

Approval: 10th Senate Meeting

Course Name: Sociology of Development

Course Number: HS 472

Credit: 3-0-0-3

Pre-requisite: None

Intended For: UG

Distribution: Elective

Semester: Odd/Even

Description:

This course deals with both historical and theoretical contexts in which the idea of 'development' emerged and sustained for long to generate a new paradigm of academic discourse in humanities and social sciences. It also examines original ideas and texts, directly or indirectly relevant to understand the notion of development, which were generated in course of shaping up the 'development discourse' across societies of diverse cultural and political systems.

Module – I. (10 Hours)

- Notions of Social Change in the context of Classical Sociology: Idea of Evolution and Progress
- Historical Location of the Idea of Development.
- Liquidation of Colonialism.
- Rise of Nationalism in the Third World societies and the desire for Development.

Essential Readings:

- Alavi, H. and T. Shanin. 1982. Introduction to the Sociology of Developing Societies, Macmillan, pp. 1-29
- Escobar, Arturo .1995. Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World. Princeton University Press.
- Esteva, Gustavo.1997. "Development" (pp.8-34), in Sachs, Wolfgang (ed.) The Development Dictionary Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- K C Alexander. 1994. The process of Development of Societies. New Delhi: Sage Publication

- Lauer, R.H. 1978. Perspectives on Social Change, pp. 50-70.
- Nisbet, R.A. 1969. Social Change and History, OUP, pp. 104-136; 159-188
- Smith, A.D. 1973. The Concept of Social Change, pp. 1-95

Module – II (8 Hours)

- Development and Modernization Theories: Inkeles, Moore, Rostow, Lerner, McLelland

Essential Readings:

- Alex Inkeles, “A Model of the Modern Man: Theoretical and Methodological Issues” in Black, C.E. 1976. (ed.), Comparative Modernisation, The Free Press, pp. 320-348.
- Moore, W. 1978. Social Change, pp.94-118.
- Lerner, D.1964. The Passing of Traditional Society.

Module – III (8 Hours)

- Critiques of Modernization Theories.
- Dependency Theories and its critiques.

Essential Readings

- Gusfield, J.R. “Tradition and Modernity: Misplaced Polarities in the Study of Social Change”.
- Blomstrons, M. and B. Hettne.1984. Development Theory in Transition, Zed, pp. 27-65; 79-97.

Module - IV (8 Hours)

- Limits to growth thesis.

Essential Readings

- Meadows, Donella H. et al. 1974. The Limits of Growth, Pan Books

- Schumacher, E.F. 1977. *Small is Beautiful*, New Delhi: Radha Krishna
- Illich, Ivan. 1977. *Toward a History of Needs*, Bantam.

Module – V (8 Hours)

- Post-Development.
- Globalization and Development
- Underdevelopment of Development
- World System Theory

Essential Readings

- Escobar, Arturo (1995) *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*. Princeton University Press.
- Sachs, Wolfgang (ed.) (1997) *The Development Dictionary* Hyderabad: Orient Longman.
- Schuurman, Frans J. (2001) *Globalization and Development Studies*, New Delhi: Vistaar Publications
- Pieterse, Jan Nederveen (2001) *Development Theory: Deconstructions/ Reconstructions*, New Delhi: Vistaar Publications.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1974. *The modern World System I: Capitalist Agriculture and the Origins of the European World-Economy in the Sixteenth Century*. New York: Academic Press.
- Amin, Samir. (1976). *Unequal Development: An Essay on the Social Formations of Peripheral Capitalism*. New York: Monthly Review Press.
- Sing C Chew & Robert A Denmark (1996). *The Underdevelopment of Development: Essays in Honor of Andre Gunder Frank*. Sage Publications.

