



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES
Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 407

Ideas and Approaches
30 POINTS

Trimester 1 & 2, 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 3 March to 16 November 2014

Teaching dates: 3 March to 17 October 2014

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 4 May 2014

Mid-year break: 3–13 July 2014

Mid-trimester break 2/3: 25 August to 7 September 2014

Last assessment item due: 16 October 2014

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Monday 10:00-11:50am MY 401

Names and contact details

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Office Hours Thursday 12:00-2:00pm or by appointment

Communication of Additional information

Additional information will be given in class or emailed to you.

Prescription

Anthropologists hold a variety of epistemological and ontological perspectives that they articulate in their writing. This year we will concentrate on kinship given important recent work on the topic by Chapais, Godelier and Sahlins.

Course Learning Objectives

Students passing this course should be able to:

1. understand the anthropological study of kinship,
2. evaluate recent thinking about kinship in anthropology,
3. consider how various positions about kinship relate to wider concerns in social and cultural anthropology.

Teaching Format

Each class will have a theme that the lecturer will speak to briefly. Students will then be asked to contribute ideas and points from their readings to the theme. The idea is to generate a discussion among the class about the topic being considered. It is important that each student keep up with the reading that will be assigned prior to the class.

Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. submit both essays, and
2. attend at least 85% of classes.

Workload

The expectations are that students will work 10 hours per point, therefore a 30 point course equates to 300 hours over the trimester. This includes scheduled class time, individual or group study, and work on assessment tasks. As a guideline, you should expect to work for 15 hours per week. This includes two hours for class meetings, with the rest of your time being devoted to reading and writing reviews for the discussions that will take place in the class and your essays.

Assessment

This course is internally assessed. Assessment will be based on two essays each about the work of one of the anthropologists you are reading about, or another topic that you will construct in consultation with me. The assignments will be discussed and designed with the students taking this class.

Assessment Item	Weighting	Word count	Course Learning Objectives	Due date
Essay 1	40%	4,000	1,2,3	Thursday 17 July 2014
Essay 2	60%	6,000	1,2,3	Thursday 16 October 2014

Submission and return of work

Both essays must be submitted in hard copy to the Assignment Box at the SACS Administration Office (Level 9, Murphy Building). Work must be submitted by 4pm on the due date. The first essay will be returned to you in class. The second essay will be available after marking from the SACS Administration office **between 2.00 and 4.00 pm from Monday to Friday.**

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Extensions are possible if you are having serious difficulties in completing your work. You must talk to the course coordinator, Hal Levine, before the due date if you think you will need an extension. Please note that you might be asked for written justification, e.g., a medical certificate, death notice, or letter from a counsellor.

Penalties

Penalties will apply for lateness in presenting assignments. 5% will be deducted from the piece of work per day counting that piece of work as 100%. This penalty will only be waived by the presentation of a medical certificate or other evidence of incapacity.

Assessment work will not be accepted for marking or for receiving comments more than seven days after the due date or seven days after an approved extension date. To meet mandatory course requirements work must still be submitted.

Set text

There is no set text for this course. A list of readings will be made available to students in class by the Course Coordinator.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

You will have an opportunity to participate in the evaluation of this course.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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