation

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Perspectives in Economic Sociology (Weeks 1-4)

1.1 Formalism and Substantivism

Hann, Chris. and Keith Hart. *Economic Anthropology*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2011. . Chapter 5. —After the Formalist-Substantivist Debate, pp. 72 – 99; Chapter 2. Economy from the Ancient World to the Age of Internet. Pp. 18 – 36.

Karl, Polanyi. *The Livelihood of Man*. New York: Academic Press, 1977. Chapters 1 & 2, —The Economistic Fallacy & Two meanings of Economic, Pp. 5-34

Wilk, Richard R. *Economies and Cultures*. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 1996. Ch. 1, Economic Anthropology: An Undisciplined Discipline, pp. 1-18.

1.2. New Economic Sociology (Weeks 3-6)

Granovetter, M., —Economic Action and Social Structure: The Problem of Embeddedness, *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol.91, No.3 (Nov), 1985, pp. 481 - 507.

Swedberg, R., —Major Traditions of Economic Sociology, in *Annual Sociological Review*, Vol.17, 1991, pp 251-276.

2. Forms of Exchange (Weeks 5-7)

2.1. Reciprocity and Gift

2.1.1. Mauss, M., *The Gift: Forms and Functions of Exchange in Archaic Societies*, London: Cohen and West, 1924, Introduction, Chapters.1 & 2, The Exchange of Gifts and the Obligation to Reciprocate (Polynesia) & The Extension of this System: Liberality, Honour, Money. Pp. 1 - 46.

2.1.2. Carrier, James G. *Gifts and Commodities*, London, Routledge, 1995. Ch. 1. Gifts and Commodities, People and Things. Pp. 19-39.

2.2. Exchange and Money

2.2.1. Bohannan, P. and G. Dalton (eds.). 1962. *Markets in Africa*. Evanston, Illinois, North western University. pp. 1-26.

2.2.2 Zelizer, Viviana A. 1989. —The Social Meaning of Money: ‘Special Monies’ —in *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol.95. (Sept.) pp. 342-377.

3. Systems of Production, Circulation and Consumption (Weeks 8-11)

3.1. Hunting and Gathering

3.1.1 Sahlins, M. *Stone Age Economics*. London, Tavistock, 1974. Ch. 1.

3.2 Domestic Mode of Production

3.2.1 Sahlins, M. *Stone Age Economics*. London, Tavistock, 1974. Ch. 2, 3.

3.3 Peasant

3.3.1 Wolf, Eric R. *Peasants*. New Jersey, Prentice Hall. 1966 Ch. 1.

3.4 Capitalism

3.4.1 Wallerstein, Immanuel Maurice. *Historical Capitalism*. London: Verso, 1983. 1. Commodification of Everything: Production of Capital. Pp. 13 – 43.

3.5 Socialism

3.5.1 Verdery, Katherine. *What Was Socialism, And What Comes Next?* Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1996. Chapter 1. pp. 19 – 38.

4. Some Contemporary Issues in Economic Sociology (Weeks 12-14)

4.1 Development

4.1.1 Hann, Chris. and Keith Hart. *Economic Anthropology*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2011. Pp. 100-119

4.2 Globalisation

Tonkiss, Fran. *Contemporary Economic Sociology*. London: Routledge, 2006. Chapter 1, Capitalism and Globalization. Pp. 3-28.

Howes , D. (ed) , *Cross-Cultural Consumption: Global Markets and Local Realities*, Routledge, London, 1996, pp. 1-16.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Smelser, Neil. J. and Richard Swedberg. 1994. —The Sociological Perspective on the Economy|| in N.J. Smelser and Richard Swedberg (eds).1994.*The Handbook of Economic Sociology*

Velthuis, Olav. _The Changing Relationship between Economic Sociology and Institutional Economics: From Parsons to Mark Granovetter‘ 1999. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 58, No.4. pp. 629-649

Zelizer, Viviana A. _Human Values and the Market: The Case of Life Insurance and Death in 19th Century America‘.1978. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.84, No.3. pp. 591-610

Zelizer, Viviana A. _Payments and Social Ties‘.1996. *Sociological Forum*, Vol.11, No. 3. Special Issue: Lumping and Splitting. pp. 481-495.

Sahlins, M. 1974. *Stone Age Economics*. London, Tavistock. Ch. 4. pp 149-183

Hilton, Rodney.1973. *Bond Men Made Free*. London. Methern. Ch.1. pp. 25-40

Appadurai, A. 1986.*The Social Life of Things: Commodities in Cultural Perspective*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. pp. 3-63

Nancy,A. _Bodies, Borders,and Sex Tourism in a Globalized World: A Tale of Two Cities—Amsterdam and Havana.‘ 2001. *Social Problems*, Vol. 48. No. 4. pp. 545-571

Sassen, Saskia . 2007. *A Sociology of Globalization*. W.W. Norton & Co. NY. London

Hirst, Paul & G Thompson 1999. *Globalization in Question*. 2nd Edition. Polity Press. Cambridge, Oxford.

Core Course 09

SOCIOLOGY OF KINSHIP

Course Objective:

This course aims to introduce general principles of kinship and marriage by reference to key terms and theoretical statements substantiated by ethnographies. The course looks at the trajectories and new directions in kinship studies.

Outline: 1.Introduction:

1.1 *Key Terms*: Descent, Consanguinity, Filiation, Incest Taboo, Affinity, Family, Residence

1.2 *Approaches*:

1.2.1 Descent

1.2.2. Alliance

1.2.3. Cultural

2. **Family, Household and Marriage**

2.1. Types of Family and changes

2.2. Difference Between family and Household

2.3. Types of marriage

3. **Re-casting Kinship**

3.1. Relatedness- Concept and Type

3.2. Kinship and Gender

3.3. Re-imagining Families

3.4. New Reproductive Technologies

3.4.1. Types of New Reproductive techniques

3.4.2. Social implications of New Reproductive Techniques on the family system

Representations of Kinship and Marriage in Biographies, Popular Culture and Films would be examined by students through weekly presentations and term papers.

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Key terms and approaches (Weeks 1-5)

- 1.1 Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. and D. Forde (eds.), 1950, *African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*, London: Oxford University Press, Introduction, Pp.1-39
- 1.2 Evans-Pritchard, E.E., 2004 (1940), 'The Nuer of Southern Sudan', in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.), *Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader*, U.S.A.: Blackwell, Pp. 64-78
- 1.3 Fortes, M., 1970, *Time and Social Structure and Other Essays*, University of London: The Athlone Press, Chapter 3, Pp. 67-95
- 1.4 Leach, Edmund, 1962, 'On Certain Unconsidered Aspects of Double Descent Systems', *Man*, Vol. 62, Pp. 130-134
- 1.5 Lévi-Strauss, Claude, 1969, *The Elementary Structures of Kinship*, London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, Chapters 1 & 2, Pp. 3-25
- 1.6 Dumont, L., 1968, 'Marriage Alliance', in D. Shills (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, U.S.A.: Macmillan and Free Press, Pp. 19-23
- 1.7 Schneider, D., 2004, 'What is Kinship All About?', in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.) *Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader*, U.S.A.: Blackwell, Pp. 257-274
- 1.8 Das, V., 1994, 'Masks and Faces: An Essay on Punjabi Kinship', in Patricia Uberoi (ed.), *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp.198-222
- 1.9 *Shah, A.M., 1998, 'Changes in the Indian Family: An Examination of Some Assumptions', in *The Family in India: Critical Essays*, New Delhi: Orient Longman, Pp.52-63
- 1.10 *Freeman, J. D., 1958, 'The Family Systems of the Iban of Borneo', in J. Goody (ed.), *The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Pp. 15-52

[Readings marked * are repeated in Section 2]

2. Family, Household and Marriage (Weeks 6-10)

- 2.1 Shah, A.M., 1998, 'Changes in the Indian Family: An Examination of Some Assumptions', in *The Family in India: Critical Essays*, New Delhi: Orient Longman, Pp.52-63
- 2.2 Freeman, J. D., 1958, 'The Family Systems of the Iban of Borneo', in J. Goody (ed.), *The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Pp. 15-52
- 2.3 Leach, E.R., 1961, 'Polyandry, Inheritance and the Definition of Marriage with Particular Reference to Sinhalese Customary Law', in E. R. Leach (ed.),

Rethinking Anthropology, London: The Athlone Press, Pp. 105-113

2.4 Gough, Kathleen E., 1959, 'The Nayars and the Definition of Marriage', in *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*, 89: 23-34

2.5 Uberoi, Patricia, 1995, 'When is a Marriage not a Marriage? Sex, Sacrament and Contract in Hindu Marriage', *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, n.s. 29, 1&2: 319-45

3. Re-casting Kinship (Weeks 11-14)

3.1 Relatedness

3.1.1 Carsten, Janet, 1995, 'The Substance of Kinship and the Heat of the Hearth: Feeding, Personhood, and Relatedness among Malays in Pulau Langkawi'

American Ethnologist, 22 (2): 223-24.1

3.2 Kinship and Gender

3.2.1 Gold, Ann Grodzins, 1994, 'Sexuality, Fertility, and Erotic Imagination in Rajasthani Women's Songs', in *Listen to the Heron's Words: Re-imagining Gender and Kinship in North India* by Gloria Goodwin Raheja and Ann Grodzins Gold, Delhi: OUP, Pp 30-72

3.3 Re-imagining Families

3.3.1 Weston, Kath, 1991, *Families We Choose: Lesbians, Gays, Kinship*, New York: Columbia University Press, Pp. 103-136

3.4 New Reproductive Technologies

3.4.1 Kahn, Susan Martha, 2004, 'Eggs and Wombs: The Origins of Jewishness', in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.), *Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader*, U.S.A.: Blackwell, Pp. 362-77

Suggested Readings:

1. Revathi, A.; V. Geetha. 2010. *The Truth About Me: A Hijra Life Story*. Bangalore. Penguin Global.
2. Agnes, Flavia. 1990. *My Story.... Our Story of Rebuilding broken lives*. Mumbai. Majlis

Core Course 10

Social Stratification

Course Objective:

This course introduces students to Sociological Study of Social Inequalities. It acquaints students with principal theoretical perspectives on and diverse forms of Social inequality in articulation with each other.

Outline:

1. Introducing Stratification (2 weeks)

- 1.1. Definition of Social stratification
- 1.2. Idea of Inequality, Equality, Difference and hierarchy
- 1.3. Patterns of Social Stratification- Closed and Open

2. Theories of Stratification (5 Weeks)

- 2.1. Marx, Weber and Class
- 2.1. Functionalism

3. Identities and Inequalities(5 Weeks)

- 3.1. Caste, Race and Ethnicity
- 3.2. Feminism and Gendered Stratification

4. Mobility and Reproduction (2 Weeks)

- 4.1. Definition and types of social mobility
- 4.2. Concept of Social reproduction
- 4.3. Social Reproduction of- class and occupational categories

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Introducing Stratification (2 weeks)

1.1 Worsley, Peter. *Introducing Sociology*. 2nd ed. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1970. Chapter 8, Social Stratification: Class, Status and Power, pp. 395 – 408

1.2 Beteille Andre *Inequality among Men*. London: Blackwell, 1977. Chapter 1. The Two Sources of Inequality. Pp. 1-22

1.3 Tawney, R. H. *Equality*. London: Unwin Books, 1964. Chapter 1. The Religion of Inequality, Pp. 33-56

2. Theories of Stratification (5 Weeks)

2.1 Marx, Weber and Class

2.1.1 McLellan, David. *The Thought of Karl Marx*. London: Papermac, 1995. Part 2. Chapter 6. Class, pp. 182-194

2.1.2 Weber, Max, Hans Heinrich Gerth, and C. Wright Mills. *From Max Weber*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1946. Chapter VII, Class, Status, Party. Pp. 180– 195

2.1.3 Bendix Reinhard 'Inequality and Social Structure: Comparison of Marx and Weber' *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (Apr., 1974), pp. 149-161

2.1.3 Bottomore, T. B. *Classes in Modern Society*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1966. Chapters. 2 & 3 The Nature of Social Class & Classes in Industrial Societies. 9-75

2.2 Functionalism

2.2.1 Davis, Kingsley, and Wilbert E. Moore. 'Some Principles of Stratification'. *American Sociological Review* 10.2 (1945): pp. 242-249

2.2.2 Tumin, Melvin M. 'Some Principles of Stratification: A Critical Analysis'. *American Sociological Review* 18.4 (1953): 387-394

2.2.3 Davis Kingsley and Wilbert E Moore 'Some Principles of Stratification : Critical Analysis: Reply'. *American Sociological Review* Vol. 18, No. 4 (Aug., 1953), pp. 394-397

2.2.4 Wrong Den nis H 'The Functional Theory of Stratification: Some Neglected Consideratio s' *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 24, No. 6 (Dec., 1959), pp. 772-782

2.2.5 Sti nchcombe Arthur L 'Some Empirical Consequences of the Davis-Moore Theory of Stratification'. *American Sociological Review* 28.5 (1963), pp. 805-808

3. Identities and Inequalities (5 Weeks)

3.1 Caste, Race and Ethnicity

3.1.1 BaiLey F G 'Closed Socia Stratification in In dia', *European Journal of Sociology* Vol. 4, No. 1 (1963) pp. 107-124

3.1.2 Jain, Ravindra K. 'Hierarchy, Hegemony and Dominance: Politics of Ethnicity in Uttar Pradesh, 1995' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 31, No. 4 (Jan. 27, 1996), pp. 215-223

3.1.3 Omi, Michael, and Howard Winant. *Racial Formation in the United States*. New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1986. Chapters 1 & 4 , pp. 14-24 and 57-69

3.1.4 Pitt-Rivers Julia 'Race Color and Class in Central America and the des' *Daedalus*, Vol. 96, No. 2, Color and Race (Spring, 1967), pp. 542-559

3.2. Feminism and Gendered Stratification (2 Weeks)

3.2.1 Mitchell, Juliet. *Woman's Estate*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1971. Chapter 5, Position of Women 1. Pp. 99-122

3.2.2 Acker, Joan. 'Women and Social Stratification: A Case of Intellectual Sexism'. *American Journal of Sociology* 78.4, 1973. Pp. 936-944

3.2.3 Collin Patricia Hill. 'Towards a New Vision : Race, Claa and Gender as Categories of Analysis and Connection' *Race, Sex and Class*, Vol.1,No.1 (Fall 1993),Pp.25-45.

4. Mobility and Reproduction (2 Weeks)

4.1 Bottero, Wendy. *Stratification*. London: Routledge, 2005. Chapters 12 & 14 pp. 205-223 & 246-258

4.2 Bourdieu Pierre 'Cu tura Reproductio a d Socia Reproductio ' *In The Structure of Schooling: Readings in the Sociology of Education*. Richard Arum and Irene Beattie, Editors. NY: McGraw Hill. 1973: 56-68.

Suggested Readings:

1. Gupta, Dipankar. 1991. *Social Stratification*. New Delhi. Oxford University Press.
2. Pakem, B. 1990. *Nationality, ethnicity and Cultural Identity*. New Delhi. Omsons Publications . pp. 1-21
3. Ghurye, G.S. 1932. *Caste and Race in India*. London. Kegan Paul.
4. Dumont, Louis . 1972. *Homo Hierarchicus: An Essay on the Caste System*. Chicago. University of Chicago Press.
5. Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. 2003. "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial discourses" in *Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity*" by Chandra Talpade Mohanty. 2003. Durham. Duke University Press.
6. Sorokin, Pitrim. 1927. *Social Mobility*. New York. Harper and Brothers.