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## **ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY**

This course is a graduate-level introduction to the field of economic anthropology. The course will be run as a seminar. Each class will begin with a brief lecture, followed by a discussion of assigned readings. Questions to be discussed will be handed out one week before a class on a particular topic

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### **Readings**

One book is available at the IMU bookstore:

Edelman, Mark and Angelique Haugerud, eds.  
2005 *The Anthropology of Development and Globalization*.

All other readings can be found in 243 Macbride (the graduate student lounge). There are two copies of each reading. These can be checked out for two hours and photocopied elsewhere. Please be sure to use the sign-out/sign-in sheet when you borrow and return readings.

### **Course Requirements**

(1) Four 5-7 page essays. These essays are intended to test understanding of course material and do not usually require research. Papers will be due September 25, October 23, November 27, and December 15. Note the first three papers are due on Mondays. The last paper is due on a Friday.

(2) Class participation – About 20 percent of the final grade is based on class participation.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **Introduction and Historical Overview**

August 24 – introduction to course

no readings

### **Historical Background**

August 31 – Substantivists/Formalists; Cultural Evolution

Wilk, Richard

1996 *Economies & Cultures*, pp. 1-14.

Polanyi, Karl

1958 *The economy as Instituted Process*, pp. 122-143 of *Economic Anthropology*, eds. E. LeClair and H. Schneider (1968).

Burling, Robbins

1962 *Maximization Theories and the Study of Economic Anthropology*, pp. 166-187 of *Economic Anthropology*, eds. E. LeClair and H. Schneider (1968).

Cook, Scott

2004 *Understanding Commodity Cultures*, pp. 87-102, pp. 109-114.

Johnson, Allen and Timothy Earle

1987 *The Evolution of Human Societies*, pp. 1-24.

September 7 – Modernization Theory; Dependency/World Systems Theory; Globalization

Rostow, W. W.

1960 *The Stages of Economic Growth*, pp. 1-35.

Wolf, Eric

1982 *Europe and the People Without History*, pp. 3-23.

Gunder Frank, Andre

1969 *Latin America: Underdevelopment or Revoution*, pp. 3-17.

Nash, June

1994 *Global Integration and Subsistence Insecurity*. *American Anthropologist* 96:7-30.

### **Non-Industrial Societies**

September 14 – Forager Studies

Lee, Richard

1979 The !Kung San: Men, Women and Work in a Foraging Society, pp. 250-280.

Wilmsen, Edwin

1989 Land Filled with Flies: A Political Economy of the Kalahari, pp. xi-xviii, 1-16, 24-26.

Lee, Richard

1992 Art, Science or Politics? The Crisis in Hunter-Gatherer Studies. *American Anthropologist* 94:31-54.

September 21 – Agriculture: Past and Present

Diamond, Jared

1998 *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, pp. 93-130.

Boserup, Ester

1965 *The Conditions of Agricultural Growth*, pp. 11-55.

Netting, Robert

1993 *Smallholders, Householders*, pp. 3-27.

### **Colonialism and the Modern State**

September 28 Colonialism – Moral Economies; Population Growth

Scott, James

1976 *The Moral Economy of the Peasant*, pp. 1-34.

Mintz, Sidney

1985 *Sweetness and Power*, pp. xv-xxx.

Robbins, Richard

2005 *Global Problems and the Culture of Capitalism* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), pp. 145-174.

Geertz, Clifford

1984 *Agricultural Involution Revisited.*, In *The Anthropology of Development and Globalization* (2005), M. Edelman and A. Haugerud, eds, pp. 194-205.

October 5 The Modern State and Capitalism – Simplification, Grand Schemes, and Legibility

Scott, James

1998 Seeing Like a State, pp.1-83.

Harvey, David

1988 The Urban Experience, pp. 165-199.

### **Uneven “Development”**

October 12 – Development plans

Cernea, Michael

1985 Putting People First: Sociological Variables in Rural Development, pp. 3-21.

Cooper, Frederick and Randall Packard

1997 The History and Politics of Development Knowledge. In The Anthropology of Development and Globalization (2005), In M. Edelman and A. Haugerud, eds. pp. 126-139.

Hoben, Allan

1980 Agricultural Decision Making in Foreign Assistance. In Agricultural Decision Making, P. Barlett, ed. pp. 337-369.

Annis, Sheldon

1988 Can Small-Scale Development be Large-Scale Policy? In Direct to the Poor, S. Annis and P. Hakim, eds., pp. 209-218.

October 19 – Critiques of “development”

Ferguson, James

1997 Anthropology and Its Evil Twin: “Development in the Constitution of a Discipline. In eds., The Anthropology of Development and Globalization (2005), In M. Edelman and A. Haugerud, eds, pp. 140- 153.

Ferguson, James

1999 Expectations of Modernity, pp. 1-37.

Escobar, Arturo

1995 Encountering Development, pp. 3-54.

October 26 – Informal Economies

Mintz, Sidney

1961 Pratik: Haitian Personal Economic Relationships. In, Peasant Society (1968), J. Potter, M. Diaz, and G. Foster, s. pp. 98-110.

De Soto, Hernando

1989 The Other Path, pp. xi-xx (by Mario Vargas Llosa), pp. xxi-xxviii, pp. 3-15.

Cross, John

1998 Informal Politics: Street Vendors and the State in Mexico City, pp. 84-119.

Ledevena, Alena

1998 Russia's Economy of Favours, pp. 1-38.

### **Globalization**

November 2 Pros and Cons

Friedman, Thomas

1999 The Lexus and the Olive Tree, pp. 3-43.

2005 excerpts of articles by Jonathan Friedman, David Graeber, Sakia Sassen, and Jean

Comaroff and John Comaroff in The Anthropology of Development and Globalization, M. Edelman and A. Haugerud, eds., pp. 160-187.

1997 Watson, James

Introduction. In Golden Arches, J. Watson, ed., pp 1-38.

November 9 Consumption

Wilk, Richard

1999 "Real Belizean Food": Building Local Identity in the Transnational Caribbean. American Anthropologist 101:244-255.

Orlove, Benjamin and Arnold Bauer

1997 Giving Importance to Imports. In The Allure of the Foreign, B. Orlove, ed., pp. 1-29.

Bestor, Theodore

2004 *Tsukiji*: The Fish Market at the Center of the World, pp. 1-49.

Vargas-Cetina, Gabriela

2000 From Handicraft to Monocrop: The Production of Pecorino Cheese in Highland Sardinia. In Commodities and Globalization, A. Haugerud, P. Stone, and P. Little, eds., pp. 219-238.

November 16 – no class, AAA meetings

November 23 - no class, Thanksgiving

November 30 – Movements of people and products

Stone, Priscilla, Angelique Haugerud, and Peter Little

2000 Commodities and Globalization. In *Commodities and Globalization*, A. Haugerud, P. Stone, and P. Little, eds., pp. 1-29

Hansen, Karen Tranberg

2000 *Salaula: The World of Secondhand Clothing and Zambia.*, pp. 1-39, 248-257.

Kearney, Michael

1996 *Reconceptualizing the Peasantry*, pp. 1-22.

Zloniski, Christian

2006 Immigrant Labor in the New U.S. Economy. In *Labor in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, P. Durrenberger and J. Marti, eds., pp. 265-282.

December 7 Art and Craft in the World Marketplace

Steiner, Christopher

1994 *African Art in Transit*, pp. 1-39.

Zorn, Elayne

2004 *Weaving the Future*, pp. 1-25, 82-110, 147-163.

Chibnik, Michael

2003 *Crafting Tradition*, pp. 1-18, 206-247.