

ANTH 310
Spring 2011
Course Syllabus

ANTHROPOLOGY OF KINSHIP

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Course overview:

Kinship is recognized as a relationship between persons based on descent or marriage. There are three main aims that kinship system gains for its group members. First, kinship system organizes people into groups. Second, kinship directs people's behavior and third, kinship provides security for members of the kin group. In this course we will examine some kinship systems existed in the past and present and look at different theoretical concepts on kinship, marriage and family.

Course Readings:

Anthropology of Kinship Reader prepared by Dr.Mary Schweitzer (copy of this reader may be taken from the AUCA Anthropology Program, room # 236). Syllabus and course readings are available from the AUCA Course Information Support/ /Anthropology/Anthropology of Kinship folder.

Kinship and Family. An Anthropological reader, ed. By Robert Parkin and Linda Stone (Malden&Oxford:Blackwell, 2004).

Stone, Linda, *New Directions in Anthropological Kinship* (Maryland, 2001).

Stockard, Janice E., *Marriage in Culture: Practice and Meaning across Diverse Societies* (Fort Worth, 2000).

Stone, Linda, *Kinship and Gender* (Boulder, 1997).

Fox, Robin, *Kinship and Marriage: An Anthropological Perspective* (Cambridge, 1967).

Assignments/Assessment

Attendance and active participation – 40%

Attendance 10% and active participation - 30%. This course makes the assumption that you want to learn and want to discuss the material we will be reading. Active class participation can be realized through the oral or power point presentations. Each student should make at least two class presentations. Each presentation takes 10 %. Three or more absences without medical excuses (spravka) over the course will get an "X" for the course. If you fail to make a class presentation on time, you will not be given a second chance to do it and loose 10% assigned for the presentation.

Presentation Criteria:

1. the statement of key facts and analysis of readings -5 %
2. creativity (used of extra materials and arguable opinions) and implication of cases and theories to modernity – 5 %

Midterm – 20%. The midterm will be in the form of the multiple choice test. Students will get 40 questions based on the passed topics. Due date listed below.

Research paper with in - class presentation – 40%.

Research paper - **30%** (7 pages, double-spaced, APA style). In - class presentation **10%**.

The research topic and the date of presentation should be discussed with the professor in advance. The paper should be based on the fieldwork which can be led in Bishkek or other places of Kyrgyzstan. It must properly cite sources that have been quoted or referred to. Not to do so is plagiarism. Due date listed below.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism will not be tolerated during the course. Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas and representing them as your own original work. You must either paraphrase the sentence by putting it completely in your own words and citing it with the proper footnote, endnote or in text citation, or put the quotation marks or make block quotation if you use the direct words of the source without any change with the following footnote, endnote or other citation after the copied words. All information must be cited. Always cite a legitimate source. Wikipedia is not a legitimate source. Books published by university presses and academic papers found on JSTOR are legitimate sources.

Cheating

Cheating will not be tolerated during the course. Cheating is the use of unauthorized sources during exams such as books, student's notes, cellular phones, etc.

Grading system

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

- 100-96 = A
- 95-91 = A-
- 90-86 = B+
- 85-81 = B
- 80-76 = B-
- 75-71 = C+
- 70-66 = C
- 65-61 = C-
- 60-56 = D+
- 55-51 = D
- 50-46 = D-
- 45 and lower = F

Course Policy

Please turn off your mobile phones and other electronic devices before coming to class. Please come to class on time. Coming late for class or leaving before the class ends will be considered as an absence.

- *By the asterisk is signed the required readings.*

Course Schedule

Week 1. Course Introduction

*Reader. *Ch.6.Sex, Marriage and Family Relationships*, pp.130-151.

Claude, Lévi-Strauss, *Elementary Structures of Kinship (1949).Introduction.*

Week 2. Kinship Studies: Formation and History of Development

*Lewis H.Morgan *Ancient Society (1877)*. Chapter I. Ethnical Periods. The article can be found in the AUCA Course Information Support/ /Anthropology/Anthropology of Kinship folder.

Fox, Robin, *Kinship and Marriage*, pp.13-25.

Week 3.Marriage: Types and Rules

*Reader. *Marriage among the! Kung San of Southern Africa*, pp. 12-37.

Week 4. Household and Kinship

*S.Robert, *Parenting from Separate Households: A Cultural Perspective*, pp.229-245.

Reader. *Households and Domestic Life*, pp.191-199.

Week 5. Marriage and Incest

*Claude, Lévi-Strauss, *The Problem of Incest in Elementary Structures of Kinship*, pp.12-25.

Fox, Robin, *Kinship and Marriage*, pp.54-76.

Week 6. Kinship as Culture and Process

Film: *Bride-kidnapping*, AUCA film collection.

*Claude Levi-Strauss, *Structural Analysis in Linguistics and in Anthropology*, pp.145-158.

Reader. *Marriage in Traditional Chinese society*, ch.5. pp.38-56.

Week 7. Kinship as a Social Structure and Alliance

Film: *Taureg and Waadab*, AUCA film collection.

* E.E. Evans-Pritchard, *The Nuer of the Southern Sudan in Kinship and Family*. pp.64-79.

Week 8. Kinship and Gender

Reader. *Gender Bodies, and Kinship*, pp.57-82.

*S.J.Yanagisako and J.F.Collier, *Toward a Unified Analysis of Gender and Kinship*, pp.275-294.

Week 9. Kinship and Economy

*Reader. *Marriage among Tibetans: The Nyinba of Nepal*, pp. 81-108.

Week 10. Kinship and Politics

*Jorio, Rosa, *Women's Organizations, the Ideology of Kinship, and the State in Post-independent Mali*, pp.322-336.

Week 11. Kinship and Social Conflicts

*Allen, S.Enrich, *Power, Control and the Mother-in-Law Problem: Face-Offs in the American Nuclear Family*, pp.175-185.

Mid-term due!

Week 12. Kinship in Contemporary Western Perspective

Reader. *The person*, pp. 83-108.

*L.Stone, Has the World Turned? Kinship and Family in the Contemporary American Soap Opera, pp.395-408.

Week 13. Kinship and Family in Central Asia

*Reader. Werner, Cynthia, *The Rise of Nonconsensual Bride Kidnapping in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan* in *The Transformation of Central Asia*, London, 2004, pp. 68-89.

*Kathleen, Collins, *The Political Role of Clans in Central Asia* in *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (Jan., 2003), pp. 171-190: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4150150> Accessed: 27/10/2010. (in the folder)

Activity: the lecture will be at the Kyrgyz State Historical Museum, Bishkek, Ala-Too Square, 3rd floor

Week 14. New Reproductive Technologies: Theories and Practices

*Helena, Ragono, *Surrogate Motherhood and American Kinship*, pp.342-362.

*Reader. *Families into Nation: The Power of Metaphor and the Transformation of Kinship*, pp.136-162, *Assisted Reproduction*, pp.163-183.

Stone, Linda, *Kinship and Gender*, pp.227-259.

Research paper due!

Week 15-16. In-class Presentation of Research Paper