

PPSD Exam Revision

MODULE 1

Oppression

- to be part of society
 - o inhibited from exercising individual capacities
 - o prohibited from group affiliation
- 5 types of oppression:

Cultural Imperialism

- Establishing cultural norms
 - o Constructing the 'self' as 'normal'
 - o Stereotyping the 'other'

Exploitation

- Transfer of energies and surplus labour
 - o Energies of the have-nots continuously expended to maintain/augment power, status and wealth of the haves
- Outcome: unequal distribution of resources
- Supported by institutions & structures
 - o Residential differentiation by suburb – rich suburbs and poor suburbs
 - o Public & private schools

Marginalisation

- People are marked as useless (surplus to requirements of society)
- Excluded from society/city
- Lack of opportunity

Powerlessness

- Lack of control
- People without a voice
 - o The powerless are those whom power is exercised without their own exercising of it

Violence

- Intimidation, ridicule, harassments
- Physical assault & intimidation
 - o Verbal insults
 - o Threats
 - o Attacks
- Liable to violation → deprives of freedom and dignity

Socio-spatial Polarisation

- Divergence over time in life chances/socio-economic circumstances of low income to middle-high income populations
- Growing intensities of gaps between adv. & disadv.:
 - o Inequality of income
 - o Disparities in availability/quality of public services
 - o Employment status
 - o Growing poverty