ANTH 3760R - Cultures:Afro-Eurasia Pol Anth

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Course Description

ANTH 3760 Cultures of Afro-Eurasia [Note – formerly called "Cultures of the Old World"] 3 s.h. An examination of the ethnography, cultural contributions, and achievements of Old World peoples, which may include the cultures of Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia or Australia and Oceania. May be taken up to three times for credit if the topic is different.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Political Leadership among Swat Pathans	Barth, Frederik	0-485-19619-0
Required	Political Anthropology. 3rd edition	Lewellen, Ted C.	0-89789-890-7
Required	Boss. Richard J. Daley of Chicago	Royko, Mike	0-452-26167-8

Chapters and articles. Access on Blackboard

Bailey, F. G. 2001. *Stratagems and Spoils: A Social Anthropology of Politics*. Boulder: Westview Press. Chapters 1-2, pp. 1-34.

Easton, David. 1957. The Analysis of Political Systems. World Politics, pp. 93-106.

Fortes, Meyer, and E.E. Evans-Pritchard. 1940. Introduction. In *African Political Systems*, edited by M. Fortes and E.E. Evans-Pritchard, pp. 1-23. Oxford University Press, London.

Hofstadter, Richard. 1964. The Paranoid Style in American Politics. *Harper's Magazine*, 229:1374, pp.77-86.

Levi-Strauss, Claude. 1944. The Social and Psychological Aspect of Chieftainship in a Primitive Tribe: The Nambikuara of Northwestern Mato Grosso. Transactions of the New York Academy of Sciences, pp. 16-23.

Sahlins, Marshall. 1961. The Segmentary Lineage: An Organization of Predatory Expansion. American Anthropologist, New Series, vol. 63, no. 2, part 1, pp. 322-345.

Swartz, Marc, Victor Turner, and Arthur Tuden, eds. 1966. *Political Anthropology*. Aldine, Chicago. Introduction, pp. 1-41.

Weatherford, J. McIver. 1985. *Tribes on the Hill. The U.S. Congress Rituals and Reality*. Rawson, Wade, New York. Ch. 1-2, pp. 3-44.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25		Introduction. Political anthropology as a subset of the discipline	
Tue	9/1	David Easton article	Defining politics. An overview of political philosophy, relevant thinkers and concepts	A one-page reaction paper on the Easton article
Tue	9/8	Lewellen, ch. 1	Political philosophy, continued	
Tue	9/15	Fortes and Evans-Pritchard book chapter	The origins of political anthropology	
Tue	9/22	Barth book	A cultural model for politics	
Tue	9/29	1. Lewellen, ch. 2 2. Levi-Strauss article	Non-state political systems Film: Ongka's Big Moka	Prospectus on topic for research paper
Tue	10/6	1. Lewellen, ch 3 2. Sahlins article	Emergence of the state	Book review due
Tue	10/13	Hofstadter article	States and information flow	Mid-term exam
Tue	10/20	1. Lewellen, ch. 5 2. Swartz et al. book chapter	Structuralism revised The process approach	
Tue	10/27	1. Lewellen, ch. 6 2. Royko book	Politics and the individual Film: Daley: The Last Boss	
Tue	11/3	Lewellen, ch. 9	Elites, Nationalism	
Tue	11/10	1. Bailey book chapter 2. Lewellen, ch. 10	Game theory Postmodernist approach to politics	
Tue	11/17	1. Lewellen, ch. 4 2. Weatherford book chapter	Politics, Religion, Symbolism	A one-page reaction paper on the Weatherford reading
Tue	11/24	Lewellen, ch. 8, 11	Gender in politics Globalization	
Tue	12/1	Lewellen, ch. 7	Political protest	
Tue	12/8			Research paper due by noon

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