

**West Bengal State University**

**Department of Sociology**

**B.A. (Honours)**

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Core Courses (14 Courses)</b>	<b>Ability Enhancement Courses (AECC) (2 Courses)</b>	<b>Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (2 Courses)</b>	<b>Elective: Discipline Specific (DSE) (4 Courses)</b>	<b>Elective: Generic Elective (GE) (4 Courses)</b>
I	Introduction to Sociology I (SOCACOR01T) Sociology of India I (SOCACOR02T)	Environmental Science			Introduction to Sociology (SOCHGEC01T)
II	Introduction to Sociology II (SOCACOR03T) Sociology of India II (SOCACOR04T)	English/MIL Communication			Sociology of India (SOCHGEC02T)
III	Political Sociology (SOCACOR05T) Sociology of Religion (SOCACOR06T) Sociology of Gender (SOCACOR07T)		Theory and Practice of Development (SOCSSSEC01M)		Sociological Theories (SOCHGEC03T)
IV	Economic Sociology (SOCACOR08T) Sociology of Kinship (SOCACOR09T) Social Stratification (SOCACOR10T)		Gender Sensitization (SOCSSSEC02M)		Methods of Sociological Inquiry (SOCHGEC04T)
V	Sociological Thinkers I (SOCACOR11T) Sociological Research Methods I (SOCACOR12T)			(Any two courses from the 3 courses given below) Urban Sociology (SOCADSE01T) Agrarian Sociology (SOCADSE02T) Environmental Sociology (SOCADSE03T)	
VI	Sociological Thinkers II (SOCACOR13T) Sociological Research Methods II (SOCACOR14T)			(Any two courses from the 3 courses given below) Sociology of Work (SOCADSE04T) Sociology of Health and Medicine (SOCADSE05T) Indian Sociological Traditions (SOCADSE06T)	

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**Syllabus**

**Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**

**West Bengal State University**  
**June 2018**

**Semester III**  
**Core Course 06**  
**(SOCACOR06T)**  
**Sociology of Religion**

**Outline:**

- 1. Approaches to the Study of Religion (30 hrs.)**
- 1.1 Formulating Religion
- 1.2 Emile Durkheim: Society as Sacred
- 1.3 Karl Marx: Religion as Alienation
- 1.4 Max Weber: Religion as 'Social Action'
- 2. Elements of Religiosity (20 hrs.)**
- 2.1 Sacred, Myth, Ritual and Prayer
- 2.2 Time Space
- 2.3 Rationality
- 3. Contemporary Directions in the Sociology of Religion (25 hrs.)**
- 3.1 Religious Fundamentalism
- 3.2 The Secularization Debate
- 3.3 Religious Individualism and the Boundaries of Religion
- 3.4 Religion and Identity: Class, Gender, Sexuality

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**Reading References:**

1. Berger, Peter L. "Reflections on the sociology of religion today." *Sociology of Religion* 62.4 (2001): 443-454.
2. Berger, Peter L. *The sacred canopy: Elements of a sociological theory of religion*. Anchor/Open Road Media, 2011.
3. Berger, Peter, Thomas Luckmann. "Sociology of religion and sociology of Knowledge" *Sociology and Social Research* 47.4 (1963): 417-427
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6. Dillon, Michele, ed. *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
7. E. E. Evans-Pritchard. 1963 (1940). *The Nuer*. Oxford: Clarendon Press
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**Semester III**  
**Core Course 07**  
**(SOCACOR07T)**  
**Sociology of Gender**

**Outline:**

**1. Gender as a Patriarchal / Social Construct (25 hrs.)**

- 1.1 Gender, Sex, Sexuality
- 1.2 Production of Masculinity and Femininity
- 1.3 Gender Socialization, Gender Roles and Stereotyping
- 1.4 Sexual Identities: Heterosexual, Bisexual, Lesbian and Homosexual, Transgender, Transvestite, Hijra, Koti

**2. Gender: Discrimination and Inequalities (25 hrs.)**

- 2.1. Class, Caste
- 2.2. Family, Work
- 2.3. Religion, Ethnicity

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**3. Gender, Power and Resistance (25 hrs.)**

- 3.1 Social Subordination
- 3.2 Violence against Women
- 3.3 Women's and LGBTQ Movements in India

**Reading References:**

1. Abbott, Pamela, Claire Wallace and Melissa Tyler. 2005. An Introduction to Sociology: Feminist Perspectives. London: Routledge.
2. AbuLughod, Lila. 2002. 'Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and its Others', American Anthropologist, Vol. 104, No. 3.
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4. Altekar, A.S. 1983, The Position of Women in Hindu Civilization. Delhi, Motilal Banarasidass, Second Edition: P Fifth Reprint.
5. Bhasin, Kamala. 1993. What is Patriarchy? New Delhi: Kali for Women.
6. Bilton, Tony et al. 1996. Introductory Sociology. New York: Palgrave.
7. Chanana, Karuna, 1988, Socialization, Women and Education, Explorations in Gender Identity, New Delhi
8. Chodrow, Nancy, 1978, The Reproduction of Mothering, Berkeley, University of California Press
9. Desai, Neera and M. Krishnaraj, 1987, Women and Society in India, Delhi, Ajhanta
10. Eagleton, Mary. (ed). 2003. A Concise Companion to Feminist Theory. London: Blackwell.
11. Fernandes, Leela. (ed). 2014. Routledge Handbook of Gender in South Asia. London: Routledge

**Semester V**  
**Environmental Sociology**  
**(SOCADSE03T)**

**Outline:**

**1. Envisioning Environmental Sociology (15 hrs.)**

- 1.1. What is Environmental Sociology?
- 1.2. Realist/Constructionist Debate.

**2. Approaches (30 hrs.)**

- 2.1 Treadmill of Production
- 2.2 Ecological Modernization
- 2.3 Risk
- 2.4 Ecotemism and Feminist Environmentalism
- 2.5 Political Ecology

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**3. Environmental Movements in India (30 hrs.)**

- 3.1 Forest based movement – Chipko
- 3.2 Water based movement – Narmada
- 3.3 Land based movements – Anti mining and Seed (Beej/Bachao/Andolan)

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2. Becker, E & Thomas J (ed), 1999, Sustainability and the Social Sciences, Zed Books
3. Bell, M.M., 2004, Invitation to Environmental Sociology, Pine & Forge
4. Bell, Michael Mayerfeld. An invitation to environmental sociology. Sage Publications, 2011.
5. Buttel, Frederick H. "Ecological modernization as social theory." Geoforum 31.1 (2000): 57-65.
6. Buttel, Frederick H. "Reflections on the potentials of ecological modernization as a social theory." Natures sciences sociétés 8.1 (2000): 5-12.
7. Gadgil, Madhav & Ramachandra Guha, Ecology and Equity: The Use and Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India, OUP New Delhi
8. Guha, Ramchandra, 1994, Social Ecology, OUP New Delhi
9. Guha, Ramachandra, 2000, Environmentalism, OUP New Delhi
10. Hannigan, J. A. "Environmental sociology: A social constructionist approach. London: Routledge." (1995).
11. Hannigan, John, 1995, Environmental Sociology, Routledge, London
12. Mol, Arthur P.J. "Ecological modernization and the global economy." Global Environmental Politics 2.2 (2002): 92-115.
13. Padel, Felix, and Samarendra Das. "Orissa's highland clearances: The reality gap in R & R." Social Change 38.4 (2008): 576-608.
14. Rangarajan, Mahesh, ed. Environmental Issues in India: A Reader. Pearson Education India, 2007.
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## **SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES**

### **Semester III**

#### **Skill Enhancement Course 01**

**(SOCSECO1M)**

#### **Theory and Practice of Development**

#### **Outline:**

**1. What is development? (10 hrs.)**

**2. Recent trends in Development (20 hrs.)**

**2.1 Neo-liberalism: Growth as Development**

**2.1a. Re-emergence of Neo-classical perspective**

**2.1b. SAP and its Critique**

**2.2 Post development Theory (20 hrs.)**

**2.2a. Knowledge as Power**

**2.2b. Participatory Development**

**2.2c. GAD**

**2.3 Sustainable Development Theory: UN Earth Charter 1992 (25 hrs.)**

**2.3a. Hegemonic approach: PPP**

**2.3b. Environmental discourse**

**3. Human Development Theory: Growth vs. Development (10 hrs.)**

#### **Reading References**

- 1) Colclough, Christopher, and James Manor, eds. States or Markets? Neo-liberalism and the development policy debate. Oxford University Press, 1993.
- 2) Dreze, Jean, and Amartya Sen. "India: Economic development and social opportunity." OUP (1999).
- 3) Dreze, Jean, and Amartya Sen. India: Development and participation. Oxford University Press, USA, 2002.

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