

## SC1101E MAKING SENSE OF SOCIETY

### TUTORIAL FIVE: Social Change and Sociological Orienteering

#### Assigned Readings

1. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 1 (Sociological Orienteering)
2. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 13 (Pandemics and Social Change).

#### Suggested Readings

3. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 14 (The Environment and Social Change).
4. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 15 (Armed Conflicts and Social Change).

#### Class Activity

The main objective of this session is to use your midterm essay (sociological orienteering) to trace the impact of some of the key events that happened in the past two decades (e.g., 9/11 Attack, SARS Outbreak, Indian Ocean Tsunami) and explain how our society has changed within this period. Following the structure of Chapters 13-15 (Issues) of the textbook, the important changes in society will be analyzed using some of the key concepts that we covered during the semester.

Create a note summarizing the key points of your mid-term essay focusing on the event/issue covered in your chosen news article and its impact on you growing up. Share your notes with your classmates and explore any common events, compare your experiences of these events, and discuss the factors that shaped your similar or varying experiences.

#### Discussion Guide Questions

1. What common themes do the group members' news articles share? Link this common theme/s to two or three relevant topics and key concepts that we covered in class (see below).

- identities (personal compass) – race, gender, class
- interactions (cultural map) – culture, organizations, deviance
- institutions (social terrain) – family, religion, nation-state

2. What can your life history say about the most important development (technological advancement, urban development, securitization, etc.) that has occurred in the past 20 years? Has social change made your life better, or has it led to issues that adversely affected your life growing up?