

Lecture 5-

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- Conflict perspective:
- Symbolic-interactionist perspective:
 - Micro-level focus-interactions in specific situations
 - Symbolic because looks at the meaning of the interaction
 - Plans, Intentions, motivations ,and self-reflexivity of actors;
 - Envisions social reality created by the city as the product of everyday interactions of individuals, as a shared reality created by the interactions of its members
 - Brief critical evaluation: by focusing on day-to-day and face to face interactions, ignores the larger social institutions in which behaviour takes place
 - Downplays the global aspects of culture and the effects of socially imposed definitions of race, ethnicity, gender ,class and age on peoples lives.
- Feminist perspective:
 - Focuses on the significance of gender and the inequalities between men and women in all areas of social life
 - Encompasses the micro (daily reconstructions of interactions like talking)
 - Macro levels of analysis:
 - construction and reproduction of gender
 - Series of constraints and forms of resistance in women's lives
 - Dorothy Smith:
 - Argues for a sociology that would be built on everyday life of a women
 - New field called: women/gender studies
 - Women-centered:
 - Explicitly ideological

- How does individual behaviour vary from one situation to another?
- How does it vary from one person to another?