

## M.A Semester IV

Code No- 411501      **RECENT TRENDS IN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**Credits: 4      Lectures: 60      Marks: 100**

### **Objectives:**

To introduce the students to the substantive, theoretical and methodological issues which have shaped the sociological thinking in the latter half of the 20th century, and which continue to concern the practitioners of sociology today.

To examine the theoretical relevance and analytical utility of the premises, methodology and conclusions of these diverse theoretical perspectives in understanding social structure and change.

### **Course Content:**

	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Lectures</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>I- Introduction</b>	1	15	25
The Frankfurt school: J.Habermas. Contemporary Marxist Theory: L.Althusser, A.Gramsci. Neofunctionalism: J.Alexander.			
<b>II- Central Issues in Sociological Theory</b>	1	15	25
Agency & Structure integration: Anthony Giddens , Margaret Archer, Bourdieu. Macro- Micro debate.			
<b>III- Post-structuralism &amp; Post- modernism</b>	1	15	25
Poststructuralist: M. Foucault. Postmodern Theory: Jameson, Baudrillard.			
<b>IV- Feminist Theory</b>	1	15	25
Radical, Liberal, Marxist, Black Psychoanalytical, Post-Modern.			

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