

**ANTHRO. 100g                      Principles of Human Organization**  
**University of Southern California**

**Dr. G. Cooper**

**Fall Semester 2007**

**TTh 11:00-12:20**

**GFS 106**

**Syllabus:**

**Required Texts:**

Abraham Rosman/Paula Rubel, The Tapestry of Culture  
Eugene Cooper/Andrei Simic, Readings in Anthropology

**Readings for the week of:**

Aug 27                      Overcoming Ethnocentrism  
                                    Tapestry, Ch. 1, 2  
                                    Readings (Barley; Lowy)

Sep 3                        Language and Culture  
Sep 10                      Tapestry, Ch. 3, 4  
                                    Readings (Cooper-2; Simic-3)

Sep 17                      Comparative Social Organization  
Sep 24                      Tapestry, Ch. 6, 7  
Oct 1                        Readings (Schneider and Gough; Simic-8; Grossmith)

**October 4                      MIDTERM EXAM**

October 9 - Post Mortem - Return Exams and Review

Oct 15                      Production and Exchange - the economic dimension  
Oct 22                      Tapestry, Ch. 8  
                                    Readings (Bohannon - 10; Bohannon -11; Rosman and Rubel; Piot)

Oct 29                      Power and Prestige - the political dimension  
Nov 5                        Tapestry, Ch. 9  
                                    Readings (Sahlins; Kirchoff)

Nov 12                      Race  
                                    Tapestry, Ch. 15  
                                    Readings (Marks)

**November 15                      WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT UPDATE - Review of method and theory**

**November 22                      Thanksgiving Holiday**

Nov 19                      Mythology, Religion, Ideology  
Nov 26                      Tapestry, Ch. 5, 10, 11, 12  
Dec 3                        Readings (Aycock, Douglas, Levi-Strauss, Cooper-22, Rockoff)

**December 4                      WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS DUE**

**FINAL EXAM:**

**Tuesday**

**December 18**

**8:00 - 10:00**

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**SECTIONS:**

Sections will meet once a week for discussion of the assignments in Readings in Anthropology, review of the week's lecture material, screening of ethnographic films, questions, exam reviews, etc. Attendance is required.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT:**

Read two of the books on the following list (ordered for your convenience at the bookstore), and prepare a report (10 - 15 pages, typed, double spaced) in which you:

1. Compare the societies described in the books, focusing on the habits, customs, beliefs and social institutions of the members of the two societies.

AND

2. Identify and compare the methods employed by each author to gather his/her data, and the theoretical orientations according to which that data is organized and presented, justifying your classifications with appropriate citations from the books.

You may use books which are not on the list (the library is filled with books, and nowadays you might even find some anthropological classics available on line). But if you do use books not on this list, you should make certain you have cleared them with Prof. Cooper before you start reading them. Not just any book, anthropological or otherwise, is appropriate for this assignment.

Sharad Chari	Fraternal Capital	Stanford
Paul Trawick	The Struggle for Water in Peru	Stanford
John Borneman	Syrian Episodes	Princeton
Lynn Stephen	Zapotec Women	Duke
Ladislav Holy	Strategies and Norms in a Changing Matrilineal Society	Cambridge
Simon Harrison	Stealing People's Names	Cambridge
David Anderson	Identity and Ecology in Arctic Siberia	Oxford
Tamara Hareven	The Silk Weavers of Kyoto	UC Press
Eugene Cooper	The Artisans and Entrepreneurs of Dongyang County	M.E. Sharpe

**ASSIGNMENT DUE: December 4, 2007 - PENALTIES FOR LATENESS**

You will not receive credit for this General Education course if you do not complete the written assignment.

**ANYONE FOUND TO BE PRESENTING OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN WORK FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE AWARDED AN F FOR THE COURSE!!!**