

School of Undergraduate Studies

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

Course Code: SUS1SC814

Title: Economy and Society

Type of Course: Core

Cohort for which it is compulsory: 6th semester Sociology (Hons), SUS

Cohort for which it is elective:

No of Credits: 4

Semester and Year Offered: 6th Semester (Winter Semester 2019)

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Pre-requisites: NA

Aim: This is an advanced undergraduate course to introduce students of sociology and social anthropology to the ways in which economic aspects of society have been studied by our discipline. The course will equip students with theoretical approaches, methods, and debates that have illuminated the understanding of economic phenomena, including those concerning market behavior and exchange in societies. This course will look at the interrelationship shared between the economy, market with society and its social structures. This course will assist to understand how the discipline of Sociology can engage with a complex set of socio-economic issues. It also traverses through contemporary literature in understanding how societies get shaped with the changing economic and market relations in a globalised era taking the example of shifts in tea market economy from the estate to the small farmers' thereby impacting production relations.

Main modules:

1. Economy and Exchange in simple societies
2. Peasant Production, Property and Money
3. Understanding Market
4. Economy/Economic Systems in Society
5. Globalisation and its impact

Assessment Details with weights:

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| 1. One class test | 30% |
| 2. One Response paper | 40% |
| 3. Group work (Short essay and presentation) | 30% |

Reading List:

1. Engels, Freidrich. 1977. (Reprint) *The Family, Private Property and State*. Progress Publishers. Moscow.
2. Joseph K.J. and P.K. Viswanathan. 2016. *Globalisation, Development and Plantation Labour in India*. Routledge Publishers. London and New York.
3. Mauss, Marcel 1990 (Translated). *The Gift: Forms of Exchange in Archaic Societies*. Routledge. London.
4. Polanyi Karl. 1944 (2001). Introduction in *The Great Transformation: The political and Economic Origins of our time*. Boston, Beacon Press. Pp xviii-xxxviii
5. Scott James. 1977. *The Moral Economy. Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*. Yale University Press.
6. Swedberg Richard. 1994. *Markets as Social Structures*, Pp. 255–282 in Neil Smelser and Richard Swedberg (eds.), *Handbook of Economic Sociology*. New York and Princeton: Russell Sage Foundation and Princeton University Press