

**BA (H) Sociology**  
**Discipline Specific Elective 06**  
**Indian Sociological Traditions**

**Course Objectives**

1. Improve sociological understanding of Indian society.
2. Examine how sociologists in India have primarily been engaged with issues of tradition and modernity, caste, tribe and gender.
3. Acquaint the students to the continuities and contradictions in Indian society.
4. Help understand the history of ideas related to the analysis of Indian society.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

1. Ensure that students have conceptual clarity and can articulate the main debates and arguments with regard to sociology in India.
2. Acquaint the students to the continuities and contradictions in Indian society
3. To ensure that students have understood the formation of the discipline in India and the challenges that it has faced.
4. To help students understand the history of ideas related to the analysis of Indian society.

**Course Content**

**Unit 1 G S Ghurye**

- 1.1 Caste and Race

**Unit 2 D P Mukerji**

- 2.1 Tradition and Modernity
- 2.2 Middle Class

**Unit 3 Verrier Elwin**

- 3.1. Tribes in India

**Unit 4 M.N. Srinivas**

- 4.1. Social Change

**Unit 5 Irawati Karve**

- 5.1. Gender and Kinship

**Unit 6 Leela Dube**

## 6.1 Caste and Gender

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### **Unit 1 G. S. Ghurye (Weeks 1-2)**

Upadhyaya, Carol 2010, The Idea of an Indian Society: G.S. Ghurye and the Making of Indian Sociology" in Patricia Uberoi, Satish Deshpande and Nandini Sundar (ed) *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, New Delhi: Permanent Black

Ghurye, G.S. 1969, *Caste and Race in India*, Delhi: Popular Prakashan Pp 114-140,404-460

### **Unit 2. D. P. Mukerji (Weeks 3-4)**

#### **2.1 Tradition and Modernity**

Madan, T.N. 2010, Search for Synthesis: The Sociology of D.P Mukerji" in Patricia Uberoi, Satish Deshpande and Nandini Sundar (ed) *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, New Delhi: Permanent Black

Mukerji D.P. (1958 second edition 2002), *Diversities: Essays in Economics, Sociology and Other Social Problems*, Delhi: Manak Publications Pp. 177-225, 261-276

#### **2.2 Middle Class**

Chakraborty, D 2010, D P Mukerji and the Middle Class in India, *Sociological Bulletin* 59(2), May-August 235-255

### **Unit 3. Verrier Elwin (Week 5-7)**

Guha, Ramchandra 2010, „Between Anthropology and Literature: The Ethnographies of Verrier Elwin" in Patricia Uberoi, Satish Deshpande and Nandini Sundar (eds) *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, New Delhi: Permanent Black

Elwin, Verrier 1955, *The Religion of an Indian Tribe*, Bombay: OUP Chp 11, 15, 16,

Munshi, Indra 2004, Verrier Elwin and Tribal Development" in T.B. Subba and Sujit Som (eds) *Between Ethnography and Fiction: Verrier Elwin and the Tribal Question in India*, New Delhi: Orient Longman

Das.Veena,. 2006. *Oxford Handbook of Indian sociology*, OUP: New Delhi, pp 1-18

### **Unit 4. M. N. Srinivas (Week 8-10)**

Srinivas, M.N. 1996, Indian Anthropologists and the study of Indian Society, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 31(11) 656-657

Srinivas, M.N. 1971, *Social Change in Modern India*, University of California Press Berkeley Chp 4-5

Srinivas, M. N.1992, *On Living in a Revolution and Other Essays*, Delhi: OUP. Chap 1, 2, 3&5

#### **Unit 5. Irawati Karve (Week 11-12)**

Sundar, Nandini 2010, "In the Cause of Anthropology: The Life and Work of Irawati Karve" in Patricia Uberoi, Satish Deshpande and Nandini Sundar (ed) *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, Permanent Black New Delhi

Karve, Irawati 1965, *Kinship Organization in India*, Bombay and New York: Asia Publishing House

#### **Unit 6. Leela Dube (Week 13-14)**

Dube, Leela 1967, *Caste, Class and Power: Eastern Anthropologist*, Lucknow 20(2) 215-225

Dube, Leela 2001, *Anthropological Explorations in Gender: Intersecting Fields*, New Delhi: Sage Chp 3,5 & 6

#### **References:**

#### **Compulsory Readings:**

Chakraborty, D 2010, D P Mukerji and the Middle Class in India, *Sociological Bulletin* 59(2), May-August 235-255

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## **B. Suggested Readings**

### **I. The following readings may be referred for debates and history of Indian Sociology**

1. Dhanagare, D.N (1999), *Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology*, Delhi: Rawat Publications Chp 7
2. Madan T N 2011, *Sociological Traditions: Methods and Perspectives in the Sociology of India*, New Delhi: Sage
3. Uberoi, Patricia Deshpande Satish and Sundar Nandini (ed) 2010, *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, New Delhi: Permanent Black

### **II. The following readings may be referred for student presentations**

1. Mukerji D.P. (1942 republished 2002), *Modern Indian Culture: A Sociological Study*, New Delhi: Rupa & Co.
2. Elwin, Verrier 1952, *Bondo Highlander*, Bombay: OUP
3. Karve, Irawati (1969 reprinted 1991), *Yuganta: The end of an epoch*, Hyderabad: Disha Books
4. Karve, Irawati 1961, *Hindu Society — an interpretation*, Pune: Deshmukh Prakashan

### **Teaching Learning Process**

1. Assignment, Tutorials, presentation and project works
2. Field visit to slums, communities and NGOs
3. Screening of movies followed with discussions
4. Debates, discussion and dialogues by inviting experts and guest lectures

### **Assessment Methods**

1. Internal assessment through regular assignments and class test
2. Project assessment through field work, writing report and presentation
3. Final end term assessment through external examination

### **Key words:**

Tradition, Indian Sociologists, India, Social Change, Class, Caste, Tribes, Religion, Social Change