

**CENTRE OF SOCIAL MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**MONSOON SEMESTER**

Programme of Study	: M.Phil/PhD
Course No.	: <b>SM-603/SM-608</b>
Course Title	: <b>Health Services and the Community/Social Sciences towards an Integrated Approach</b>
Total Credits	: 2
Course in- Charge	: <b>Prof. Rama Baru &amp; Dr. Ramila Bisht</b>
Method of Evaluation	: Evaluation will be based on one short and a long term paper on the relevance and application of social sciences in health; mid and end semester and viva-voce. Term Paper and Written Assignments One Credit Mid and End Semester written examination including Viva-voce: One Credit

**Objective of the Course:** The objective of the course is to highlight the contribution of social sciences to public health and health services. Keeping this objective in view this course provides an overview of the disciplines in social sciences, theoretical approaches and concepts in health and health services. It focuses on the importance of interdisciplinary approach to studying health and health services in India.

**Course Outline:**

**I. Public Health and Social Sciences.**

- a. Definition of Health and Public Health.
- b. History of Public Health and its developmental context.
- c. Society, Health and Health Services.

**II. An Overview and Contribution of Social Sciences in Health and Health Services.**

**III. An Overview of Theoretical Approaches.**

**IV. Key Social Science Terms and Concepts.**

- a. Social Stratification-Caste, Class and Power; Gender
- b. Poverty and Inequality

- c. Development
- d. State
- e. Welfare State
- f. Community
- g. Culture;
- h. Industrialization
- i. Modernisation
- j. Urbanisation
- k. Globalisation

## V. Development and Health: The Primary Health Care Approach.

### I. Public Health and Social Sciences.

#### Essential Readings

1. Editorial (1985): "The Distinction between Public Health and Community/Social/Preventive Medicine". **Journal of Public Health Policy**, December, pp: 435-439.
2. Engels, Frederick (2001): "The Condition of the Working Class in England" In **The Sociology and Politics of Health: A Reader**, Purdy, Michael and Bank David (Eds.) Routledge, London, pp: 8-13.
3. McKeown T. (2001): "The Modern Rise of Population" In **The Sociology and Politics of Health: A Reader**, Purdy, Michael and Bank David (Eds.) Routledge, London, pp: 159-163.
4. McKeown T. (1972): "An Interpretation of the Modern Rise of Population" **Population Studies**, Vol.26, No.3.
5. McDermott, Walsh (1969): "Demographic, Culture and Economics and the "Evolutionary Stage of Medicine" In Kilbourne, ED and Smillie, WG. **Human Ecology and Public Health**, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, London, Macmillan, pp. 7-16.
6. Qadeer, I (1985): "Health Services System: An Expression of Socio-economic Inequalities", **Social Action**, Vol. 35, July-September, pp: 199-223.
7. Zurbrigg, Sheila (1984): **Rakku's Story**: Structures of Ill Health and Sources of Change., Published by, George Joseph, on behalf of Centre of Social Action, Bangalore.
8. Rosen, George (1971): "Historical trends and future prospects in public health" In McLachlan Gordon and McKeown Thomas (ed): **Medical History and Medical Care: a symposium of perspectives**, London, Oxford University Press, pp: 57-84.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Szreter, Simon (2002), "Rethinking McKeown: The Relationship between Public Health and Social Change", **American Journal of Public Health**, Vol. 92, No. 5, pp.722-725.
2. McKinlay, John B. & McKinlay, Sonja M. (1981): "Medical Measures and the Decline of Mortality" In Conrad Peter & Kern Rochelle (Ed.) **The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives**, New York, St. Martin's Press, pp: 12-30.

### **II. An Overview and Contribution of Social Sciences in Health and Health Services.**

#### **Essential Readings**

1. Suchman, E.A (1963): "The Growth and Development of Sociology in Public Health" In **Sociology and the Field of Public Health**, Russell Sage Foundations, New York, pp: 15-31.
2. Coe, Rodney M. (1970): "The Field of Medical Sociology" In **Sociology of Medicine**, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, pp: 1-27.

### **III. An Overview of Theoretical Approaches.**

#### **Essential Readings**

1. Radley, Alan (1994): "**Explaining Health and Illness: An Introduction**" In Making Sense of Illness: The Social Psychology of Health and Disease, Sage Publications, London, pp: 1-18.
2. M. Francis Abraham (1982): **Modern Sociological Theory: An Introduction**, New Book Publishers, New Delhi, pp: 72-102.

### **IV. Key Social Science Terms and Concepts.**

#### **Essential Readings**

1. Giddens, Anthony (2009): **Sociology**, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Polity Press, UK, Chapter 4 and 12, pp: 108-151 and pp: 476-519.
2. Kurien, C.T. (1978): "Approaches to Poverty" In **Poverty Planning and Social Transformation**, Bombay, Allied Publishers Private Limited, pp: 7-28.
3. Gupta, Dipankar (2004): "Social Stratification" In **Handbook of Indian Sociology**, Veena Das (Ed.) Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp: 120-141.
4. Desai, A.R. (eds.) (1988): "Tribes in transition" In **Rural Sociology in India**, Popular Prakashan, Bombay, pp: 221-231.

5. Satish Deshpande (2004): "Modernization" In **Handbook of Indian Sociology**, Veena Das (Ed.) Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp: 172-199.
6. Surinder Jodhka (2004): "Agrarian Structure and their Transformation" In **Handbook of Indian Sociology**, Veena Das (Ed.) Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp: 365-387.
7. Isbister John (2003): "Explanations of Underdevelopment" In **Promises Not Kept: Poverty and the Betrayal of Third World Development**, Sixth Edition, Kumarian Press, Inc. U.S.A. pp: 30-65.
8. Rege, Sharmila (2006): *Writing Caste, Writing Gender: Reading Dalit Women's Testimonios*, Zubaan publishers, New Delhi. Introduction and select chapters.
9. Gupta, D (Ed) (1991): *Social Stratification*, Oxford University Press, Delhi. Selected Chapters.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Narayani Gupta (2004): "The Indian City" In Veena Das (Ed) **Handbook of Indian Sociology**, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp: 142-155.
2. Yogender Singh (2009): "Social Change in India: An Approach" In **Modernisation of Indian Tradition: a systemic study of social change**, Rawat Publications, Jaipur.
3. Rodrigues, Valerian (ed.) (2002): **The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, Chapter 20, pp: 263-305.
4. Jaffrelot, Christophe (2005): **Dr. Ambedkar and Untouchability: analysing and fighting Caste**, Permanent Black, Delhi, Chapters 3, pp: 31-51.

## **V. Development and Health: The Primary Health Care Approach.**

### **Essential Readings**

1. WHO (1978): *Primary Health Care: A Joint Report by Director General of WHO and Director of UNICEF (International Conference on Primary Health Care)*, **Alma Ata**, USSR, 6-12<sup>th</sup> September, 1978.
2. Special issue on Selective Primary Health Care, **Social Science and Medicine**, vol.26, no.9, 1988.