Social Anthropology

Suggestions for pre-course reading

Students admitted to study for postgraduate degrees come from a variety of academic backgrounds and have very diverse needs and orientations. The reading list given below of initial reading suggestions is not mandatory: please use your own good sense in using it, whether you are new to anthropology or already have extensive training and relevant experience. In drawing up this list we have kept in mind not only social anthropology but also the range of more specialist master's degrees taught at ISCA. Many of the suggested readings are relevant to several of these fields.

Basic introductions for those new to anthropology

- Astuti, R. J. Parry & C. Stafford (eds) (2007). *Questions of Anthropology*. Berg.
- Barnard, Alan (2000) *History and Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge.
- Engelke, Matthew (2017). *Think Like an Anthropologist*. Pelican.
- Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2004). *What is Anthropology?* Pluto.
- Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2015). *Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction to Social Anthropology* (4th ed.). Pluto.
- Eriksen Thomas Hylland, and F.S. Nielsen, *A History of Anthropology*. Pluto.
- Hendry, Joy & Simon Underdown (2013). *Anthropology: A Beginner's Guide*. Oneworld.
- James, Wendy (2003) *The Ceremonial Animal: a new Portrait of Anthropology*. Oxford.
- Keesing, Roger (1984) *Cultural Anthropology: a Contemporary Perspective*. Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- Kuper, Adam (2014). *Anthropology and Anthropologists: The British School in the Twentieth Century* (4th ed.). Routledge.
- Layton , Bob (1997) *An Introduction to Theory in Anthropology*. Cambridge.
- Lienhardt, Godfrey (1964) *Social Anthropology*. Oxford.
- Monaghan, John (2000). *Social and Cultural Anthropology: A Very Short Introduction*. OUP.
- Pocock, David (1975) *Understanding Social Anthropology*. Hodder and Stoughton.

Important readings on key topics

- Asad, Talal (ed.) (1973) *Anthropology and the Colonial Encounter*. Ithaca.
- Banks, Marcus and H. Morphy (eds) (1997) *Rethinking Visual Anthropology*. Yale.
- Bernard, H. R. and P. J. Pelto (1972) *Technology and Social Change*. MacMillan.
- Bourdieu, Pierre (1977) *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge.
- Carsten, Janet (2004) *After Kinship*. Cambridge.
- Coote, Jeremy and A. Shelton (eds) (1992) *Anthropology, Art and esthetics*. Oxford.
- Crawford, P.I. and D. Turton (eds) (1992) *Film as Ethnography*. Manchester University Press.
- Davis, John (1992) *Exchange*. Open University Press.
- Douglas, Mary (1966/1984) *Purity and Danger* (new edition). Ark.
- Durkheim, E. and M. Mauss (1903/1963) *Primitive Classification*. Cohen and West.
- Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2014). *Globalization (The Key Concepts).* Bloomsbury.
- Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2016). *Overheating: An Anthropology of Accelerated Change*. Pluto.
- Ingold, Tim, D. Riches and J. Woodbum (1988) *Hunters and Gatherers* (Part 1). Berg.

- Mauss, Marcel (1925/1990) *The Gift*. Routledge.
- Moore, Henrietta (1988) *Feminism and Anthropology*. Polity Press.
- Needham, Rodney (ed.) (1973) *Right and Left*. Chicago.
- O'Hanlon, Michael and Eric Hirsch (eds) (1995) *The Anthropology of Landscape*. Oxford.
- Parkin, David J. (ed.) (1982) *Semantic Anthropology*. Academic Press.
- Parkin, Robert (1997) *Kinship: an Introduction to Basic Concepts*. Blackwell.
- Stokes, Martin (ed.) (1994) *Ethnicity, Identity, and Music*. Berg.

Classic field-based studies

- Benedict, Ruth (1935) *Patterns of Culture*. Routledge.
- Dumont, Louis (1966) *Homo Hierarchicus*. Chicago.
- Evans-Pritchard, E. E. (1937) *Witchcraft, Oracles and Magic among the Azande*. Oxford.
- Evans-Pritchard, E. E. (1940) *The Nuer*. Oxford.
- Geertz, Clifford (1975) *The Interpretation of Cultures*. Hutchinson.
- Lienhardt, R.G. (1961) *Divinity and Experience: the Religion of the Dinka*. Oxford.
- Malinowski, Bronislaw (1932) *Argonauts of the Western Pacific*. Routledge.
- Rosaldo, Michelle (1980) *Knowledge and Passion: Notions of Self and Society among the Ilongot*. Cambridge.
- Turner, Victor (1967) *The Forest of Symbols*. Cornell.

Some points of reference in related disciplines

- Anderson, Benedict (1991) *Imagined Communities*. Verso.
- Connerton, Paul (1989) *How Societies Remember*. Cambridge.
- Gould, Stephen Jay (1997) *The Mismeasure of Man* (rev. ed). Harmondsworth.
- Harvey, David (1989) *The Condition of Postmodernity: an Enquiry into the Origins of Cultural Change*. Oxford (Blackwell).
- Hobsbawm, Eric, and T.O. Ranger (eds) (1983) *The Invention of Tradition*. Cambridge.
- Merleau-Ponty, M. (1962) *Phenomenology of Perception*. Routledge.
- Said, Edward (1978) *Orientalism*. Routledge.