

Sociology Mid 2

Lecture 4

- Stratification - Layering of human population
- **Sources of Inequality :**
 - Cultural collective evaluation (Status)
 - organisation of society (Power)
- Caste a cultural as well as a structural phenomenon.
- Points on caste
- **Class vs Caste**
- Class and approaches for study (**Attributional, Interactional, Proportional**)
- Identification of **Tribes** based on 5 factors
 - Backwardness
 - Primary Traits
 - Geographical Isolation
 - Culture
 - Shyness of Contact
- **Gender**
 - Biological Essentialism
 - Social Constructionism
- **Merton and Parsons :** Stratification necessary for society to function.
- **Marxist Approach** to study Stratification
 - Identify Class
 - Study interactions
 - Study Contradictions
- **Weberian Approach**
 - Status has value
 - Status Independent of class
 - Class, Status, Power needed to understand stratification
- **Bordieu Approach**
 - Economic, Social, Cultural, Symbolic means to study caste.

Lecture 5

- Religion and Sociology. (Rites, Beliefs, Sacred, Profane)
- **Durkheim's** views on Religion. (Not last resort, explains normal)
- Calvinism
- Protestantism

- **Weber** on religion (religion creates structures)
- **Marx** on religion (opium for people)
- McDonaldisation of Culture (Efficiency, Calculability, Control, Predictability)
- **Women and Sociology** - Tropisation as Symbols
- **Political Sociology**