

Reading list 2nd semester exam regarding additional requirements, Master in Social Anthropology

Students who are taking the 2nd semester exam in order to meet their additional admission requirements should prepare sections I and II, and choose one of the specialised sections III to VII.

For section I you should read either Barnard (2000) or Eriksen & Nielsen (2001), as well as Stocking (1991). For section II please select three chapters. You should also choose three chapters for your specialised section (III – VII).

The objective is to understand, explain, and critically compare and contrast the fundamental concepts and approaches in Social Anthropology. If you wish, you may substitute the suggested readings for the respective fields with essential anthropological texts of your own choice, e.g., readings from your seminars.

I History of Anthropology

Key questions: How has the discipline of social anthropology developed? What are the central concepts and approaches, how have they been contested, and to what extent are they shaped by the contexts and situations of their production?

- . Barnard (2000): History and Theory in Anthropology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Chapter 1: Visions of Anthropology
Chapter 3: Changing Perspectives on Evolution
Chapter 5: Functionalism and Structural-Functionalism
Chapter 8: Structuralism, from Linguistics to Anthropology
Chapter 9: Poststructuralists, Feminists and other Mavericks

- . Eriksen & Nielsen (2001): A History of Anthropology. London: Pluto Press.

- . Stocking, George W. (1991): Colonial Situations: Essays on the Contextualization of Ethnographic Knowledge, Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.

Colonial Situations
Maclay, Kubary, Malinowski: Archetypes from the Dreamtime of Anthropology

II Methods in Social Anthropology

Read for inspiration. Key question: What are the issues and challenges of fieldwork and participant observation?

- . Agar, Michael H. (2008) The Professional Stranger: An Informal Introduction to Ethnography: Second Edition, Bingley: Emerald. (G Fmt 225)

Chapter 1: Ethnography reconstructed: The Professional Stranger at Fifteen

.Five, Wayne (2005) Doing Fieldwork: Ethnographic Methods for Research in Developing Countries and Beyond, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Chapter 1: Introduction to Ethnographic Research Methods
- Chapter 5: Participant Observation as a Research Method
- Chapter 6: Interviewing

.Wolcott, Harry F. (1999) Ethnography: A Way of Seeing, Lanham: Altamira.

- Chapter 3: Ethnography as a Way of Looking

III Anthropology of Religion

Key question: Compare and contrast approaches and concepts from the anthropology of religion, with reference to examples. Be critical.

- . Evans-Pritchard, Edward E. (1965): *Theories of Primitive Religion*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- . Lambek, Michael [ed] (2008): *A Reader in the Anthropology of Religion*. 2nd Edit. Blackwell. (Rel 365)
 - Chapter 1: Tylor/ Religion in Primitive Culture
 - Chapter 2: Durkheim/ Elementary Forms of Religious Life
 - Chapter 4: Geertz/ Religion as a Cultural System
 - Chapter 26: Turner/ Liminality & Communitas
 - Chapter 30: Boddy/ Spirits & Selves in Northern Sudan: Cultural Therapeutics of Possession & Trance

IV Gender

Key question: How does gender relate to social categories and cultural practices?

. Ortner, Sherry & Harriet Whitehead [eds] (1981): Sexual Meanings: The Cultural Construction of Gender and Sexuality. Cambridge: University Press.

- Introduction: Accounting for Sexual Meanings
- Chapter 1: Cucchiari/ Gender Revolution & Transition from Bisexual Horde to Patrilocal Band
- Chapter 2: Whitehead/ Bow & Burden Strap: Institutionalized Homosexuality Native North America

. VA (1994): Polity Reader in Gender Studies. Cambridge: Polity.

- Introduction
- Chapter 1: Moore/ Cultural Constitution of Gender
- Chapter 2: Walby/ Towards a Theory of Patriarchy

V Media Anthropology

Key question: How are media and society related? Compare and contrast theories on how media shape cultural identifications.

- . Ginsburg, Faye D., Abu-Lughod, Lila and Brian Larkin (2002): *Media Worlds: Anthropology on New Terrain*, Berkeley: University of California Press.

Introduction

Chapter 1: Ginsburg/ Screen Memories: Resignifying the Traditional in Indigenous Media

Chapter 6: Manekkar/ Epic Contests: Television and Religious Identity in India

VI Economic Anthropology

Key question: Identify different concepts in economic anthropology and how they explain the socio-cultural aspects of exchange.

- . Wilk, Richard R. and Lisa C. Cliggett (2007): *Economies and Culture: Foundations of Economic Anthropology*, Boulder, Colorado: Westview.

Chapter 1: Economic Anthropology

Chapter 6: Gifts and Exchange

- . Humphrey, Caroline and Stephen Hugh-Jones (1992): *Barter, Exchange and Value: An Anthropological Approach*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (G Wir 130)

Chapter 1: Introduction: Barter, Exchange and Value

VII Medical Anthropology

Key questions: What approaches and concepts does medical anthropology have to offer? How are the experience of illness and health practices related to culture and sociality?

- . Kleinman, Arthur (1988): *The Illness Narratives: Suffering, Healing, and the Human Condition*. Basic Books. [Chapters 1, 2, 6]
- . Good, Byron *et al* [eds] (2010): *A Reader in Medical Anthropology: Theoretical Trajectories, Emergent Realities*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.

Chapter 2: Evans-Pritchard/ Notion of Witchcraft Explains Unfortunate Events

Chapter 7: Leslie/ Introduction to Asian Medical Systems

Chapter 8: Good/ Medical Anthropology and the Problem of Belief

Chapter 9: Csordas/ Elements of Charismatic Persuasion and Healing

Chapter 34: Farmer/ The New Malaise: Medical Ethics and Social Rights in the Global Era