

## Course-III Sociology

### Major – I -3

#### Recent Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology

##### Objective

The aim of this course is to introduce the contributions of pioneers, prominent thinkers to the students of Sociology. The main focus of this course will be on Structural-Functionalism, Conflict theory and feminist theories. The course will also examine the recent theoretical relevance and analytical utility of Post Modern Social theories.

##### 2. Introduction

- g. Nature of Sociological Theories: Sociological Theories and Social Theories
- h. Concepts, Theories and Paradigms
- i. Sociological Theorization in Sociology
- j. Levels of Theorization in Sociology (Middle Range Theories and Grand Theories)
- k. Elements of Theory (Concepts, Variables, Statements and Formats)

##### 1. Relationship between Theory and Research

##### 2. Structural-Functionalism

- f. Concept of Social Structure: A.R Radcliffe Brown
- g. The Problem of Role Analysis: S.F Nadel
- h. Analytical Functionalism of Talcot Parsons (Structure of Social Action, The Social System, AGIL, Functional Pre-requisites)
- i. Empirical Functionalism of R. K Merton (Postulates, Paradigms of Functional Analysis, Social Structure and Anomie)
- j. Neo-Functionalism

##### 4. Conflict Theory

- f. Emergence of Conflict Theories
- g. Marxian Theory of Class Conflict, Alienation and Critic of Marxian Theory
- h. Dialectical Conflict Theory of Ralf Dahrendorf
- i. Conflict Functionalism of Coser and Simmel

##### 4. Feminist Theories

- c. Historical Roots: Feminism and Sociology
- d. Marxist Feminism
- e. Eco-feminism
- c. Liberal Feminism
  - f. Black feminism
- d. Post modern Feminism

##### 5. Post modern Social Theories

- f. Classical Theories on Modernity (Durkheim, Weber, Marx and Simmel)
- g. The Juggernaut of Modernity-Anthony Giddens
- h. Risk Society of Ulrich Beck
- i. McDonalidization, Globalization and Americanization of George Ritzer
- j. Contribution of J Derrida and Foucault
- J. Critics of Modern Social Theories