

Semester	AUG 2022
Open to semester	5,7,11,13,21
Course code	<b>HS3114/HS6124</b>
Course title	<b>Disasters and Society</b>
Credits	4 /4
Course Coordinator & participating faculty (if any)	Shalini Sharma
Nature of Course	Lectures and Tutorials
Pre-requisites	<p>This course is reading, writing and discussion active. It requires maintaining a journal as part of continuous assessment. You are required to post a 500-800 word summary of your readings of the week under the Journal section of the Assignment on Classroom. Also, retain a copy of your class work.</p> <p>If you are auditing this course, you are required to submit journal entries and participate in readi</p>
Objectives (goals, type of students for whom useful, outcome etc)	<p>This course provides an introduction to social dimensions of disaster events. It will examine how disasters (natural, technological and human-made) are social events. It will cover key concepts and perspectives on risk, resilience and vulnerability in the context of core developmental issues. It will build student understanding about how culture, social structure and inequality impact people's preparedness, capacities and response to disasters. Thus, also building an appreciation about the dynamic between social change and disaster.</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. learn basic terms, concepts and social theories for understanding disaster events</li> <li>2. apply these terms and perspective to understand disasters</li> <li>3. think critically how/why disasters are social events that both shape and are shaped by social change.</li> </ol>
Course contents (details of topics /sections with no. of lectures for each)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction: Definitions and Debates</li> <li>2) Concepts and Critical perspectives: Hazards and Risk, Vulnerability, Resilience, Response and Recovery.</li> <li>3) Social Science theories of disasters: Social systems Theory,</li> </ol>

	<p>Social vulnerability Theory, Social constructionism Theory, Hazard perception &amp; risk communication Theory, Complexity and Normal Accident Theory, Risk Society.</p> <p>4) Intersectionality and its discontents: Disasters and race/class/caste/tribe/gender/religion/age and ability/language etc.</p> <p>5) Popular culture of disaster- Behavioral response and myths, Social construction of disasters and role of media, disasters and memory etc.</p> <p>6) Lessons from Disasters: Disaster capitalism, Disaster/Env Justice, Disasters and Policy Instruments towards justice, Rethinking disasters and development.</p>
<p>Evaluation /assessment</p>	<p>End-Sem Examination-40%</p> <p>Mid-Sem Examination-35%</p> <p>Others-continuous assessment: 25%%</p>
<p>Suggested readings (with full list of authors, publisher, year, edn etc.)</p>	<p>The course will use a mix of core and supplementary reading material. All readings will be accessible online. Please refer to the course Google Classroom for weekly topic, readings and other details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tierney, K. (2018), Disasters- A Sociological Approach, Polity Press.</li> <li>- Bankoff, G., Ferks.G, Hilhorst, D. eds. (2004). Mapping Vulnerability: Disasters, Development and People, Earthscan.</li> <li>-Beck, U. (1992). The Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity; Sage Publications.</li> <li>-Phillips, B., D. S. K. Thomas, A. Fothergill, and L. Blinn-Pike eds. (2009) Social Vulnerability to Disasters. -Taylor and Francis.</li> <li>Collins, A. (2009). Disasters and Development, Routledge.</li> <li>-Bauman, Z. (2007). Liquid Times – Living in an Age of Uncertainty; Polity Press, Cambridge.</li> <li>-Perrow, C. (1999) Normal Accidents: Living with high risk technologies, Princeton University Press.</li> <li>-Acharya, K., Noronha, F. eds. (2010). The Green Pen: Environmental Journalism in India and South Asia, Sage Publications.</li> <li>-Sainath, P. (2000). Everyone loves a good draught, Penguin India.</li> <li>-Klein, N. (2001). The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster</li> </ul>

	<p>Capitalism. Metropolitan Press.</p> <p>-Klinenberg, E. (2002). Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago. The University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>-Auyero, J. and Swistun, D. A. (2009). Flammable: Environmental Suffering in an Argentine Shantytown. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>-Eckerman, I. (2005). The Bhopal saga: causes and consequences of the world's largest industrial disaster. Universities Press.</p> <p>-Rodríguez, H. et al. eds (2006). Handbook of Disaster Research, Springer. Rodríguez, H. et al. eds. (2018), Handbook of Disaster Research, 2nd edn. Handbooks of Sociology and Social Research, Springer.</p>
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