

Course : KAY 136 – SOCIOLOGY
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Course Day-Hours : Wednesday – 09:40 – 12:00
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“Sosyoloji Yaşamdır: Yaşamın anlaşılması, tasarlanması ve geleceğin şekillendirilmesidir” Ali ÇAĞLAR

“The sociologist is a person who endlessly, shamelessly and intensively interested in the doings of people” Peter BERGER

“Bilim insanı, her zaman, her yerde ve herkesten öğreneceği bir şeyler olduğunun bilincinde olan kişidir” Ali ÇAĞLAR

“Uygur olmak; doğayı bütün canlılarıyla birlikte kabullenmek, sevmek ve korumakla başlar” Ali ÇAĞLAR

“Okumak insanlaştırır” Ali ÇAĞLAR

INFORMATION: The aim of this outline is to inform the students about the course description, which will be taught during the second term of the year. The book entitled below is the main textbook of the course. However, some supplementary books, which are given in below, are also advised. No limitation on the supplementary materials. The students are required to read (well prepared) the subject of the following week in order to be able to participate in the class discussion.

“The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relations between the two within society. That is its task and its promise” – C. Wright Mills, The Sociological Imagination. Sociology is a tool that will enable you to better understand and think critically about the world around you. First and foremost, in developing a sociological perspective is realizing that the social world is not a given. It is something to be explored and understood. The overall aim is to introduce you the sociological thinking, including an understanding of cutting-edge concerns, and to start talking and writing sociologically. The themes are pursued in relation to Turkey, Europe and processes of globalisation and will be illustrated through video clips and discussions.

Learning Outcomes: Having successfully completed this course, you will be able to: • Discuss key topics such as society, social institutions, social structure, sociological theories, culture, social stratification, poverty, migration, social change, racism, ethnicity, religion and belief, challenges for sociology in the 21st Century, etc., explain why these themes have attracted the interest of sociologists and what the main challenges are; • Recall and reproduce the main arguments of key sociologists and key ideas; • Articulate an informed and independent argument in essays, discussions and examination questions; • Compare and contrast the main quantitative and qualitative methods including questionnaires, interview, observation and their potential roles in the research process; • Consequently, to be able to look at sociologically the world around us...

-Main Text Books:

- Macionis, John J. & Ken Plummer (2012) *Sociology-A Global Introduction*, England: Pearson Education Ltd., 5th edition. <http://www.pearsoned.co.uk/HigherEducation/titlesby/PlummerMacionis/>
- Macionis, John J. (2012) *Sociology* (14th Edition), England: Pearson Education Ltd., <https://epdf.tips/sociology-14th-edition.html>
- OpenStax College (2013) Introduction to Sociology, <http://sociology.morrisville.edu/textbooks/soci101/Intro-to-Sociology-OPENSTAX-May2013.pdf>
- Society 5.0 - https://www8.cao.go.jp/cstp/english/society5_0/index.html
 - https://www.japan.go.jp/abenomics/userdata/abenomics/pdf/society_5.0.pdf
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYrv6kOsU1o>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9JMuwvzz8g>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odjuqBLJRMYY>

-Supplementary Sources:

- Çağlar, Ali (2018) “Sosyoloji – Toplumbilim” iç. **Sosyoloji**, (Ed. D. A. Arslan ve G. Arslan), İstanbul: Paradigma Akademi, s.21-47.
- Giddens, Anthony (2006) **Sociology**.Oxford: Polity Press.
- “ “ (1994) **Sosyoloji: Eleştirel Bir Yaklaşım**. (Çv. M.R. Esengün - İ. Öğretir), Erzurum: Birey Yayınları.
- Abercrombie, Nicholas (2004) **Sociology**. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Sezal, İhsan (der.) (2002) **Sosyolojiye Giriş**, Ankara: Martı Yayınları.
- Bozkurt, Veysel (2004) **Değişen Dünyada Sosyoloji - Temeller, Kavramlar, Kurumlar**, Bursa: Alfa.
- Fulcher, James and John Scott (2003) **Sociology**. New York: Oxford Univ. Press.
- Macionis, John J. (2012) **Sociology**. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
- Moore, Stephen (1995) **Sociology**. London: Hodder Headline Plc.
- Popenoe, David (1995) **Sociology**. New Jersey:Prentice-Hall, Inc.
- Schaefer, Richard T. & Robert P. Lam (1992) **Sociology**. (Fourth Edition), New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc.
- Özkalp, Enver (1998) **Sosyolojiye Giriş**, Eskişehir: Anadolu Üniv. Eğitim, Sağlık ve Bilimsel Araştırma Çalışmaları Vakfı Yayın No:140.
- Mills, C. Wright (1967) **Sociological Imagination**. London:Oxford Univ. Press.
- Güvenç, Bozkurt (1994) **İnsan ve Kültür**. İst.: Remzi Kitabevi.
- Fichter, Joseph (1996) **Sosyoloji Nedir?** (Tr. N. Çelebi),Ank.: Atilla Kitabevi.
- Ozankaya, Özer (1994) **Toplumbilim**. İst.: Cem Yayınevi.
- Sezal, İhsan (ed.) (1995) **Sosyoloji Yazıları**. Bursa: Ekin Kitabevi.
- “ “ (1991) **Sosyal Bilimlerde Temel Kavramlar**. Ank.: Akçağ Yay.
- Aron, Raymond (1989) **Sosyolojik Düşüncenin Evreleri** (Çev. Korkmaz Alemdar), Ankara: Bilgi Yayınevi, 2. baskı.
- Bauman, Zygmunt (1998) **Sosyolojik Düşünmek** (Çev. Abdullah Yılmaz), İstanbul: Ayrıntı Yayınları.
- Bauman, Zygmunt (2000) **Siyaset Arayışı** (Çev. Tuncay Birkan), İstanbul: Metis.
- Bottomore, Tom & Nisbet, Robert (1990) **Sosyolojik Çözümlemenin Tarihi** (Çev. Mete Tunçay-Aydın Uğur), Ankara: V Yayınları.
- Cole, Stephen (1999) **Sosyolojik Düşünme Yöntemi** (Çev: Bekir Demirkol), Ankara: Vadi Yayınları.
- Giddens, Anthony (1999) **Toplumun Kuruluşu** (Çev. Hüseyin Özel), Ankara: Bilim ve Sanat.
- Giddens, Anthony (2000) **Siyaset, Sosyoloji ve Toplumsal Teori** (Çev. Tuncay Birkan), İstanbul: Metis.
- Giddens, Anthony (2000) **Elimizden Kaçıp Giden Dünya** (Çev. Osman Akinhay), İstanbul: Alfa.
- Giddens, Anthony (1986) **Sociology: A Brief but Critical Introduction**. London: Macmillan.
- Swingewood, Alan (1998) **Sosyolojik Düşüncenin Kısa Tarihi** (Çev. Osman Akinhay), Ankara: Bilim ve Sanat Yayınları.
- Yıldırım, Cemal (1997) **Bilimsel Düşünme Yöntemi**, İstanbul: Bilgi Yayınevi.

You may find some of these books from the main library. In addition, you may use the Libraries of METU, Bilkent and Başkent Universities.

Evaluation: There will be one midterm exam. Midterm exam is worth of 40/100. Moreover, each student will be evaluated according to his/her performance during the course discussions, and will be graded with (+) and (-) marks. Lastly, a final exam will be held at the end of the semester. It will be worth 60/100 of the final mark.

COURSE PROGRAMME

SUBJECT I: Meeting, informing students about the course, exams and evaluation, and introduction to the course.

SUBJECT II: INTRODUCING SOCIOLOGY

-What is Sociology? The Sociological Perspective in Everyday Life. Social Change and the Origins of Sociology. Sociological Imagination and Sociological Thinking. Society, Social Structure – Social Institutions. Types of Societies, etc.

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 2-20.

SUBJECT III: THINKING SOCIOLOGICALLY, THINKING GLOBALLY

-What is the Classical Tradition of Sociology? A Short Tour of Sociological Theory: Classical Perspectives in Sociology, The Newer Perspectives. Thinking Globally: A Global Perspective in Sociology.

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 22-41.

SUBJECT IV: SOCIETIES

-Changing Patterns of Society, Explaining Modern Industrial Society.

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 72-103.

SUBJECT V: CULTURE

-What is Culture? The Major Components of Culture: Symbols, Language, Values and Beliefs, Norms, Material Culture. Cultural Diversity: Many Ways of Life in one World, A Global Culture. The McDonaldization of Society (George Ritzer).

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 104-130.

SUBJECT VI: THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF EVERYDAY LIFE: MICROSOCIOLOGY.

- The Social Construction of Reality. Becoming Social: The Process of Socialisation. The Agents of Socialisation: Family, Day-Care Centres, Peer Groups, School, The Mass Media, State (Politics), Religion, Gender, Gender Differences and Socialisation. Identity.

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 156-185.

SUBJECT VII: SOCIAL DIVISIONS AND SOCIAL STRATIFICATION.

-What is Social Stratification? Closed and Open Systems of Stratification: Slavery, Caste, Estate and Class. The Role of Ideology in Stratification. Stratification and Technology in Global Perspective. Social Stratification and the Future. Global Stratification.

Sources: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 188-215.

SUBJECT VIII: RACISM, ETHNICITY and MIGRATION

- Racism, Prejudice and Racism, Discrimination, Ethnicity: Majority and Minority, Migration.

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 272-305.

SUBJECT IX: RELIGION AND BELIEF

-What is Religion? The Functions of Religion. The Shape of Global Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese Religions and 'Confucianism'. Religion in the Twenty-first Century.

Sources: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 486-511.

SUBJECT X: FUTURES: CHALLENGES FOR SOCIOLOGY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

-The Computer Revolution and Information Society. Technology and the Risk Society (pp.617-625). What is Social Change? Causes of Social Change. The Future and Change: New Kinds of Society in the Making? The Shape of Societies to Come: A New World Order?

Source: Macionis and Plummer, pp. 686-702.

Rules and Regulations:

Attendance: You are required to attend 70% of the classes.

Wish you all a successful semester...