

AKD TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOP

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TOPIC: Teaching the Introductory Sociology Course

ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What should students learn in this course?
2. What topics should we cover
3. How many topics should we cover?
4. How do we arrange the topics for value-added knowledge?
5. What types of assignments are compliment lectures?

ANSWERS

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1. Mainly Sociological reasoning:

A. The Sociological Perspective: Berger, 1963.

- Human behavior and human conditions are not a matter of personal will
- Social structures shape all aspects of human behavior and social conditions
- Understanding of the roles of social structure in all aspects of human life
- Understanding the relativity of human behavior/condition vis-à-vis social structures

B. The sociological Imagination: Mills, 1958

- Ability to connect particular behaviors and social conditions to structural causes
- Finding structural solutions to problems of the human condition

C. Significance of Elements of Social Structure

- How **Status**, **Roles** and **Norms** shape human realities

ROUND-TABLE DELIBERATIONS: questions to answers during syllabus preparations

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