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ANTY 520: Ethnology

Course Information

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This is an ethnology seminar for anthropology graduate students; consent of instructor is required for non-degree graduate and undergraduate students to participate. Readings are on reserve at the Mansfield Library, and required selections from each book have been scanned electronically to a Moodle supplement. After the first meeting, students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the readings with a set of questions, or brief commentary prepared in advance. Discussion leaders for each topic will read the entire ethnography, as well as supplemental readings to establish context.

Grading Policy:

Students will be evaluated on consistent attendance, participation in discussion, and an oral presentation of a research paper on a topic chosen in consultation with the instructor. Presentations will be 10-15 minutes each, (10-12 double spaced pages) in the format of AAA meetings, with a title, abstract, and 10 minutes for questions and discussion. The research papers must draw on at least 10-15 sources, and be at least 20 pages in length.

Syllabus

Week 1 (August 31)

Introductions, syllabi, and overview of the readings by the instructor.

Week 2 (September 7) Labor Day Holiday no class

Week 3 (September 14) Ethnology and Ethnography: the role of theory

Readings: Writing Culture and the life of Anthropology Orin Starn, ed. Durham: Duke University Press. 2015.

Week 4 (September 21) Documentary/film

View "The Act of Killing" and attend one viewing of "The Look of Silence" at the Roxy Theatre (showings begin Sept. 18th and are free with a Griz Card).

Readings: Taussig, Michael. I swear I saw this: draing in fieldwork notebooks, namely my own

Week 5 (September 28) no class (personal leave)

- Week 6 (October 5) Sovereignty (Power and History)**
 Readings: Petryna, Adriana.
When experiments travel: clinical trials and the global search for human subjects
- Week 7 (October 12) Biopolitics (Fertility and Health)**
 Readings: Pinto, Sarah.
Where there is no midwife
- Week 8 (October 19) Gender (Sexuality and Kinship)**
 Readings: Goodfellow, Aaron.
Gay Fathers, Their Children and the Making of Kinship
- Week 9 (October 26) Labor (Body and Material Life)**
 Readings: Jefferey, Craig.
Degrees without Freedom: Education, masculinities and unemployment in North India
- Week 10 (November 2) Humanitarianism (Ethics of Care)**
 Readings: Norris, Lucy.
Recycling Indian Clothing: global contexts of reuse and value.
- Week 11 (November 9) Youth (Political Anthropology)**
 Readings: Lukoae, Ritty
Liberalization's Children: Gender, youth, and consumer citizenship in globalizing India.
- Week 12 (November 16) Catastrophe (Development and Aid)**
 Reading: Hindman, Heather.
Mediating the Global: expatria's forms and consequences in Kathmandu
- Week 13 (November 23) Architecture (Urban Anthropology)**
 Reading: Kusno, Abini.
The Appearances of Memory: mnemonic practices of architecture and urban form in Indonesia
- Week 14 (November 30) **Student Presentations**
 Week 15 (December 7) **Student Presentations**
 Finals Week (December 14) **Course Evaluation**
Research papers are due by Friday, 5:00 p.m. December 18th.

Supplemental Bibliography

Week Three: Theory

Axel, Brian, ed. 2002. From the Margins: Historical Anthropology and its Futures. Durham: Duke University.

Asad, Talal. "Ethnographic Representation, Statistics, and Modern Power," and Trouillet, Michel-Rolph. "Culture on the Edges: Caribbean Creolization in Historical Context,"

Felski, Rita and Friedman, Susan, eds. 2012. Comparison: theories, approaches, uses. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Handler, Richard. "The Uses of Incommensurability in Anthropology," Pp 271-291.and

Spivak, Gayatri. "Rethinking Comparativism," In Felski and Friedman, *ibid.* pp. 253-270.

Rothenberg, Molly. "Introduction: The excess of everyday life," and "What does the 'social' in social change mean?" In The Excessive Subject: a new theory of social change. Polity Press

Comaroff, Jean and John. 2012. Theory from the South: Or, how Euro-America is Evolving toward Africa. (Boulder: Paradigm Publishers) Required: Chapter 2, On Personhood: a perspective from Africa, pp. 51-64;

Chapter 4, Nations With/Out Borders: The Politics of Being and the Problem of Belonging, pp. 91-108.

Week Four: Documentary Film (Post-colonialism)

Schueller, Malini Johar. 2009. Locating Race: Global Sites of Post-Colonial Citizenship (Albany: SUNY Press) Chapter 1: Theorizing Race, Postcoloniality and Globalization pp. 1-30.

Besnier, Niko. 2011. On the Edge of the Global: Modern Anxieties in a Pacific Island Nation (Stanford: Stanford University Press) Required: Chapter 7, Shaping the Body, pp. 183-204.

Cole, Jennifer. 2001. Forget Colonialism? Sacrifice and the Art of Memory in Madagascar (Berkeley: University of California Press) Required: Chapter 7, Reversing Figure and Ground, pp. 223-273

Week Five: (Indigenous Studies)

Strathern, Marilyn. "Introduction: Divided Origins," and "Transactions: an analytical foray," In Transactions and Creations: property debates and the stimulus of Melanesia. Edited by Eric Hirsch and Marilyn Strathern. Berghahn Press.

Strathern, Marilyn. "Introduction: In Crisis Mode: a comment on Interculturality," In Commons and Borderlands: working papers on interdisciplinarity, accountability and the flow of knowledge.

Sefa Dei, George, ed. 2011. Indigenous Philosophies and Critical Education: A Reader (New York: Peter Lang Publishing)_Required: Introduction pp. 1-13, and Chapter 9: Indigenous Studies and Education in the Australian Academy, pp. 68-79.

Fleishmann, Aloys, et al. eds. 2011. Narratives of Citizenship: Indigenous and Diasporic Peoples Unsettle the State (Alberta: University of Alberta) Failed States and Militarized Youth in Sub-Saharan Africa pp. 81-104.

de Pasquale, Paul, ed. 2007. Natives and Settlers: Now and Then: historical issues and current perspectives on treaties and land claims in Canada (Alberta University Press)_Chapter 4, Nation-Building as a Process, pp. 65-77, and Appendix One.

Week Six: Sovereignty

Rajan, Kaushuk Sunder. "The Experimental Machinery of Global Clinical Trials: Case Studies from India," In Asian Biotech Ethics and Communities of Fate edited by Aihwa Ong and Nancy Chen Durham: Duke University Press 2010.

West, Paige. "The World of Coffee from Papua New Guinea," and "Conclusion," In From Modern Production to Imagined Primitive: the social world of Coffee from Papua New Guinea (Duke University Press) 2012. Pp.

Rutherford, Danilyn. 2012. Laughing at Leviathan: Sovereignty and Audience in West Papua (Chicago: University of Chicago Press) Required: Chapter 1, Looking Like a Fool, pp. 1-36, and Chapter 7, Third Person Nationalism, pp. 177-202.

Kirksey, Eben. 2012. Freedom in Entangled Worlds: West Papua and the Architecture of Global Power. (Durham: Duke University Press) Required: Chapter 5, Don't Use your Data as a Pillow, pp. 125-137.

Week Seven: Biopolitics

Cohen, Lawrence. "Ethical Publicity: On Transplant Victims, Wounded Communities and the Moral Demands of Dreaming," In Ethical Life in South Asia eds. Anand Pandian, Ali Daud.

Foster, Charles. 2011. Human Dignity in Bioethics and Law (Portland: Oxford and Oregon Hart Publishing) Required: Chapter 1, Beginnings, pp. 1-23; Chapter 5, What do non-philosophers and non-lawyers mean by dignity? Pp. 68-79; Chapter 12. The Use and Abuse of Body Parts, pp. 173-177

Week Eight: Gender

Dewey, Susan et al, eds. 2011. Policing Pleasure: Sex Work, Policy, and the State in Global Perspective (New York: New York University Press) Required: Chapter 4, Into the Galactic Zone, pp. 31-44. Cole, Jennifer et al, eds. 2009. Love in Africa (Chicago: University of Chicago Press)

Gutmann, Mathew. 2007 (1996) The Meanings of Macho: Being a Man in Mexico City (Berkeley: University of California Press) Men's Sex pp. 111-145, Fear and Loathing in Men's Violence Pp. 196-220.

Gutmann, Mathew. 2002. The Romance of Democracy: Compliant Defiance in Contemporary Mexico (Berkeley: University of California Press) Chapter 2: The Children of (Oscar) Lewis pp. 26-42, and Chapter 6, Rituals of Resistance, pp. 109-142.

Week Nine: Labor

Jeffery, Craig. Timepass: youth, class, and the politics of waiting in India.

Rolston, Jessica. "Interweaving love and labor," In Mining Coal and Undermining Gender: rhythms of work and family in the American West.

Martinez, Samuel. "Commodity Consumption in a Globalizing Age," In Decency and Excess.

Ngai, Pun. 2005. Made in China: Women factory workers in a global workplace.

Week Ten: Humanitarianism

Nagappan, Ramu, Introduction, "Who Owns Suffering?" Speaking Havoc: Social Suffering, South Asian Narratives.

Bornstein, Erica, 2012. Disquieting Gifts: Humanitarianism in New Delhi (Stanford Univ. Press) Chapter 3 Orphans pp. 87-111.

Barnett, Michael. 2011. Empire of Humanity: A History of Humanitarianism (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) Chapter 1, Co-Dependence, Humanitarianism and the World, 19-46.

Bornstein, Erica et al. eds. 2010. Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics (SAR Press) Required: Englund, Harri. The Anthropologist and his Poor pp. 71-94. Feldman, Ilana et al. eds. 2010.

In the Name of Humanity: The Government of Threat and Care (Durham: Duke University Press. Required: When Humanity Sits in Judgment pp. 27-57, and Children, Humanity and the Infantilization of Peace, pp. 58-85.

Week Eleven: Youth

Trawick, Margaret. 2007. Enemy Lines: Warfare, Childhood and Play in Batticaloa (Berkeley: University of California Press) Required: Chapter 8, Boys in the LTTE, pp. 185-209.

Ngo, Bic, 2011. Unresolved Identities: Discourse, Ambivalence, and Urban Immigrant Students (Albany: SUNY Press)_Chapter 3, War Babies and Comeback Kids pp. 37-52.

Redfield, Peter. 2000. Space in the Tropics: From convicts to rockets in French Guiana (Berkeley: University of California Press) Required: Chapter 1, Robinson Crusoe, Anthropology and the Horizon of Technology, pp. 3-26; and Chapter 7, Tropics of Nature, pp. 187-214.

Week Twelve: Catastrophe

Crins, Reiki. "Conclusions," Meeting the "Other": Living in the Present: Gender and Sustainability in Bhutan.

Povinelli, Elizabeth. 2011. Economies of Abandonment: Social Belonging and Endurance in Late Liberalism (Durham: Duke University Press) Required: Chapter 1 The Child in the Broom Closet and Chapter 2 The Part that has no Part, pp. 1-46, 47-74.

Weiss, Brad, ed. 2004. Producing African Futures: Ritual and Reproduction in a Neoliberal Age (Leiden: Brill Press) Required: Chapter 7, Street Dreams: Inhabiting Masculine Fantasy in Neoliberal Tanzania, pp. 193-208.