

SOCIOLOGY

Major-3/Minor-3: Recent Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology

UNIT-I – Introduction

- a. Nature of sociological theories : sociological and social theories
- b. Concepts, theories and paradigms
- c. Sociological theorization in sociology
- d. Levels of theorization in sociology (middle range and grand theories)
- e. Elements of theory (concepts, variables, statements and formats)
- f. Relationship between theory and research

UNIT- II – structural – functionalism

- a. Concept of social structure : A R Radcliffe Brawn
- b. The problem of role analysis : S F Nadel
- c. Analytical functionalism of Talcot Parsons (structure of social action, the social system, AGIL, functional pre-requisites)
- d. Empirical functionalism of R.K. Merton (postulates, paradigms of functional analysis, social structure) ; Anomie.
- e. Neo- functionalism

UNIT-III – Conflict theory

- a. Emergence of conflict theories
- b. Marxian theory of class conflict, Alienation and Critic of Marxian theory
- c. Dialectical conflict theory of Ralf Dahrendorff
- d. Conflict functionalism of Coser and Simmel

UNIT-IV – Feminist theories

- a. Historical roots : Feminism And Sociology
- b. Types – i) Marxist Feminism ii) Liberal Feminism iii) Eco Feminism
iv) Post-Modern Feminism v) Black Feminism

UNIT-V – Post-modern Social Theories

- a. Classical theories on modernity (Durkheim, Weber, Marx, And Simmel)
- b. The juggernaut of modernity – Anthony Giddens
- c. Risk society of Ulrich Beck
- d. McDonalidization, Globalization and Americanization – George Ritzer.
- e. Contribution of J Derrida and Foucault.
- f. Critics of modern social theories

Book references :

- 1.** Alexander , Jeffrey c. – twenty lectures : sociological theory since world war II
- 2.** Craib, Ian – Modern social theory : From Parsons to Habermas
- 3.** Anthony Giddens – central problem in social theory : action, structure and contradiction in social analysis
- 4.** Georg Ritzer – sociological theory
- 5.** John Sturrock – structuralism and since
- 6.** Jonathan h turner - the structure of sociological theory
- 7.** David Ashley and David Michale Orenstein - sociological theory : classical statements
- 8.** Tim Danaley – contemporary sociological theory
- 9.** Paramjit S – foundations of Classical Sociological theory : functionalism, conflict and action
- 10.** Lewis Coser : Masters of sociological thought