

Department of Anthropology and Sociology (ANSO)

Academic year 2019-2020

Social Theory II: Personal and Group Work

ANSO113- Spring - 6 ECTS

[Schedule & Room](#)

Course Description

This seminar follows Social Theory I and examines thoroughly fundamental topics of Social Anthropology. Students will read the selected articles and present them during the seminar. The main objective of the presentation is to analyse two conflicting classic texts on the topic. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion.

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Syllabus

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- to acquire knowledge about the history and content of the anthropological debates on the core concepts of the discipline;
- to learn how to present and defend an antithetical theoretical position in a scientific debate;
- to participate in a debate around conflicting theoretical standpoints;

SEMINAR ORGANISATION

The faculty in charge will introduce the fundamentals of the topic. Students will then present collectively the main arguments introduced in the two articles proposed on Moodle. The presentation will be prepared in small groups (up to 3 students). They will highlight the (dis)similarities between both texts and what they offer to the anthropological theory. The presentation should not exceed 30 minutes. By the end of each class, the Professor and TA will conclude the seminar by highlighting the important points raised.

Finally, all students are required to submit a short individual paper (10'000 characters with spaces), which will have a specific research question—that can be linked to the final Master thesis—explained through the lenses of one of the topics or theoretical framework presented in the seminars. The final paper is due on the **7th June 2020**.

Please note that each student will be graded separately for the presentation and the paper.

The selected bibliography will be found on-site, and will be updated during the semester.

EVALUATION

The evaluation and grading of the course will take into account students' final paper, active participation in the seminar, readings and critical comments on the seminar texts, as well as their contribution to the debates in the classroom.

Subsequently, one ECTS will be given for the classroom participation, which is obligatory. Readings sustaining the seminar classes will account for one ECTS, and two ECTS will be accorded to the seminar presentation (including the associated readings and the discussant will be marked accordingly). Two ECTS will be reserved for the final paper.

SESSIONS

18.02.2020	SESSION 1 : Introduction to the seminar
25.02.2020	SESSION 2 : Rites and Rituals
03.03.2020	SESSION 3 : Structures and Social Structures
10.03.2020	SESSION 4 : Urban Anthropology
17.03.2020	SESSION 5 : Kinship and Inheritance
24.03.2020	SESSION 6 : Religion, Disease and Witchcraft
31.03.2020	SESSION 7 : Identity, Equality and Domination
07.04.2020	SESSION 8 : Critical Feminist Epistemology
21.04.2020	SESSION 9 : Anthropology of Violence
28.04.2020	SESSION 10: Anthropology of Development
05.05.2020	SESSION 11 : Migration & Tourism // Anthropology of Ethic
12.05.2020	SESSION 12 : Rural Anthropology
19.05.2020	SESSION 13 : Anthropology of Nature and the Ontological Turn
26.05.2020	SESSION 14 : Conclusion/Feedback