



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 314

Special Topic: New Approaches to Kinship

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 13 July to 15 November 2015

Teaching dates: 13 July to 16 October 2015

Mid-trimester break: 24 August to 6 September 2015

Study period: 19–23 October 2015

Examination/Assessment Period: 23 October to 14 November 2015

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

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: Tuesday 9.00-9.50am HMLT001
Thursday 9.00-9.50am HMLT001

Tutorials: Tutorials will begin in week three of the trimester. Please sign up for a tutorial using MyAllocator at <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/timetables/tutorial-sign-up>.

Names and contact details

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Office hours: Monday and Thursday 11:00-12:00pm
or by appointment

Communication of additional information

Any additional course information will be posted on Blackboard. You will automatically receive all Blackboard announcements as an email sent to your @myvuw.ac.nz email address. If you are not going to use this Victoria email address set up for you, we strongly encourage you to forward messages received from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

Prescription

This course will examine kinship as viewed by anthropologists. It is a subject that was seen as essential, then largely neglected, and now is increasingly seen as important to our understanding of human society and culture.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Identify and demonstrate the importance of kinship in the societies studied by anthropologists.
2. Critically analyse the relationship between culture and biology in kinship, and
3. Describe anthropological research methods in the context of their relationship with kinship.

Teaching format

This course will use lectures (two per week) and tutorials (nine in total), supplemented by Blackboard.

Mandatory course requirements

There are no mandatory course requirements.

Workload

In line with university guidelines you should devote 13 hours per week to this course; this includes 2 lecture hours and 1 hour of tutorial time. The other 10 hours will be made up by reading and essay preparation and writing. The expectations are that students will work 10 hours per point, therefore a 20-point course equates to 200 hours over the trimester. This includes scheduled contact time, individual or group study, and work on assessment tasks.

Assessment

	Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Ethnographic Project (3,000 words)	30%	1, 2, 3	4pm, Tuesday 18 August
2	Essay (2,500 words)	30%	1, 2, 3	4pm, Tuesday 15 September
3	Final examination (2 hours)	40%	1, 2, 3	Date to be advised

More information about assessment items and marking criteria will be given in lectures or on Blackboard.

Submission and return of work

Submit a paper copy to the Assignment Box at the SACS Administration Office, Level 9, Murphy Building (to the side of the lifts), by 4pm on the due date. Your essay **MUST NOT** be placed in individual staff pigeonholes, or under staff office doors, or handed to lecturers or tutors. The Assignment Box is cleared at 4pm every day. All work is date-stamped, recorded and then handed to the appropriate markers.

Marked assignments not collected in lectures or tutorials can be collected at the Murphy 9th floor reception desk, between **2.00 and 4.00 pm only from Monday to Friday**.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Extensions are possible if you are having serious difficulties in completing your work. You must contact the course coordinator 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.

Set texts

The set text for this course is a prepared book of Student Notes from Vicbooks. You can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or visit Vicbooks, ground floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Campus.

Some additional readings will be placed on Blackboard.

Recommended reading

Godelier, Maurice. 2004. *The Metamorphoses of Kinship*, Verso 2011, (ISBN 978-1-84467-746-7).

Fox, Robin. 1967. *Kinship and Marriage: an Anthropological Perspective*, Penguin books (ISBN 978-0-52127-823-2).

Sahlins, Marshall. 2011. What kinship is (part one), *JRAI* 17, pp. 2-19 (ISSN 1359-0987).

Sahlins, Marshall. 2011. What kinship is (part two), *JRAI* 17, pp. 227-242. (ISSN 1359-0987).

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 provide feedback on this course. In response to comments from some students in 2014, powerpoint slides will be shown at the start of lectures and placed on Blackboard.

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/st_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-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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