

BRICS Network University

UNICAMP – University of Campinas

Post-graduate Program in Sociology

Sociology of Stratification and Inequality in the BRICS

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Course Outline

In this course we will present the major issues related to Social Stratification and Inequality in the BRICS countries.

The classes will examine different dimensions of Sociology of Stratification focusing in the BRICS countries, with special attention to Theory of Stratification and Inequality, as well as, methodology of research in this field. For that, the course will be based on the first book published in cooperation with four countries: Peilin, L; Scalon,C; Gorshkov, M. K.; Sharma,K.L.; Handbook Social Stratification in the BRIC Countries. Singapore, World Scientific. 2013. As for South Africa, we will include papers with researches on this subject.

The aim is to study the differences and similarities observed in BRICS countries and reinforce the importance for develop empirical research and substantive analyses about the theme in Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Class 1

Introduction

Bibliography

Peilin, L; Scalon,C; Gorshkov, M. K.; Sharma,K.L.; Handbook Social Stratification in the BRIC Countries. Singapore, World Scientific.

Introduction. (all subsequent chapters are in this book).

Classes 2 & 3

Stratification and Change

- Social Stratification and Transformation in Brazil
- **Celi Scalon**
- Changes in the social structure of Russian society in conditions of transformation
- **Z.T. Golenkova, M.K. Gorshkov**

- Social Stratification and Change in Contemporary India
K.L. Sharma
- The Change of Social Stratification in China since the Reform
LI Peilin

Classes 3 and 4

The Working Class

- Labor, Workers, and Politics in Contemporary Brazil: 1980-2010
Marco Aurélio Santana
- Working class in a Transition Society: from the Soviet Union to the Russian Republic
Z. T. Golenkova
- Urban Industrial Working Class and Rural Peasant Working Class in India
K.L. Sharma
- Status Quo and Status Change of Working Class in Contemporary China
LI Wei and TIAN Feng

Classes 4 & 5

Peasants

- Brazilian Peasantry: A History of Resistance
Maria de Nazareth Baudel Wanderley
- Transformation of Social Structure in Modern Rural Russia
A.A. Hagurov
- Differentiation of Peasantry in India since Independence and Reform
K.L. Sharma
- Rural Society and Peasants in China
FAN Ping

Classes 6 & 7

Enterprises and Entrepreneurship

- Innovative Entrepreneurship in Brazil
Sonia K Guimaraes
- Development of Entrepreneurship in Russia: Main Trends and

Current State

Alexander Chepurenko

- Tradition and Entrepreneurship of Indian Private Entrepreneurs
K.L. Sharma
- The Fledging China's Private Entrepreneurs in a Transitional Economy
CHEN Guangjin

Classes 8 & 9

Middle Class

- The Making of Middle Class in Brazil: Review and Prospect
André Salata and Celi Scalon
- Middle class in Russian society: homogeneity or heterogeneity?
N.E.Tichonova and S.V.Mareyeva
- The Rising of Middle Class in India since the Independence
K.L. Sharma
- Heterogeneous Composition and Multiple Identities of China's Middle Class
LI Chunling

Classes 10 & 11

Income Inequality

- Income Inequalities and Social Stratification in Brazil: Key determining factors and changes in the first decade of the Twenty-First Century
Lygia Costa and Celi Scalon
- Income inequality in Russia
Yu Epikhina
- The Poverty Class and Income Inequality in India's Urban and Rural Areas
K.L. Sharma
- Structural Characteristics and Trends of Income Inequalities in China
CHEN Guangjin

Classes 12 & 13

Educational Inequality

- Educational Inequality and Social Stratification in Brazil

Marcio da Costa, Mariane C. Koslinski, and Lygia Costa

- Educational Inequality-in Russia: from the School to the Market
D.L. Konstantinovsky
- Education and Social Stratification in India: A Systematic Inequality
K.L. Sharma
- Education Inequality and Educational Expansion in China
LI Chunling

Classes 14 & 15

Consumption

- Beyond Social Stratification: Consumer Practices in Contemporary Brazil from a New Research Agenda
Marcelo Castañeda
- Class Differentiation and Urban-Rural Disparity of Consumptions and Lifestyles in Russia-
P.M. Kozyreva, A.N. Nizamova, and A.I. Smirnov
- The New Emerging Consumption Class and Their Life-styles
K.L. Sharma
- The Consumption Stratification among Social Classes, Occupational Groups and Identity Groups in China
TIAN Feng

Class 16 & 17

Conclusion and Perspectives for the Future

These sessions aim to discuss with students the importance of comparative research for Contemporary Sociology and the future of research in the BRICS countries. It also will bring papers from South Africa, since the book which will be basis for the course, did not had the contribution of South African scholars. In these last two classes we will also discuss the final paper for evaluation.