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Department of Sociology

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1. **Introducing Contemporary Sociological Theory**
   a. Origin and growth of contemporary sociological theory
   b. Nature of paradigm formation in sociology

2. **Talcott Parsons**
   a. Structural Functionalism
   b. Action theory
   c. System theory

3. **Robert K. Merton**
   a. Codification of functionalism
   b. Middle range theory
   c. Anomie and Social Structure

4. **Frankfurt School**
   a. Critical School: Horkheimer Herbert Marcuse
   b. Gargon Habermas: Communicative action theory, social change, modernity and legitimation crisis

5. **Symbolic Interaction theory Dramaturgy**
   a. Herbert Blumer: Interpretation and methodology
   b. George H. Mead: Symbolic interaction theory
   c. Erving Goffman: Dramaturgy and the interaction order

6. **Phenomenology**
   a. Edmund Husserl and philosophical roots of phenomenology
   b. Schutz and phenomenological sociology
   c. Harold Garfinkel and ethno-methodology

7. **Exchange Theory**
   a. George Homans: Properties propositions of exchange theory
   b. Peter Blau: Key concepts and proposition of exchange theory
   c. James Coleman: Theory and rational choice

**Books Recommended:**

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1. Marxism as vs. Marxism against Sociology
2. Dialectical Method—Hegel, Feuerbach and Marx
3. Marx’s theory of Alienation—Alienation a ‘philosophical’ concept vs. a scientific concept

4. Historical Materialism—Materialist conception of history—Teleology-theory and practice

5. Theory of value as a social relation—Labour theory of value as a specific social relation and exploitation—Forms of property and modes of production—Social classes and class conflict

6. Essence and appearance – Aspects of fetishism in Marx’s capital

7. Marx’s theory of state—the Law—Dynamics of revolution

8. Concept of imperialism in the writing

9. Ideology and science

10. Social and sexual division of labour

Books Recommended:
Marx : Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844
Marx : Critique of Hegel’s Philosophy of Right
Marx and Engels : German Ideology
Marx : The Poverty of Philosophy
Marx : Capital (Vol. 1, 11 & 111)
Marx and Engels : On Colonialism
Marx : Early Writing
Engels : The Origin of Family Private Property and State
Lenin : Imperialism
Mclellan : Karl Marx-The Early Texts
Mclellan : The of Karl Marx –An Introduction
Bottomore : Marxist Sociology
Bottomore & Rubel : Karl Marx: Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy
Korsch : Marxism and Philosophy
Lukacs : History and Class Consciousness
Metzaros : Marx’s Theory of Alienation
Ollman : Alienation- Marx’s Conception of Man
Lefebre : The Sociology of Marx
Lefebre : Dialectical Materialism
Karl Popper : The Poverty of Historicism
Kamenka : The Ethical Foundations of Marxism
Mclellan : Marx before Marxism
Gample and Walton : From Alienation to Surplus Value
Ossowski : Class Structure in the Social Consciousness

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1. Development & Underdevelopment—Historical Overview:
   a. Political and economic developments since European Renaissance
   b. Colonial expansion—process of under development
c. Industrialization of the West and Colonialism

2. **Underdevelopment of the Third World Countries:**
   a. Post war development of Europe and economic debacle of the newly independent countries
   b. Mercantilism
   c. New forms of international trade and domination
   d. Neo colonialism

3. **Theoretical Basis of Development & Underdevelopment:**
   a. Theories of modernization
   b. Dependency theories
   c. Neo-Marxist theories
   d. World system theory

4. **Structure of Underdevelopment:**
   a. Institutional structure of developing countries
   b. Pre-capitalistic social formation—usurers’ capital
   c. Asiatic mode of production
   d. Patterns of political development—military intervention and role of army in politics of Third World countries

5. **Development Through Industrialization and Urbanization:**
   a. Convergence theory, Bill Warren’s thesis
   b. Role of foreign aid in industrialization of underdeveloped countries
   c. Development as an urban phenomenon
   d. Over urbanization—squatter settlement and pavement dwellers

6. **Foreign Aid and Trade:**
   a. Aid as an instrument of dependence-- World Bank, I.M.F., W.T.O. etc.
   b. Aid and Trade – a legacy of colonialism
   c. Aid and Trade – new liberal approach—structural adjustment policy
   d. Aid administration and multinational corporations

7. **Corruption and Underdevelopment:**
   a. Economic aspects of corruption
   b. Corruption and soft states
   c. Corruption—foreign aid agencies and multinational corporations
   d. Globalization and corruption

8. **Globalization and Development Policies:**
   a. Concept of Globalization development and resource management
   b. Critical viewpoints—Stiglitz, Petras, and others
   c. Globalization and role of multinational corporations
   d. Globalization and environment.

**Books Recommended:**
1. Marx Karl, *Capital*
2. Hoogvelt, *Sociology of Developing Societies*
5. Webster, Andrew, *Introduction to the Sociology of Development*
6. Sassen, Saskia, *Sociology of Globalization*
7. Rapley, John, *Understanding Development*

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1. **Introduction**
   a. Definition of minorities
   b. Major concepts: nation, nationality, majority, minority and indigenous people, racial and ethnic group
   c. Type of minorities: pluralistic, assimilationist, secessionist & militant

2. **State and Ethnic Communities**
   a. The origin of ethnic groups
   b. Primordial ties
   c. Ethnic groups and ethnic identity formation
   d. Nationalism and ethnicity
   e. Ethnicity, race and nation

3. **Theoretical Debates**
   a. Assimilation: critique of liberal theory
   b. Pluralism- legal protection of minority
   c. Debate on right to self-determination (political perspective: CHT 1997 accord)

4. **Minorities and International Laws**
   a. Bangladeshi Constitution and minorities
   b. UN Declaration on the fights of minorities (1992)
   c. Convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (CERD, 1965)
   d. The role of ILO in promoting and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples—convention 107 & 169 on indigenous and tribal peoples

5. **Minorities in Bangladesh**
   a. Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Ahmadyas as religious minorities (other examples will be drawn from Bangladesh)
   b. Minority politics in Bangladesh
   c. The practice of vested property act and marginalization of Hindus in Bangladesh

6. **Situations of Indigenous People**
   a. Socio-economic and political situation analyses of Garos, Khasis, Santals and indigenous peoples in CHT
   b. Adverse impact of development policies, programmes: marginalization, displacement, and dispossession (case studies from India and Bangladesh)

7. **Major Issues in Minorities and Indigenous Studies**
   a. Cultural practices—indigenous concept of land
   b. Land alienation (examples from population transfer in CHT and establishment of ECO park and forestry programmes in plain land
   c. Indigenous people and forest (examples on Village Common Forest and CHT)
8. Women as minorities
   a. Differently able women, women & aging
   b. Feminist perspective on race, ethnicity and nation
   c. Socio-economic & political situation of minority & indigenous women

Books Recommended:

Gain, Philip (ed.) 1998. Bangladesh Land Forest and Forest People. SEHD

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1. Introduction:
   a. Concepts and indicators of development
   b. Interrelationship between population, development and politics

2. Theories and Debates on Population:
   a. Marxist, Malthusian, Neo-Malthusian
   b. Optimum and Demographic Transition theories

3. Population and Development in Historical Perspective:
   a. Population and development in pre-industrial Europe
   b. Population and development during industrial age and in developing countries

4. Population Dynamics in Developing Countries:
   a. Demographic transitions
   b. Fertility determinants and mortality trends
   c. Future population prospects
d. Geographic redistribution of population  
e. Urbanization  
f. Migration  

5. Population, Environment and Development:  
a. Impact of population growth on environment and development  
b. Food insecurity and population  
c. New technology and environment

6. Risk, Reproduction and Rights:  
a. Reproductive health and the role of risk  
b. Risk and the role of rights  
c. Relationship between fertility and reproductive health  
d. Sexually transmitted diseases

7. Politics of Global Population and Policies:  
a. Population conferences of Mexico, Bucharest and Cairo  
b. Population policies

8. Gender, Population and Politics  
a. Gender perspective on population  
b. Women, empowerment and population issues: Nairobi to Beijing

9. Population Policies in Developing Countries  
a. Evolution of developing countries  
b. Views on population  
c. Changing governmental policies on population  
d. NGO policies on population  
e. Population policies and politics

10. Population Growth and Structure in Bangladesh  
a. Population policy  
b. Programme and performance in Bangladesh

Books Recommended:  
Petersen, W. The Politics of Population  
Weeks, John R. Population


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1. Defining Poverty  
a. Absolute poverty  
b. Relative poverty  
c. Inequality and poverty
2. **Widening the Concept of Poverty**
   a. Human well being
   b. Human development
   c. Social exclusion
   d. Marginalization

3. **Measurement of Poverty**
   a. Poverty line
   b. Quantitative measures
   c. Composite index
   d. Qualitative measures

4. **Causal Background of Poverty**
   a. Economic theory
   b. Subculture of poverty
   c. Minority group theory
   d. Deprivation
   e. Mobility

5. **Incidence of Poverty in Bangladesh**
   a. Rural poverty
   b. Urban poverty

6. **Poverty Alleviation Approaches in Bangladesh**
   a. PRSP
   b. MDG
   c. Targeted Approach
   d. Conscientization
   e. RBA
   f. Safety net program

7. **Experience and Outcome of Poverty Alleviation Programs on Bangladesh**
   a. Micro-credit
   b. Empowerment
   c. Awareness

8. **Challenges in Poverty Alleviation**
   a. Chronic poverty
   b. Hard core poor

**Books Recommended:**

- Engels, Fredrik (1845) *The Condition of Working Class in England in 1844*
- Gordon, G (2000) Poverty and Social Exclusion in Britain
- Townsend, Peter (1979) *Poverty in the United Kingdom: A Survey of Household Resources and Standards of Living*

ওয়েবসাইটের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত কাউন্সিলিং সমাপ্তি প্রদান করা হয়েছে:

- বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন দলিলের তালিকা
- স্মৃতি ও সমাধানের সাহায্য

- মাঠ গবেষণা ও গ্রামীণ দলিল

- স্মৃতি ও সমাধানের সাহায্য
1. Critical exposition of the concepts and theories of social structure—methodological issues and problems concerning the analysis of social structure
2. Differential processes of the development of social structure in the East and West from the primitive communal system—archaic and ancient social structure—distinction between oriental and occidental slavery—Asiatic mode of production, prebendalization and oriental despotism
3. Feudal social structure—comparative study of the oriental land tenure system and occidental feudalism
4. Transition from feudalism to capitalism—role of usury, commerce, industry, classes and ideologies in the capitalist transformation—capitalism and its contradiction in the internal structure—factors responsible for the absence of prerequisites for the emergence of capitalism in the orient
5. A basic outline of the structural model of socialist society—variables in the structure of socialist society—status discrepancy in socialist society—differences within the various socialist societies
6. Class structure of agrarian and industrial societies—civil society—elites and power structure in the developed and developing countries—role of middleclass, intelligentsia, and workers in the industrial and agricultural societies
7. The dynamics of rural social structure in Bangladesh—the social framework of Bangladesh agriculture

**Books Recommended:**
Maine, H. S. *Village Communities in the East and West*
Desai, A. R. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*
Marx, K. *Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy*
Wittfogel, Karl. *Oriental Despotism*
Weber, Max. *General Economic History*
Steward, J. H. (ed.). *Irrigation Civilization: A Comparative Study*
Pirenne, H. *Medieval Cities*
Eisenstadt, S. N. *The Political Systems of the Empires*
Nazmul Karim, A.K. *Changing Society in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh*
Nazmul Karim, A.K. *Dynamics of Bangladesh*
Brown, R. *On Social Structure*
Sen, Anupam *The State Industrialization and Class Formation in India*
Laidler, *History of Socialism*

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