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Lesson Plan (CORE, Semester IV, January to April 2023)

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Course	B.A. (Hons.) Sociology	Semester	IV
	Sociology of Kinship	Academic Year	January-April 2023

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Week No.	Theme/Curriculum	Any Additional Information
Weeks (1-5)	<p>Key terms and approaches</p> <p>Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. and D. Forde (eds.), 1950, African Systems of Kinship and Marriage, London: Oxford University Press, Introduction, PP.1-39</p> <p>Evans-Pritchard, E.E., 2004 (1940), 'The Nuer of Southern Sudan', in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.), Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader, U.S.A.: Blackwell, Pp. 64-78</p> <p>Fortes, M., 1970, Time and Social Structure and Other Essays, University of London: The Athlone Press, Chapter 3, Pp. 67-95</p> <p>Leach, Edmund, 1962, 'On Certain Unconsidered Aspects of Double Descent Systems', Man, Vol. 62, Pp. 130-134</p> <p>Levi-Strauss, Claude, 1969, The Elementary Structures of Kinship, London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, Chapters 1 & 2, Pp. 3-25</p> <p>Dumont, L., 1968, 'Marriage Alliance', in D. Shills (ed.), International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, U.S.A.: Macmillan and Free Press, Pp. 19-23</p> <p>Schneider, D., 2004, 'What is Kinship All About?' in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.) Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader, U.S.A.: Blackwell, Pp. 257-274</p> <p>Das, V., 1994, 'Masks and Faces: An Essay on Punjabi Kinship', in Patricia Uberoi (ed.), Family, Kinship and Marriage in India, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp.198-222</p> <p>* Shah A.M., 1964, 'Basic Terms and Concepts in the study of family in India', The Indian Economy and Social History Review, vol. 1(3), pp 1-36</p> <p>* Vatuk Sylvia, Household Form and Formation: Variability and Social Change among South Indian Muslims In Great, John N. & David J. Mearns (1989). Society from the Inside Out: Anthropological Perspectives on the South Asian Household. New</p>	

	<p>Delhi: Sage. (Pp. 107-137).</p> <p>*Freeman, J. D., 1958, 'The Family Systems of the Iban of Borneo', in J. Goody (ed.), <i>The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Pp. 15-52</p> <p>[Readings marked * are repeated in Unit 2]</p>	
Weeks (6-10)	<p>Family, Household and Marriage</p> <p>Vatuk, Sylvia, <i>Household Form and Formation: Variability and Social Change among South Indian Muslims In Great</i>, John N. & David J. Mearns (1989). <i>Society from the Inside Out: Anthropological Perspectives on the South Asian Household</i>. New Delhi: Sage. (Pp. 107-137).</p> <p>Freeman, J. D., 1958, 'The Family Systems of the Iban of Borneo', in J. Goody (ed.), <i>The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Pp. 15-52</p> <p>Leach, E.R., 1961, 'Polyandry, Inheritance and the Definition of Marriage with Particular Reference to Sinhalese Customary Law', in E. R. Leach (ed.), <i>Rethinking Anthropology</i>, London: The Athlone Press, Pp. 105-113</p> <p>Gough, Kathleen E., 1959, 'The Nayars and the Definition of Marriage', in <i>The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland</i>, 89: 23-34</p> <p>Uberoi, Patricia, 1995, 'When is a Marriage not a Marriage? Sex, Sacrament and Contract in Hindu Marriage', <i>Contributions to Indian Sociology</i>, n.s. 29, 1&2: 319-45</p>	
Weeks (11-14)	<p>Re-casting Kinship</p> <p>3.1 Relatedness</p> <p>Carsten, Janet, 1995, 'The Substance of Kinship and the Heat of the Hearth: Feeding, Personhood, and Relatedness among Malays in Pulau Langkawi' <i>American Ethnologist</i>, 22 (2): 223-24.1</p>	

	<p>3.2 Kinship and Gender</p> <p>Gold, Ann Grodzins, 1994, 'Sexuality, Fertility, and Erotic Imagination in Rajasthani Women's Songs ', in Listen to the Heron's Words: Re-imagining Gender and Kinship in North India by Gloria Goodwin Raheja and Ann Grodzins Gold, Delhi: OUP, Pp 30-72</p> <p>3.3 Re-imagining Families</p> <p>Weston, Kath, 1991, Families We Choose: Lesbians, Gays, Kinship, New York: Columbia University Press, Pp. 103-136</p> <p>3.4 New Reproductive Technologies</p> <p>Kahn, Susan Martha, 2004, 'Eggs and Wombs: The Origins of Jewishness', in R. Parkin and L. Stone (eds.), Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader, U.S.A.: Blackwell, Pp. 362-77</p> <p>3.5 Surrogacy</p> <p>Ragone Helena (2004). Surrogate Motherhood and American Kinship in R. Parkin and L. Stone(ed) Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd, (pp. 342-361).</p>	
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Additional Resources

The classes will be organized around daily lectures (five times a week) and tutorials. The story telling method was effective in setting the background and generating interests among students. Interactive sessions will be organized for brain storming the ideas around the theme of religion and its application while taking up the everyday life examples. Debates and discussions along with queries will be taken up during tutorial sessions. Documentary and film screenings based on the various themes related to the concept of kinship will make use to initiate sociological analysis.

Online Resources (If Any)	NA
Assignment and Class Test Schedule for Semester	Internal Assessment of 25 marks will be in the form of written assignments, mid semester test and presentations.