

Family and Intimacy

GENERIC ELECTIVE

SEMESTER-IV

UG/SOC/GE/4.1

Course Objective:

Family is one of the vital institutions of human society. It is experienced intimately and debated keenly. This course attempts to introduce students to a range of contemporary concerns pertaining to this institution from a sociological perspective and with an interdisciplinary orientation.

Course Outline:

1. What is Family?
2. Family and Intimacy: Themes and Accounts
3. Family and Intimacy: Critiques and Transformations

Course Contents and Itinerary

1. What is Family?

1.1 Mitterauer, Michael, and Reinhard Sieder. *The European Family*. Chicago:

University of Chicago Press, 1982. Chapter 1. Family as an Historical Social Form. Pp. 1-21

1.2 Worsley, Peter. *Introducing Sociology*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1984. Chapter 4. The Family. Pp. 165-209

1.3 Levi-Strauss, Claude. 'The Family' in Harry L Shapiro (ed.) *Man, Culture and Society*. New York: Oxford University Press, Pp. 261 - 285

1.4 Okin, Susan Moller. *Justice, Gender, and the Family*. New York: Basic Books, 1989. Chapter 2. The Family: Beyond Justice? Pp. 25 – 40.

1.5 Weston, Kath. *Families We Choose*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1991. Chapter 2. Exiles from Kinship. Pp. 21 – 42.

2. Family and Intimacy: Themes and Accounts

2.1 Lannoy, Richard. *The Speaking Tree*. London: Oxford University Press, 1974.

Part Two, Chapters. 1, 2 & 4 The Child, Family Relationships & Change in the

Family System. Pp. 83 – 112 & 124 - 131

2.2 Madan, T. N. *Family and Kinship: A study of the Pandits of Rural Kashmir.*

Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1989. Chapters, 5 & 6. Pp. 64 – 108

2.3 Fruzzetti, Lina M. *The Gift of a Virgin: Women, Marriage, and Ritual in a*

Bengali Society. Delhi: OUP. 1993. Introduction and Chapter 1. Sampradan: The Gift of Women and Status of Men. Pp. 1 – 28

2.4 Trawick, Margaret. *Notes on Love in a Tamil Family.* Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996. Chapters. 3 & 5 The Ideology of Love & Siblings and Spouses. Pp. 89 – 116 & 187 – 204.

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3. Family and Intimacy: Critiques Transformations

3.1 Barrett, Michele, and Mary McIntosh. *The Anti-Social Family.* London: Verso, 1991. Chapter 2. The Anti-Social Family. Pp. 43 – 80

3.2 Cartledge, Sue, and Joanna Ryan. *Sex & Love: New Thoughts on Old Contradictions.* London: Women's Press, 1983. Chapter 7 's a Feminist Heterosexuality Possible?' Pp. 105 – 123

3.3 Coontz, Stephanie. *Marriage, A History.* New York: Viking, 2005. Pp. 15 – 49

3.4 Therborn, Goran. *Between Sex and Power: Family in the World, 1900- 2000.* London: Routledge, 2004. Introduction, Chapter 2 and Conclusion. Pp. 1- 12, 73 – 106 & 295 – 315