



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BA(H)/ BA (P) – General Elective Course
Paper Title:	Cities and Society
Unique Paper Code:	2304002002
Semester:	III
Faculty(s):	Dr. Pratichi Majumdar
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Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I,II,III, IV	Introduction to the course	1-2	Introduction to urban sociology and study of cities
II	To understand the ways in which the social category of class impacts the individual and community experiences of the city.	3-6	Experiences of Urban Life in Developing Societies - Class
II	To understand the ways in which the social category of gender impacts the individual and community experiences of the city.	7-9	Experiences of Urban Life in Developing Societies – Gender
II	To understand the ways in which the social category of ethnicity impacts the individual and community experiences of the city.	10-12	Experiences of Urban Life in Developing Societies - Ethnicity
I	To introduce the specific issues associated with urbanization in developing nations of 21st century.	13-16	Conceptualising the City in the 21st Century
I	To introduce the specific issues associated with urbanization in developing nations of 21st century.	17-19	Cities in the Global South
III	To discuss the ideas of structure and agency, and patterns of negotiations and claim-making in how people live in cities.	20	Right to the City: The Processes of Claim-making

III	To understand the relationship between citizenship and issues of gender	21-24	Gender and Citizenship
III	To familiarise students with the issues of access and experience faced by the urban poor.	25-28	Claims of Urban Poor
III	To explore the cultures of resistance that groups and communities have come to adopt in their struggle to communicate issues around access to power and legitimacy.	29-30	Cultures of Resistance
IV	To examine the emerging challenges in the study of cities and highlights the cultural and political directions that further influence the wider context of city life in the developing world.	31-33	Future of Cities in the Developing World
IV	To examine the challenges in city planning to account for urban growth	34-36	Challenges of Urban growth and Planning
IV	To understand the problem of urban housing	37-40	Issues of Sustainability: Urban Housing
IV	To explore the emerging vulnerabilities and challenges in the sociological study of cities	41-43	Uncertain cities in Emerging Economies
I, II, III, IV	Summing up the course	44-45	Final Revision

****Please note the schedule for class tests, assignments, and other class-activities will be informed in class as per requirement.**

Unit	TOPICS
I	Conceptualising the City in the 21st Century
II	Experiences of Urban Life in Developing Societies a. Class b. Gender c. Ethnicity
III	Right to the City: The Processes of Claim-making a. Gender and Citizenship b. Claims of Urban Poor c. Cultures of Resistance
IV	Future of Cities in the Developing World a. Challenges of Urban growth and Planning b. Issues of Sustainability: Urban Housing c. Uncertain cities in Emerging Economies

S. No.	Name of Authors/ Books/ Publishers
1.	Sassen, S. (2010). The city: Its return as a lens for social theory. <i>City, Culture and Society</i> , 1(1). Pp.3–11.
2.	Simone, Abdou Maliq. (2020). Cities of the Global South. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> , 46. Pp .603-22
3.	Bayón, María Cristina, Saraví, Gonzalo A. and Breña, Mariana Ortega . 2013. The Cultural Dimensions of Urban Fragmentation: Segregation, Sociability, and Inequality in Mexico City <i>Latin American Perspectives</i> Vol. 40, No. 2. Pp. 35-52 .
4.	Thieme, Susan, Muller-Boker,Ulrik. and Backhaus, Norman.2011. Women's Livelihoods in a Transnational Social Space: Labour Migration from Far West Nepal to Delhi, India in Saraswati Raju (Ed.), <i>Gendered Geographies. Space and Place in South Asia</i> . OUP. New Delhi. Pp. 62-78.
5.	McDuie-Ra, Duncan. 2013. Beyond the 'Exclusionary City'. <i>Urban Studies</i> , Vol 50, No. 8. Pp. 1625-1640.
6	Simone, AbdouMaliq. 2015. The Urban Poor and Their Ambivalent Exceptionalities: Some Notes from Jakarta. <i>Current Anthropology</i> , Vol. 56. Pp.15-23.
7	Gupte, Jaideep. 2012. Linking Urban Vulnerability, Extralegal Security, and Civil Violence: The Case of the Urban Dispossessed in Mumbai in Renu Desai and Romola Sanyal (Eds.), <i>Urbanizing Citizenship. Contested Spaces in Indian Cities</i> . Sage. New Delhi. Pp. 90-210.
8	Fadaee, Simon and Schindler, Seth. 2017. Women Hawkers in Tehran’s Metro: Everyday politics and the production of public space. <i>International Development Planning Review</i> , Vol. 39(1). Pp. 57-75.
9	Froystad, Kathinka. 2006. Anonymous Encounters: Class categorisation and social distancing in public places in Geert De Neve and Henrike Donner (Eds.), <i>The Meaning of the Local: Politics of Place in Urban India</i> . Routledge. London. Pp. 159-179.
10	Klaus, Enrique. 2014. Graffiti and Urban Revolt in Cairo. <i>Built Environment</i> ,Vol. 40, No. 1, Arab Cities After 'The Spring'. Pp. 14-33.
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12	Rademacher, Anne. 2009. When is Housing an Environmental Problem? Reforming Informality in Kathmandu. <i>Current Anthropology</i> , Vol. 50. No.4. Pp 513-33.
13	Roy, Souvanic. 2016. The Smart City Paradigm in India: Issues and Challenges of sustainability and Inclusiveness. <i>Social Scientist</i> , Vol. 44, No. 5/6. Pp. 29-48.
14	Yves Van Leynseele & Marco Bontje. 2019. Visionary cities or spaces of uncertainty? Satellite cities and new towns in emerging economies. <i>International Planning Studies</i> , Vol. 24. No. 3-4. Pp. 207-217.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

4	3	1	NIL
Assessment Scheme			
S. No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1.	Internal Assessment (Lecture)	30	30
	• Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation	12	
	• Class Test	12	
	• Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)	40	40
	• Activity 1 (Critical Reading and group discussion)	15	
	• Activity 2 (Photo/video essay on City and Society)	20	
	• Attendance	5	
3.	Practical • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva	NA	NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90