

KU4DSCSSE208: ECONOMICS OF DISCRIMINATION

Semester	Course Type	Course Level	Course Code		Credits	Total Hours
IV	DSC-Major	200-299	KU4DSCSSE208		4	60
Learning Approach (Hours/ Week)			Marks Distribution			Duration of ESE (Hours)
Lecture	Practical/ Internship	Tutorial	CE	ESE	Total	
4	-	-	30	70	100	2

Course Description: The course studies how socio-economic situations in the society are shaped by the factors like race, religion, gender and ethnicity. The course will give a brief overview of major theories regarding discrimination and is designed in such a way to enable students to address the issues faced by downtrodden and marginalised people in the society. The course is designed in such a way by giving special focus to Kerala.

Course Prerequisite: NIL

Course Outcomes:

CO No.	Expected Outcome	Learning Domains
1	Familiarise with the basic elements, methodologies, and ideological underpinnings of Economics of discrimination	R, U, E
2	Apply economic theories to think critically on various economic issues that encounters in daily life and finding solutions for the same	R,U,E
3	Assessing the impact of public policy upon alleviating discrimination faced by marginalised sections of the society	R,U,E,An

**Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C)*

Mapping of Course Outcomes to PSOs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PSO 7
CO 1	✓	✓	✓			✓	

CO 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

COURSE CONTENTS

Contents for Classroom Transaction:

M O D U L E	U N I T	DESCRIPTION	HOURS 60
1	INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS OF DISCRIMINATION		12
	1	a) Meaning, definition ,nature and scope	2
		b) Subject matter of economics of discrimination	1
	2	Economic theories of Discrimination	
		a) Neoclassical and Institutional views	3
		b) Views of Becker, Akerlof, Herbert Blumer's theory of discrimination, Arrow and Phelps	4
		c) Limitations of economics of discrimination.	2
2	FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION		13
	1	Factors of Production-Causes and forms of discrimination- Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Religion and caste.	4
	2	Occupational Segregation, Inclusive Growth. Sen's approach to social exclusion.	3
	3	Inequality and its various forms.	3
	4	Global Inequality Index- Perpetuation of Inequality in India.	3
3	DISCRIMINATION IN THE REAL WORLD		13
	1	Discrimination faced by African Americans, Non whites in South Africa, Dalit Community in India	4
	2	Affirmative Action	6
		a) The concept of economic minorities. Constitutional provisions for reservation in India.	
		b) EWS Reservation in India.	

		c) Constitutional bodies in India- SC, ST, Backward Community commissions in India.	
	3	Ambedkar and Gandhian views on economics of caste discrimination.	3
	ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION IN KERALA		12
	1	Kerala Development Model -Sustainability of Kerala model.	2
	2	Growing inequality and development trajectory of the state since 1980s	2
4	3	Socioeconomic struggles of women in Kerala. Gender disparities in Kerala	2
	4	Interdistrict disparities in Kerala	1
	5	Socio-Economic Status of Scheduled Castes in Kerala	2
	6	Poverty among Scheduled tribes in Kerala- Tribal development policies adopted by Government.	3
	TEACHER SPECIFIC MODULE		10
	<i>Directions</i>		
5	1. Review the newspaper and other information sources and identify articles highlighting discrimination based on age, ethnicity, caste, religion, or sexual orientation. Submit a short (three-page) report and present it in the classroom 2. Visit the places dominantly residing by SC/ST etc and prepare a report.		

Essential Readings:

1. Becker, G. (1971). The Economics of Discrimination, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2nd Edition.
2. Cain, G. (1984). The economics of discrimination: Part 1. Focus. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty
3. Sen, A. K. (2000). Social exclusion: Concept, application and scrutiny", Working Paper, Social Development Paper No. 1, Asian Development Bank.
4. Deshpande, Ashwini. (2000). Does Caste Still Define Disparity? A Look at Inequality in Kerala, India. American Economic Review. 90. 322-325. 10.1257/aer.90.2.322.
5. Ambedkar, B. R. (2008). "Annihilation of Caste", 1935, Paperback Version.
6. Martínez Rodríguez, María & Marcelino-Aranda, Mariana, Saseendran, Prasanth & Nitheesh, Kumar. (2020). Contradictions of the development model of the state

- of Kerala, India: the tribal population Contradicciones del modelo de desarrollo del estado de Kerala, India: la población tribal. 41(12).
7. Suresh, Swathy. (2024). Human Rights of Women in Kerala: A Socio-economic analysis through Kerala State Child Rights Commission.
 8. Nandeesha. H.K. (2014). Mapping Kerala Model of Development. Abhudaya Newsletter of UGC-UPE Focus Area II volume 2 (4).
 9. A. P, Sreerag., & Vakulabharanam, V. (2015). High growth and rising inequality in Kerala since the 1980s. Oxford Development Studies, 44(4), 367–383. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13600818.2015.1111320>
 10. Anand Jayakrishnan, K. (2016). Kerala Model of Development: Issue of Sustainability. Int. J. of Adv. Res. 4 (Nov). 556-560] (ISSN 2320-5407). www.journalijar.com
 11. Iyer, S. (2018). The economics of religion in India. The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press
 12. Narain, Prem & Rai, SC & Sarup, Shanti. (1994). Inter-district Disparities in Socio-economic Development in Kerala. Journal of Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics. 46. 362-377.
 13. Haseena, V.A. (2015). Poverty and livelihood problems among the scheduled tribes in Kerala-A Study on Attappady. Journal of Poverty, Investment and Development. <https://api.core.ac.uk/oai/oai:localhost:article/24518>
 14. Thorat, Sukhadeo. (2024). Insights from economic theories of discrimination: on sources, motives, consequences and policies. Journal of Social and Economic Development. 10.1007/s40847-023-00317-1.
 15. Himanshu, Himanshu. (2019). Inequality in India: A review of levels and trends. 10.35188/UNU-WIDER/2019/676-0.

Reference Distribution:

Module	Unit	Reference No.	Remarks
1	1	Essential readings 1 & 14	--
	2	Essential readings 14	--
2	1	Essential readings 2 & 11	--

	2	Essential readings 3	--
	3	Essential readings 2	--
	4	Essential readings 15	--
3	1	Essential readings 1	--
	2	Essential readings 1	--
	3	Essential readings 5	--
4	1	Essential readings 6,8 &10	--
	2	Essential readings 9	--
	3	Essential readings 7	--
	4	Essential readings 12	
	5	Essential readings 4	
	6	Essential readings 13	

Suggested Readings:

1. Akerlof, A. G., "The Economics of Caste and of the Rat Race and other Woeful Tales", Quarterly Journal of Economics, 90, 59-617, 1976.
2. Akerlof, G. A. and Kranton, R. E., "Identity Economics: How Our Identities Shape Our Work, Wages and Well-being", Princeton University Press, 2011.

Assessment Rubrics:

Evaluation Type		Marks
End Semester Evaluation		70
Continuous Evaluation		30
a)	Test Paper- 1	6
b)	Test Paper-2	6
c)	Assignment	6
d)	Seminar/Debate	5
e)	Book/ Article Review	-
f)	Viva-Voce/quiz	
g)	Field Report	7
Total		100