

TEACHING PLAN
SHASHWAT KUMAR
BA (Program)
Discipline Specific Elective 02
Marriage, Family and Kinship
July-Nov.-2022

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Objectives :

This course aims to highlight and critically examine contemporary concerns in the fields of marriage, family and kinship. It considers theoretical issues and ethnographies with particular emphasis on diversity of practices.

Learning Outcomes :

The course facilitates to understand various dimension of kinship and role of marriage and family in society. With this course student will learn about debates of evolution of kinship system and contemporary issues associated with it. This course will enable students to explore their world view towards changing notion of family, marriage and kinship.

<p>. 1. Introduction: Kinship, Critique and the Reformulation</p> <p>1.1. Biological and Social Kinship</p> <p>1.1.1 Parkin, R. and L. Stone, 2004, 'General Introduction', in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.), <i>Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader</i>, U.S.A.: Blackwell, pp. 1-23.</p>	<p>4 week (July 20th -Aug 20th)</p> <p>1 week (August 25th -27st)</p> <p>1 week (Sept 1st -8th)</p>	<p>Shashwat Kumar</p>
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<p>1.2. Cultural Kinship</p> <p>1.2.1 Schneider, D. M., 2004(1972), ‘What is Kinship All About?’, in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.), <i>Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader</i>, U.S.A.: Blackwell, pp. 257–274.</p> <p>1.2.2 Carsten, J., 2004, ‘Introduction’ in <i>After Kinship</i>, Cambridge:Cambridge University Press, pp.1–30.</p>		
<p>2. Descent, Alliance</p> <p>2.1. Descent, Filiation, Complementary Filiation</p> <p>2.1. Descent, Filiation, Complementary Filiation</p> <p>2.1.1 Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. and D. Forde (eds.), 1950, <i>African Systems of Kinship and Marriage</i>, London: Oxford University Press, Introduction, pp.1-39.</p> <p>2.1.2 Fortes, M., 1970, ‘The Structure of Unilineal Descent Groups’, in M. Fortes, <i>Time and Social Structure and Other Essays</i>, University of London: The Athlone Press, pp. 67–95.</p> <p>2.2. Marriage, Alliance, Prestations</p> <p>2.2.1 Leach, E.R., 1961, ‘Polyandry, Inheritance and the Definition of Marriage with Particular Reference to Sinhalese Customary Law’, in E. R.</p>	<p>3weeks (Sept 10 -Oct 1)</p>	

<p>Leach (ed.), <i>Rethinking Anthropology</i>, London: The Athlone Press, pp. 105–113.</p> <p>2.2.2 Dumont, L., 1968, ‘Marriage Alliance’, in D. Shills (ed.), <i>International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences</i>, U.S.A.: Macmillan and Free Press, pp. 19–23.</p> <p>2.2.3 Sharma, U., 1993, ‘Dowry in North India: Its Consequences for Women’, in Patricia Uberoi (ed.), <i>Family, Kinship and Marriage in India</i>. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 341–356.</p>		
<p>3. Family and Household</p> <p>3.1. Structure and Change</p> <p>3.1. Shah, A.M., 1998, ‘Changes in the Indian Family: An Examination of Some Assumptions’, in A.M. Shah, <i>The Family in India: Critical Essays</i>, New Delhi: Orient Longman, pp.52–63.</p> <p>3.2. Reimagining</p> <p>3.2. Simpson, B., 2004, ‘Gays, Paternity and Polyandry: Making Sense of New Family Forms in Contemporary Srilanka’, in R. Chopra, C. Osella and</p>	<p>3 weeks (Oct -6 -29)</p>	

<p>F. Osella (eds.), <i>South Asian Masculinities: Context of Change, Sites of Continuity</i>, Delhi: Kali for Women, pp. 160–174.</p>		
<p>4. Contemporary Issues in Marriage, Family and Kinship 4.1. Choice and Regulation in Marriage</p> <p>4. Contemporary Issues in Marriage, Family and Kinship: (4 Weeks) 1.1. Choice and Regulation in Marriage Chowdhry, P., 1998, ‘Enforcing Cultural Codes: Gender and Violence in Northern India’, in M. E. John and J. Nair (eds.), <i>A Question of Silence: The Sexual Economies of Modern India</i>, New Delhi: Kali for Women, pp. 332–67.</p> <p>4.2. Power and Discrimination in the Family</p> <p>John, M. E. et.al., 2008, ‘Structural Contexts of Adverse Sex Ratios’ in M. E. John et.al., <i>Planning Families, Planning Gender: The Adverse Child Sex Ratio in Selected Districts of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab</i>, New Delhi: Action Aid, pp. 68–78</p>	<p>4weeks (Nov 3-15th)</p>	

<p>4.3. New Reproductive Technologies</p> <p>1.3. New Reproductive Technologies</p> <p>Carsten, J., 2004, 'Assisted Reproduction' in <i>After Kinship</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 163–183.</p> <p>4.4. Marriage Migration</p> <p>Charsley, K., 2005, 'Unhappy Husbands: Masculinity and Migration in Transnational Pakistani Marriages', <i>Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute</i>, (N.S.) 11, pp. 85–105.</p>		
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Methodology of Teaching: Lecturer
Class Test –last week of September
Assignment/Projects - 3rd week of October

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