

Anthropology 156

Politics, Nationalism, and Ethnicity

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Office Hours TBA

Books Required:

Ghosh, Amitav. 1998. *The Shadow Lines*. New York: Mariner.

Grinker, Roy Richard. 1998. *Korea and its Futures: Unification and the Unfinished War*. New York: St. Martin's Press

Kapferer, Bruce. 1998. *Legends of People, Myths of State: Violence, Intolerance and Political Culture in Sri Lanka and Australia* (Smithsonian Series in Ethnographic Inquiry). Washington, D.C. Smithsonian Institution Press.

Articles:

A packet of readings is available from a location to be announced.

Grading

Short Paper 25%

Mid-Term Exam 25%

Class/Section Participation 15%

Final Paper 35%

Week 1

September 1 *Introductory Remarks*

September 6 *What is Society?* Emile Durkheim. 1895. "What is a Social Fact?;" Marcel Mauss. 1924. Excerpt from The Gift.

Week 2

September 13 *Kinship and Politics*. E.E. Evans-Pritchard. 1937. Selection from *The Nuer*

September 15 *Kinship and Politics*, 2. E.E. Evans-Pritchard. 1937. Selection from *The Nuer*

Week 3

September 20 *Ethnicity*. Comaroff, John L. 1987. "Of Totemism and Ethnicity: Consciousness, Practice, and the Signs of Inequality."

September 22. *Ethnicity and Gender*. Grinker, R.R. 1990. "Images of Denigration."

Week 4

September 27 *Politics and Economy among the Nuer*. Sharon Hutchinson. 1996. "Blood, Cattle and Cash.

September 29 No Readings. **Short paper due.**

Week 5

October 4 The Politics of Representation. 1991. Jean Comaroff and John L. Comaroff. Selection from *Of Revelation and Revolution*.

October 6 The Politics of Representation. James Clifford. "Identity at Mashpee."

Week 6

October 11 Hierarchy. Louis Dumont. 1970. Selection from *Homo Hierarhcicus*.

October 13 *Colonialism and Anthropology* Talal Asad, 1991. "From the History of Colonial Anthropology to the Anthropology of Western Hegemony;" Richard G. Fox, 1992. "East of Said." Begin *The Shadow Lines*.

Week 7

October 18 *The Shadow Lines*, continued.

October 20 *The Shadow Lines*, continued.

Week 8

October 25 *Nationalism*. Selection from Benedict Anderson. 1994. *Imagined Communities*.

October 27 **Mid-Term Exam**

Week 9

November 1 *Sri Lanka and Australia: Violence, Religion and Racism*. Kapferer, pp. xxxi-48.

November 3 *Sri Lanka*. Kapferer, cont. pp. 49-120.

Week 10

November 8 *Australia*. Finish Kapferer.

November 10 *Politics and the Body*. Michel Foucault, selection from *Discipline and Punish*.

Week 11

November 15 *Politics of Sexuality* David Halperin, 1992. "One Hundred Years of Homosexuality."

November 17 *Korean History and Nationalism*. Begin Grinker, chs. 1-3

Week 12

November 22 *Korea*, continued, chs. 4-6.

November 24 NO CLASS. Thanksgiving Break. Grinker, chs. 7-10.

Week 13

November 28 No readings. Film to be announced. November 30:
November 30 *Korea, chs. 7-10.*

Week 14

December 6 *Diaspora and Identity*. Arjun Appadurai, 1996. *Modernity at Large*; ~~James Clifford, "Diasporas,"~~ Nina Glick Schiller and Georges Fouron, "Long-distance Nationalism Defined."

December 8 No Class