Department of Anthropology and Sociology (ANSO)

Academic year 2019-2020

The Anthropology of Human Rights

ANSO118 - Autumn - 6 ECTS
Schedule & Room

Course Description

Human rights are one of the most profound legacies of the 20th century, an attempt by politicians, policy makers, scholars, and humanitarians to erect obstacles against future state violence and other crimes against humanity. Over time, human rights have become a global phenomenon with unexpected outcomes and effects. Though developed by nations and transnational in scope, human rights ideas have been adapted and reworked in local contexts worldwide, becoming the object of as well as a resource for popular struggle, state policymaking, and transnational movements. All of this makes human rights a perfect object of anthropological inquiry: human rights are at once a global force and a set of resources that find distinct expressions in a variety of local settings. This course examines the historical origins and expansion of human rights thinking, and the impacts this has had on national formations, local contexts and individual subjectivities. It explores the various ways in which anthropologists have studied human rights and their specific contribution to this interdisciplinary field of study. Students will become familiar with classic ethnographies of human rights struggles in local contexts as well as more recent ones that examine the global institutions and transnational networks via which human rights are produced.

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Syllabus

Teaching Method

The course is taught using a diversity of teaching methods and resources. In addition to weekly readings, students are encouraged to watch films (all films selected for this course are available via this link: https://vimeopro.com/graduateinstitutelibrary/the-anthropology-of-human-rights Password: ANSO118), reflect on contemporary world affairs by liaising debates discussed in class with current

news, and prepare questions/comments prior to seminars. Seminars will be composed of short interactive lectures, followed by classroom discussions, debates and exercises as well as guest lectures by human rights experts and activists.

Learning Outcome

By the end of the module, it is intended that students will have the following learning outcomes:

1. Describe major trends in the historiography of human rights.
2. Summarize key debates in the anthropology of human rights (cultural relativism vs universalism, global institutions vs local reception, the paradoxical effects of the bureaucratization of human rights)
3. Compare and appraise diverse disciplinary perspectives on human rights (law; anthropology; international relations; history).
4. Identify and assess the contemporary international human rights regime (United Nations; regional institutions; national bodies; international and local advocates).
5. Apply human rights to broader concerns (humanitarianism; post-conflict reconstruction).

Transferable, practical and generic skills

1. Refined ability to identify and access appropriate primary and secondary research resources.
2. Ability to collate and critically analyse those resources in relation to complex issues in the field
3. Ability to present concise and cogently structured arguments, both orally and in writing
4. Ability to work together with others as well as independently, including effective time management
5. Ability to deploy a range of communication and information technology skills.

Assessment

Students' performance will be evaluated on the basis of classroom participation and the quality of the written assignments. Participants have to show familiarity with the assigned readings that will be discussed in class.

More precisely students will be requested to:
- Study on a weekly basis the assigned readings and participate actively in classroom discussions.
- Discuss some readings at least once during the semester; be capable of situating them in relation to readings for other weeks in order to highlight the general thrust of the course; pose a few questions to initiate the debate.
- Submit an essay outline of no more than 2000 words (title; personal motivation; questions; relevance of the topic; short bibliography), due by **28 November 2019** to be discussed with the instructor. The topic should be one related to the course, but it is not restricted to the lectures' titles and assigned readings.
- Write a final paper of no more than 5000 words (excluding bibliography and annexes), due by **19 December 2019**, building on the essay outline.

Grade will be determined as follows: 20% for general participation in class; 20% for the outline; 60% for the final essay.

The seminar provides 6 ECTS. Attendance is mandatory and represents 1 ECTS, the readings, presentation and discussion 2 ECTS, and the written papers 3 ECTS.

Course Policies

- Papers should be written in English or French, double-spaced, using standard 12 point font, with 1 inch margins. The student's name, the paper's title, the date, the course's title and page numbers must be mentioned.
- Quotations and bibliography must follow the Chicago Manual of Style or the Harvard Referencing System.
- Students must hand in papers on time electronically as a Word file (no need to provide a hard copy). Papers that are sent late without a valid reason or importantly exceed the word limit will not receive a grade higher than 4.0.
- Students who missed more than two classes without being excused by the instructor will not receive a grade higher than 4.0.
- Plagiarism constitutes a breach of academic integrity and will not be tolerated. Students who present the work of others as their own will receive a 0.
- Assigned readings will be made available as electronic reserve on the class' website.

Course Outline

PART 1: HISTORY, LAW, ANTHROPOLOGY

Session 1 – The Historical Emergence of Human Rights (*September 19*)

Compulsory readings:
Samuel Moyn,
    2012. "Substance, Scale, and Salience: The Recent Historiography of Human Rights." Annual Review of Law and Social Science 8: 123-40.
Wasserstrom, Jeffrey N., Greg Grandin, Lynn Hunt, and Marilyn B. Young.
    2007. *Human Rights and Revolutions*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. (Read Lynn Hunt's chapter)
Slotte, Pamela, Miia Halme-Tuomisaari.
    2015. *Revisiting the Origins of Human Rights*. Cambridge University Press. (Introduction)

Additional readings:
Hunt, Lynn.
    2008. *Inventing Human Rights: A History*. W. W. Norton & Company.
Moyn, Samuel.
    2010. *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History*. Harvard University Press.
Ishay, Micheline R.
    2008. *The History of Human Rights: From Ancient Times to the Globalization Era*. University of California Press. Stammers, Neil.
    2009. *Human Rights and Social Movements*. Pluto Press.
Rajagopal, Balakrishnan.
    2003. *International law from below: development, social movements, and Third World resistance*. Cambridge University Press.

Session 2 – The Anthropology of Law, Dispute Processes and Legal Pluralism (*September 26)*

Compulsory readings:
Nader, Laura.
    1989. « The Crown, the Colonists and the Course of Zapotec Village Law ». In June Starr and Jane Collier (eds). *History and Power in the Study of Law: New Directions in Legal Anthropology*. Cornell University Press.
Nader, Laura.
    2001. "The Underside of Conflict Management - in Africa and Elsewhere". *IDS Bulletin*. Vol 32(1)
Randeria, Shalini
    2003. Cunning states and unaccountable international institutions: legal plurality, social movements and rights of local communities to common property resources. *European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie*, *44*(1), pp.27-60.
Beyer, Judith.
    2015. "Customizations of Law: Courts of Elders (Aksakal Courts) in Rural and Urban Kyrgyzstan". *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 38(1), pp.53-71.

Further readings
Gluckman, Max,
    2017. *Politics, Law and Ritual in Tribal Soci*ety. Routledge. (chapter 5 : Dispute and settlement)
Nader, Laura.

1990. *Harmony ideology: Justice and control in a Zapotec mountain village*. Stanford University Press (introduction)

Nader, Laura.

1996. "Coercive harmony: The political economy of legal models." Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers: 1-13.

Session 3 – Anthropologists and human rights : From rejection to active engagement (*October 3*)

Compulsory readings:

American Anthropological Association

1947 'Statement on Human Rights', American
Anthropologist, Vol. 49, No. 4. [Read: Washburn, W. (1987) 'Cultural Relativism, Human Rights and the AAA', American Anthropologist, Vol. 89, No. 4].

Goodale, Mark.

2006. « Introduction to "Anthropology and Human Rights in a New Key" ». *American Anthropologist* 108 (1): 1- 8.

Goodale, Mark.

2006. 'Toward a Critical Anthropology of Human Rights'. *Current Anthropology* 47 (3): 485–511.

Wilson, Richard Ashby.

2006. 'Afterword to "Anthropology and Human Rights in a New Key": The Social Life of Human Rights'. *American Anthropologist* 108 (1): 77–83.

Further Readings:

Farmer, Paul.

2004. Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor (California Series in Public Anthropology).

Sanford, Victoria.

2003. Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala. Palgrave Macmillan.

Messer, E.

1993. 'Anthropology and Human Rights', *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 22.

Sanford, Victoria.

2003. *Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Speed, Shannon.

2006. 'At the Crossroads of Human Rights and Anthropology: Toward a Critically Engaged Activist Research'. *American Anthropologist* 108 (1): 66–76.

Wilson, Richard.

1997. *Human Rights, Culture and Context: Anthropological Perspectives*. Pluto Press.

Tate, Winifred.

2007. *Counting the Dead: The Culture and Politics of Human Rights Activism in Colombia*. Berkeley, Los Angeles: University of California Press.

PART 2 : CULTURE AND RIGHTS

Session 4 – The Universalism vs Cultural Relativism debate (*October 10*)

Compulsory readings

Cowan, Jane K.

2006. 'Culture and Rights after Culture and Rights'. *American Anthropologist* 108 (1): 9–24.

Merry, Sally Engle.

2003. 'Human Rights Law and the Demonization of Culture (And Anthropology Along the Way)'. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 26 (1): 55–76.

Montgomery, Heather. 2001. 'Imposing rights? A case study of child prostitution in

Thailand.' In Cowan and al. *Culture and rights: Anthropological perspectives*: 80-101.
Archambault, Caroline S. "Ethnographic empathy and the social context of rights: "Rescuing" Maasai girls from early marriage." *American Anthropologist* 113.4 (2011): 632-643

Additional readings:
Benhabib, S.
    2002. *The Claims of Culture: Equality and Diversity in the Global Era* (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
Cowan, Jane K., Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, et Richard Wilson.
    2001. *Culture and rights: Anthropological Perspectives*. Cambridge University Press. (Introduction)
Dembour, M. – B.
    1996. 'Human rights talk and anthropological ambivalence: The particular context of universal claims' in Harris, O. (ed.) *Inside and Outside the Law : Anthropological Studies of Authority and Ambiguity* (London : Routledge).
    2001. 'Following the Movement of a Pendulum: Between Universalism and Relativism' in Cowan, J., M. Dembour and R. Wilson (eds) Culture and Rights: Anthropological Perspectives (Cambridge: CUP).
Donnelly, J.
    2007. 'The Relative Universality of Human Rights', *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 2. [See also responses in *Human Rights Quarterly* Vol. 30, No. 1].
Engelke, M.
    1999. 'We Wondered What Human Rights He was talking About: human rights, homosexuality and the Zimbabwean International Book Fair', Critique of Anthropology, Vol. 19, No. 3. Available electronically through the library website.
Engle, Karen.
    2001. « From Skepticism to Embrace: Human Rights and the American Anthropological Association from 1947-1999 ». *Human Rights Quarterly* 23 (3): 536- 59.
Geertz, C.
    1984. 'Anti Anti-relativism', American Anthropologist, Vol. 86, No. 2.
Goodale, M. and S. E. Merry (eds)
    2007. The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Local. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
Harris-Short, S.
    2003. 'International Human Rights Law: Imperialist, Inept and Ineffective? Cultural Relativism and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child', Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 25 No.
Howell, S.
    2003. 'The Diffusion of Moral Values in a Global Perspective', in T. H. Eriksen (eds) Globalisation: Studies in Anthropology. (London: Pluto).
Ibhawoh, B.
    2000. 'Between Culture and Constitution: Evaluating the Cultural Legitimacy of Human Rights in the African State', Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 22, No. 3.
Levitt, P., and S. Merry
    2009. 'Vernacularization on the ground: local uses of global women's rights in Peru, China, India and the United States', *Global Networks*, Vol. 9 No. 4.
Merry, Sally Engle.
    2001. 'Changing Rights, Changing Culture'. In Cowan et al. (Eds) *Culture and rights: Anthropological perspectives*. Cambridge University Press.
Mutua, M.
    2002. *Human Rights: A Political and Cultural Critique* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania).
Pollis, A.

2000. 'A New Universalism' in Pollis, A. and P. Schwab (eds) Human
Rights: New Perspectives, New Realities (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner).

Tilly, J. T.
2000. 'Cultural Relativism', Human Rights Quarterly Vol. 22, No. 2.

Waltz, S. E.
2004 'Universal Human Rights: The Contribution of Muslim States', Human rights quarterly,
Vol. 26 No. 4.

Wilson, Richard
1997. 'Human Rights, Culture and Context: An Introduction' Wilson, R.
(ed.) *Human Rights, Culture and Context, Anthropological Perspectives* (London: Pluto Press).

Session 5 – Vernacularization, Translation, Adaptation, Frictions (*October 17)*

<u>Compulsory readings</u>

Merry, Sally Engle
1997. 'Legal Pluralism and Transnational Culture: The Ka
Ho'okolokolonui Kanaka Maoli Tribunal, Hawai'i, 1993' in Wilson, R. (ed.)
Human Rights, Culture and Context (London: Pluto).

Cheng, S.
2011. 'The Paradox of Vernacularization: Women's Human Rights and the
Gendering of Nationhood', Anthropological Quarterly , Vol. 84, No. 2.

Englund, Harri.
2006. *Prisoners of Freedom: Human Rights and the African Poor*. Berkeley: University of
California Press. (Read Intro and chapt 2)

Curtis, Jennifer.
2014. *Human Rights as War by Other Means: Peace Politics in Northern Ireland*. University of
Pennsylvania Press. (Read Chapt 1 and 7)

<u>Additional readings</u>

Tagliarinaa, D.
2015. 'Power, privilege and rights: how the powerful and powerless
create a vernacular of rights', Third World Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 6.

Englund, H.
2012. Human Rights and Village Headmen in Malawi: Translation
beyond Vernacularization. In J.Eckert, B. Donahoe, C. Strümpell and Z. Özlem Biner (eds)
Law against the State: Ethnographic Forays into Law's Transformations. (Cambridge:
Cambridge University Press).

Goldstein, D.
2007. 'Human Rights as Culprit, Human Rights as Victim: Rights and
Security in the State of Exception', in M. Goodale and S. E. Merry (eds) The Practice of
Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Local. (Cambridge: Cambridge
University Press).

Goldstein, D.
2012. 'Whose Venacular? Translating Human Rights in Local Context', in Goodale M. (ed.)
Human Rights at the Crossroads (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Goodale, M.
2007. 'Locating Rights, Envisioning Law Between the Global and the
Local', in Goodale, M. and S. E. Merry (eds) The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law
Between the Global and the Local. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

McCorquodale, R. and R. Fairbrother
1999. 'Globalization and Human Rights', Human Rights Quarterly Vol. 21, No. 3.

McGrew, A. G.
1998. 'Human rights in a global age: Coming to terms with globalisation' in Evans, T. (ed.)

Human Rights Fifty Years On: A Reappraisal (Manchester: MUP).

Merry, Sally Engle
    2005. 'Anthropology and Activism', Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Vol. 28 No. 2.

Merry, S. and R. Stern
    2005. 'The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong:
    Theorizing the Local/Global Interface', Current Anthropology, Vol. 46, No. 3.

Murray, D. A. B.
    2006. 'Who's right? Human rights, sexual rights and social change in Barbados', Culture,
    Health & Sexuality, Vol. 8 No. 3.

Preis, A.
    1996. 'Human Rights as Cultural Practice: An Anthropological Critique', Human Rights
    Quarterly, Vol. 18, No. 2.

Thomas, F.
    2007. 'Global Rights, Local Realities: Negotiating Gender Equality and
    Sexual Rights in the Caprivi Region, Namibia', Culture, Health & Sexuality, Vol. 9 No. 6.

Zwart, T.
    2012. 'Using Local Culture to Further the Implementation of International
    Human Rights: The Receptor Approach', Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 34, No. 2.

Meernik, J. et al
    2012. 'The Impact of Human Rights Organizations on Naming and Shaming Campaigns',
    Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 56.

Mihr, A., and H. P. Schmitz
    2007. 'Human Rights Education (HRE) and Transnational Activism', Human Rights Quarterly,
    Vol. 29 No. 4.

Nelson, P. J., and E. Dorsey
    2008. New Rights Advocacy: Changing Strategies of Development and Human Rights NGOs.
    (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press).

Orentlicher, D. F.
    1990. 'Bearing Witness: the Art and Science of Human Rights Fact-Finding', Harvard Human
    Rights Journal, Vol. 83

Smith, J et al
    1998. 'Globalizing Human Rights: The Work of Transnational Human Rights NGOs in the
    1990s', Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 20, No. 2.

Tate, W.
    2007. Counting the Dead : The Culture and Politics of Human Rights Activism in Colombia.
    Berkeley, Calif. ; London: University of California Press.

Welch, C. E.
    2000. NGOs and Human Rights: Promise and Performance. (Philadelphia: University of
    Pennsylvania Press).

Wilson, R.
    1997. 'Representing Human Rights Violations: Social Contexts and
    Subjectivities' in Wilson, R. (ed.) Human Rights, Culture and Context, Anthropological
    Perspectives (London: Pluto Press).

Session 6 – The Politics of Culture (1): Indigenous Rights (*October 24)*

Compulsory readings
Wright, Susan
    1998. "The Politicization of 'Culture'." Anthropology today. Vol 14(1). Pp 7-15.
Kuper, Adam
    2003. 'The Return of the Native', Current Anthropology, Vol. 44, No. 3.
    [See Kenrick, J., and J. Lewis (2004) 'Indigenous Peoples' Rights and the Politics of the Term
    'Indigenous'', Anthropology Today, Vol. 20 No. 2.]

Conklin, Beth
    1997. 'Body paint, feathers, and VCRs: aesthetics and authenticity in Amazonian activism', American Ethnologist, 24, No. 4.
Speed, Shanon
    2002. Global discourses on the local terrain: human rights and indigenous identity in Chiapas. *Cultural Dynamics*, 14(2), 205-228.

Further readings
Barnard, A.
    2006. 'Kalahari revisionism, Vienna and the 'indigenous peoples' debate', Social Anthropology, Volume 14, No. 1.
Bowen J. R.
    2000. 'Should we have a universal concept of "Indigenous People's" Rights?: Ethnicity and essentialism in the twenty-first century', Anthropology Today, Vol. 16, No. 4
Brulotte, R.
    2009. '"Yo soy nativo de aquí": The Ambiguities of Race and Indigeneity in Oaxacan Craft Tourism', The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Vol. 14, No. 2.
Chernela J.
    2006. 'Recent Advances and Retreats in Indigenous Rights in Brazil', Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Vol. 11, No. 1.
Clifford, J.
    1988. 'Identity in Mashpee' in Clifford, J. *The Predicament of Culture: Twentieth Century Ethnography, Literature, and Art* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
Clifford, J.
    2000. 'Taking Identity Politics Seriously' in, P. Gilroy, L. Grossberg, and A. McRobbie, eds. *Without Guarantees: In Honour of Stuart Hall*. London Verso.
Colchester M.
    2002 'Indigenous Rights and the Collective Consciousness', *Anthropology Today* 18:1-3.
Conklin B A.
    2002. 'Shamans versus pirates in the Amazonian treasure chest', *American anthropologist* Vol. 104, No. 4.
Corntassel, J.
    2008. 'Towards Sustainable Self-Determination: Rethinking the Contemporary Indigenous Rights Discourse', *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, Vol. 33, No. 1.
French, J. F.
    2002. 'Dancing for Land: Law-Making and Cultural Performance in Northeastern Brazil', *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* Vol. 25, No. 1.
Goggin, S.
    2011. 'Human rights and 'primitive' culture: misrepresentations of indigenous life', *The International Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 15, No. 6.
Guenther M, Kenrick J, Kuper A, Plaice E, Thuen T, et al.
    2006. 'Discussion: the concept of indigeneity', *Social Anthropology* Vol. 14, No. 1.
Handler, R.
    1986. 'Authenticity'*, Anthropology Today*, Vol. 2 No. 1.
Hodgson D.
    2002. 'Precarious alliances: the cultural politics and structural predicaments of the indigenous rights movement in Tanzania', *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 104, No. 4.
Hodgson, D.
    2002. 'Comparative Perspectives on the Indigenous Rights Movement in Africa and the Americas', *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 104. No. 4.
Holder, C. L. and J. J. Corntassel
    2002. 'Indigenous Peoples and Multicultural Citizenship: Bridging Collective and Individual Rights', *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 1.

Jackson, J. E.
  2007. 'Rights to Indigenous Culture in Colombia', in Goodale, M. and S. E. Merry (eds) *The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Local*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Jung C.
  2004. 'The politics of indigenous identity: neoliberalism, cultural rights, and the Mexican Zapatistas', *Social Research*, Vol. 70, No. 2.

Karlsson B G.
  2003. 'Anthropology and the 'Indigenous Slot': Claims to and Debates about Indigenous Peoples' Status in India,' *Critique of Anthropology*, Vol. 23, No. 4.

Kenrick, J. and J. Lewis
  2004. "Indigenous peoples' rights and the politics of the term 'indigenous'.", in Anthropology Today, Vol. 20. No. 2.

Kuper, A.
  2005. *The Reinvention of Primitive Society: Transformations of a Myth*, 2nd ed. edition. (London: Routledge).

Lee R. B.
  2006. 'Twenty-first century indigenism', *Anthropological Theory*, Vol. 6, No. 4.

McIntosh I, Colchester M, Bowen J, Rosngren D.
  2002. 'Defining oneself and being defined as, indigenous', *Anthropology Today*, Vol. 18, No. 6.

Muehlebach A.
  2001. '"Making place" at the United Nations: indigenous cultural politics at the U.N. working group on indigenous populations', *Cultural Anthropology*, Vol. 16, No. 3.

Niezen, R.
  2003. *The Origins of Indigenism: Human Rights and the Politics of Identity*. (Berkeley ; London: University of California Press)

Oakdale S.
  2004. 'The culture-conscious Brazilian Indian: representing and reworking Indianness in Kayabi political discourse', *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 31, No. 1.

Parker E.
  1992. 'Forest islands and Kayapo resource management in Amazonia - a reappraisal of the Apete', American Anthropologist, Vol. 94, No. 2.

Povinelli, E. A.
  2002. The Cunning of Recognition: Indigenous Alterities and the Making of Australian Multiculturalism. (Durham: Duke University Press).

Samson, C.
  2001 'Rights as the Reward for Simulated Cultural Sameness: the Innu in the Canadian Colonial Context' in Cowan, J., M. Dembour and R. Wilson *Culture and Rights: Anthropological Perspectives* (Cambridge: CUP).

Short, D.
  2007. 'The Social Construction of Indigenous 'Native Title' Land Rights in Australia', *Current Sociology*, Vol. 55 No. 6.

Sissons, J.
  1993. 'The Systematisation of Tradition: Maori Culture as a Strategic Resource', *Oceania*, Vol. 64.

Speed, S.
  2007. *Rights in Rebellion: Indigenous Struggle and Human Rights in Chiapas* (Stanford: Stanford University Press).

Sylvain, R.
  2015. 'Foragers and fictions in the Kalahari: Indigenous identities and the politics of deconstruction', *Anthropological Theory,* Vol. 15 No. 2.

Turner, T.
  1991. 'Representing, resisting, rethinking: Historical Transformations of Kayapo Culture and Anthropological Consciousness' in Stocking, G. (ed.) *Colonial Situations:*

History of Anthropology (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press).

Session 7 – The Politics of Culture (2): Islam and women's rights (*October 31*)

<u>Compulsory readings</u>
Abu-Lughod, Lila.
> 2002. 'Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and Its Others'. American Anthropologist 104 (3): 783–90.

Billaud, Julie.
> 2009. Visible under the Veil: Dissimulation, Performance and Agency in an Islamic Public Space. *Journal of International Women's Studies* 11.1 (2009): 120-135.

Mir-Hosseini, Ziba.
> 2006. Muslim Women's Quest for Equality: Between Islamic Law and Feminism. *Critical inquiry*, 32(4), pp.629-645.

Mir-Hosseini, Ziba.
> 2002. The Conservative–Reformist Conflict Over Women's Rights in Iran. *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 16(1), pp.37-53.

<u>Aslo watch</u>
Ziba Mir Hosseini's 1997 documentary film « Divorce Iranian Style ».
Movie can be accessed via this link:
https://vimeopro.com/graduateinstitutelibrary/the-anthropology-of-human-rights
Password: ANSO118

<u>Additional readings:</u>
Billaud, Julie.
> 2013. "A Simple Way of Getting to Paradise": Ethics and Affects in British Sharia Councils. In Göle (Eds) *Islam and public controversy in Europe*, pp.159-172.

Babül, Elif M.
> 2015. The Paradox of Protection: Human rights, the Masculinist State, and the Moral Economy of Gratitude in Turkey. *American Ethnologist* 42(1): 116-130.

PART 3: HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBALIZATION – BEYOND THE LOCAL/GLOBAL

Session 8 – Global Governance: Assemblages, Frictions, Flows (*November 7* – tutor in NYC. Course taught by TA?)

<u>Compulsory readings</u>
Tsing, Anna.
> 2000. "The Global Situation". *Cultural Anthropology*, 15(3), pp.327-360.

Babül, Elif M.
> 2012. 'Training Bureaucrats, Practicing for Europe: Negotiating Bureaucratic Authority and Governmental Legitimacy in Turkey'. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 35 (1): 30–52.

Allen, Lori.
> 2013. *The Rise and Fall of Human Rights: Cynicism and Politics in Occupied Palestine*. Stanford University Press. (Read Intro and chapt 2)

Speed, Shannon.
> 2005. 'Dangerous Discourses'. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 28 (1): 29–51.

Additional readings:
Feldman, Gregory.
2011. 'Illuminating the Apparatus: Steps toward a Nonlocal Ethnography of Global Governance'. In *Policy Worlds: Anthropology and the Analysis of Contemporary Power*, Berghahn Books. London: Shore, Wright, Però.
Xavier Inda, Jonathan and Renato Rosaldo.
2002. *The Anthropology of Globalization: A Reader*. Blackwell. (Introduction and chapter 2)
Collier, Stephen.
2006. "Global assemblages". *Theory, Culture & Society*, 23(2-3), pp.399-401.
Tsing, Anna.
2011. *Friction: An ethnography of global connection*. Princeton University Press.
Appadurai, Arjun.
1996. *Modernity at Large: cultural dimensions of globalization*. U of Minnesota Press.
Ong, Aiwha and Collier, Stephen.
2007. *Global assemblages: Technology, Politics and Ethics as Anthropological Problems*. Blackwell (Introduction).

Session 9 – Transnational activism and advocacy (*November 14*) – Intervention of Charles Heller, Forensic Oceanography project.

Compulsory readings
Merry, Sally Engle.
2006. 'Transnational Human Rights and Local Activism: Mapping the Middle'. *American Anthropologist* 108 (1): 38–51.
Heller, Charles and Pezzani, Lorenzo
2014. Liquid traces: Investigating the deaths of migrants at the EU's maritime frontier. *Revue européenne des migrations internationales*, 30(3), pp.71-107.
Pezzani, Lorenzo, & Heller, Charles
2013. A disobedient gaze: strategic interventions in the knowledge (s) of maritime borders. *Postcolonial Studies*, *16*(3), 289-298.

Additional Readings
Goodale, M.
2007. 'Locating Rights, Envisioning Law Between the Global and the Local', in Goodale, M. and S. E. Merry (eds) *The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Loca*l. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
McLagan, Meg.
2006. "Introduction: Making Human Rights Claims Public". *American Anthropologis*t, 108(1), pp.191-195.

Session 10 – The UN human rights system (*November 21*)

Compulsory readings
Cowan, Jane, and Julie Billaud.
2015. 'Between Learning and Schooling: The Politics of Human Rights Monitoring at the Universal Periodic Review'. *Third World Quarterly* 36 (3).
Kelly, Tobias.
2009. 'The UN Committee Against Torture: Human Rights Monitoring and the Legal Recognition of Cruelty'. *Human Rights Quarterly* 31 (3): 777–800.
Sapignoli, Maria.
2017. A Kaleidoscopic Institutional Form: Expertise and Transformation in the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In Niezen and Sapignoli (Ed.*) Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Organizations*, pp.87-105.

Halme-Tuomisaari, Miia.
    2018. "Methodologically blonde at the UN in a tactical quest for inclusion".
    Social Anthropology. 26(4).

<u>Additional readings</u>
Cowan, Jane. 2013. '
    Before Audit Culture: A Genealogy of International Oversight of Rights'. In
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Password : ANSO118