



Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
SOC-204	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3	IV
Year	Discipline		
2	Sociology & Sociocultural Studies		

Objective:

This course will introduce students to some of the major contemporary theoretical perspectives in sociology, including: functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism, identity theory, rational choice theory, and feminist theory. To explore these perspectives, contributions of various theorists will be examined. Capabilities to evaluate sociological theories critically will be developed. An attempt will be made to apply theories to understand current social problems and issues Pakistan and the world are facing.

Course Outline

1. Neo-structural Functionalists
 - b. Talcott Parsons
 - c. Robert K. Merton.
2. Critical Conflict Theory
 - d. Thorstein Veblen
 - e. Ralf Dahrendorf
 - f. C. Wright Mills
3. Frankfurt School of Thought
 - g. Jurgen Habbermas
4. Social Behaviourism and Interactionism
 - h. Phenomenology (Husserl, Alferd Schutz),
 - i. Systematic Social Behaviourism (George Simmel)
 - j. Symbolic Interaction (C.H.Cooly, G.H Mead)
5. Evolving Contemporary Feminist Theory
 - k. Feminism
 - l. Historical development
 - m. Gender theories.

Recommended Books:

1. Calhoun, Craig et el. (2002). Contemporary Sociological Theory. New York: Blackwell Publisher Ltd.
2. Coser, L A. (1971). Master of Sociological Thought: Ideas In Historical Social Context. New York: Harcourt Brace.
3. Dubin, Robert. (1978). Theory Building. New York: Macmillan
4. Farganis, James. (2000). Readings In Social Theory: The Classic Tradition To Post-Modernism. 3rd ed. Boston: McGraw Hill.
5. Kinloch, Graham C. (1977). Sociological Theory: Its Development And Major Paradigms. New York: McGraw Hill.
6. Ritzer, Georg. (2002). Sociological Theory 10th ed. New York: McGraw Hill.



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7. Turner, J. H. (1987). *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Homewood Illinois: Dorsey Press.
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