

OC 317 Sociology of Non- Violent Change (2units)

An examination of peaceful relationships between groups, classes, races, nations and international blocks, ideologies and religions. Theories of peace and conflict; the development of the notion of the just society and its significance for a peaceful social order; institutional and psychological applications of approaches to conflict resolution. Problems of responsiveness and accountability in complex organizations; the educational imperatives of peaceful change in plural societies; freedom of political choice in plural societies. Economic inequality and its constraints on peaceful changes; forms of resistance to violence. Non violence versus collective political violence e.g. riots, coups and revolutions – their causes and processes seen as failure to accommodate strategies of non-violent change.