

BA Sociology, 2nd Semester Elective

Civilizations, Cultures, and Transforming Societies

This elective for a student intending to pursue Sociology will provide a background and an overview of how modern societies have emerged. This course would historically contextualize the 'modern' and 'primitive', 'civilization' as well as 'culture', 'savage' and the 'civilized', 'oriental' as opposed to 'occidental'. The nature of society and social relationships has changed continuously in this civilizational journey. From nomadism to settlement and from agricultural feudalism to industrial capitalism—these shifts are not merely economic, they have associated implications in the nature of marriage and partnership, transformations from subjects to citizens, emergence of nation-states and also the worker. Looking at civilizations across the world, this course would map the transforming of human societies and how individuals and groups have both influenced and been impacted by these changes. This course shall bridge the boundaries between sociology, history and social anthropology.