

SA 532: Theoretical Perspectives in Anthropology

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to inculcate an understanding of anthropological perspectives on human nature, behaviors and practices—i.e., culture in general. It examines the differences and continuities of theoretical approaches over time. The course aims to locate history of anthropology as a discipline by examining the relationship between the modes of knowledge and forms of political-economic dominance. The course aims to provide students with more balanced comparative perspective drawing from the 'classical' and 'contemporary' theoretical perspectives and approaches in anthropology. The course will (a) critically examine selected works (i.e., original writings) of selected scholars who have made substantial contributions to the theoretical discourses in the discipline—with a particular focus on their theoretical assumptions, epistemologies, themes and substantive applications, and (b) orient the students on the major issues, shifts and transformations in anthropology (including Nepal) as a discipline over the time.

Unit I: Historical Development of Anthropology (20)

1. Foundations of Anthropology:
 - A. What is anthropological perspective?
 - B. History of the discipline
 - intellectual contexts (enlightenment, positivism, influence of Durkheim, Weber and Marx, and others)
 - political and economic contexts: relationships between the political-economic dominance (Western colonialism, capitalism and racism) and the forms of knowledge production /intellectual traditions
2. Overview of the development of Anthropology in the world context with particular reference to US, Britain, France, Germany, South Asia, and Nepal

Unit II. Major Classical Theoretical Approaches (75)

1. Culture theories and the "science" of culture (10)
 - A. Evolutionism: the contexts, theoretical and methodological approaches: critical reviews of the contribution of E.B. Tylor and L.H. Morgan
 - B. Diffusionism: the contexts, general theoretical assumptions, methodological approaches and critiques
 - C. Historical particularism and idea of cultural relativism: Critical reviews of contribution of Franz Boas
 - D. Linking theories to the idea of time, space and universality of human history and cultural differences [the 'West and the "Others"'].

2. Functionalism and structural-functionalism (British Social Anthropology): Critical review of the contributions of B. Malinowski, A. R. Radcliffe Brown, Evans-Pritchard. Linking theories with ethnographic fieldwork. holism and the idea of "non-western, non-capitalist, simple societies" (12)
3. Structuralism (French anthropology): Critical reviews of Levi Strauss's contributions and his influence in anthropology (6)
4. Anthropology and Moral Economies: Marcel Mauss's 'The Gift' and Marshal Shalins' 'Stone Age Economy'. (10)
5. Culture and Personality: Critical review of the Contributions of Ralph Linton, Margaret Mead, and Ruth Benedict (8)
6. Symbolic and Interpretative Approaches: Critical reviews of the contributions of Clifford Geertz, Victor Turner, David Schneider, and Mary Douglas (12)
7. Ecological approaches: Contributions of, and critical reviews of Leslie White, Julian Steward, Roy. A. Rappaport and Marvin Harris (13)
8. Marxism and anthropology (14)
 - A. Anthropological Impetus in Marxism (Marx and Engels)
 - Mode of Production: means of production, relations of production
 - Simultaneous existence of multiple modes of productions
 - Commodity and commodity fetishism
 - B. Marxian Theory of Value : economic and anthropological approach to value
 - C. Alienation: Marxian and Anthropological approach
 - D. Application of Marxian approach in the study of non- capitalist societies and cultures

Unit III. Crisis and Critical Turns in Anthropology (1970s-1980s) (10)

- The intellectual and political-economic contexts: "crisis" in anthropology
- Anthropology and colonial encounter (Talad Asad and others)
- Anthropology and the making of the "Others" (Edward Said and others)
- Feminist and native critiques (see the required readings)
- Questioning the idea of "culture" and the "field" (see the required readings)

Unit IV. Contemporary Theoretical Trends and Debates (45)

- 1. Practice, Power, Agency and Resistance (15)**
 - A. Theory of Practice : critical reviews of P. Bourdieu and others
 - B. Capillary Power and governmentality critical reviews of Michel Foucault and his influences in anthropology: [overview of some ethnographic works]
 - C. Hegemony, resistance and agency: concepts and applications (Gramsci, James Scott and others; overview of some ethnographic examples.)

- 2. Postmodernism, Postcolonialism, Subaltern Studies, Indigenism and Anthropology (20)**
 - A. Postmodernism and anthropology
 - overview of poststructuralism and its influence in anthropology
 - postmodernism: concepts and debates
 - postmodernism and anthropology (reviews of George Marcus, James Clifford, and R. Rosaldo)
 - postmodernism and ethnography
 - critiques
 - B. Post colonial and subaltern studies and anthropology
 - overview of intellectual and political contexts
 - influences of postcolonial and subaltern studies in anthropology (see the required readings)
 - C. Indigenism and anthropology
 - indigenism (concept): overview
 - indigenism, 'culture rights' and anthropology: relationship and challenges

- 3. Anthropology: Global-Local Interface, and Anthropology of Nepal (10)**
 - Refocusing anthropological lens: globalization, transnational connections and everyday life
 - Global-local interface, and ethnographic approach: reviews of some ethnographic examples
 - Locating anthropology of Nepal in the contexts of theoretical developments, crisis and shifts in anthropology
 - Future of anthropology with particular reference to Nepal (discussion)

REQUIRED READINGS

Unit 1. Historical Development of Anthropology

1 (A)

1. Peacock, James. **Anthropological lens: The Harsh Light, Soft Focus**. pp: 1-62. Cambridge University Press
2. Herzfeld, Michael (2004 [2001]). Orientation: Anthropology as a Practice of Theory. **Anthropology: Theoretical Practice in Culture and Society**. Pp: 1-20. New Delhi: Rawat Publication.

1 (B)

1. Erickson, Paul E and Liam D. Murphy. (1998) **A History of Anthropological Theory** (pp. 13-72; 42-72, 132-135), New York: Broadview Press
2. Harris, Marvin (1968). **The Rise of Anthropological Theory** (Chapter 1-4). Pp: 1-80. New York: The Crowell
3. Pels, Peter. (1997). The anthropology of colonialism: culture, history and the emergence of Western governmentality. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 26: 163–183
4. Trouillot, Michel-Rolph (1991). Anthropology and the savage slot: the poetics and politics of otherness. In Richard Fox (ed.) **Recapturing Anthropology: working in the present**, Pp: 17-34. SAR Press.
5. Adam, Dewbury (2007). The American School and Scientific Racism in Early American Anthropology. *Histories of Anthropology Annual* 3:121.

Recommended Readings

- Keyes, Charles, (2002). Weber and Anthropology. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 31, Pp: 233-255 Published by: Annual Reviews
- Roseberry, William (1997). Marx and Anthropology. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, pp: 25-46
- Giddens, Anthony (1971). **Capitalism and modern social theory: an analysis of the writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber**. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Layton, Robert (1997). **An Introduction to Theory in Anthropology**. Cambridge University Press
- Liss, Julia (1988). Diasporic Identities: The Science and Politics of Race in the Work of Franz Boas and W. E. B. Du Bois, 1894–1919. *Cultural Anthropology* 13(2):127-166
- Voget, Fred W.(1997) The History of Cultural Anthropology In J. Honigsmann (ed.) **Hand Book of social and Cultural Anthropology** ,Pp: 1-65. New Delhi: Rawat Publications

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1. Donald Bender, Donald (2006). The development of French Anthropology. *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 1(2): 139-151.

2. Bista, D. B. (1987). Nepal school of Sociology and Anthropology. *Occasional Papers in Sociology and Anthropology* 1: 6-10.
3. Gurung, Om. (1990). Sociology and Anthropology: an emerging field of study in Nepal. *Occasional Papers in Sociology and Anthropology* 2: 4-12, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.
4. Fisher, James F. (1985). The historical development of Himalayan Anthropology. *Mountain Research and Development* 5:99-111.
5. Leavitt, J. (1992) Cultural Holism in the Anthropology of South Asia: The Challenge of Regional Traditions. *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 26(1):3.
6. Mishra, Chaitanya (2005). Sociology in Nepal: underdevelopment amidst growth. *Contribution to Nepalese Studies* 32: 93-128
7. Sarana, G and Sinha, D (1976). Status of socio-cultural anthropology in India. *Annual Review of Anthropology* Vol. 5: 209-225.

Recommended Readings

1. Barth, Fredrik, Andre Gingrich, Robert Parkin, and Sydel Silverman. (2005). *Once Discipline, Four Ways: British, German, French, and American Anthropology*. University of Chicago Press.
2. Dube, Saurabh (2007). Introduction: Anthropology, History, Historical Anthropology. In Dube, S (ed.). **Historical Anthropology**. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Unit II : Major Classical Theoretical Approaches

1. A. (Evolutionism)

1. Morgan, L. W (1877.). Ethnical Periods from **Ancient Society**. In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology**, Pp: 29-100. Alfred A. Knopf
2. Tylor, E. B. (1871). The science of culture from **Primitive culture**. In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology** Pp. 61-78. Alfred A. Knopf
3. Harris, Marvin (1968). **The Rise of Anthropological Theory**, Pp: 1-80. New York: The Crowell
4. Hatch, Elvin. Chapter 1, **Theories of Man and Culture**, Pp: 13-74. New York: Columbia University Press.

1. B and C (Diffusionism, Historical Particularism)

1. Harris, Marvin (1968). **The Rise of Anthropological Theory**. Pp: 1-80. New York: The Crowell
2. Franz Boas (1920). The Methods of Ethnology. *American Anthropologist*, New Series, 22 (4): pp. 311-321

3. Boas, Franz (1988). The Limitation of Comparative Method. In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology**, Pp. 85-93. Alfred A. Knopf
4. Erickson, Paul E and Liam D. Murphy. (1998) **A History of Anthropological Theory**, Pp:73-78. New York: Broadview Press

Recommended Readings:

1. Lewis, Herbert. 2001. Boas, Darwin, science, and anthropology. *Current anthropology* 42:381–406.
2. Stocking, George W. J. (1966). Franz Boas and the culture concept in historical perspective. *American Anthropologists* 68: 867-882.

1.D (Linking Theories)

1. Pels, Peter. (1997). The anthropology of colonialism: culture, history and the emergence of Western governmentality. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 26: 163–183
2. Trauman, T. R. (1992). Revolution in Ethnological Time. *Man* 27:143-25
3. Trouillot, Michel-Rolp (1991). Anthropology and the savage slot: the poetics and politics of otherness. In Richard Fox (ed.) **Recapturing Anthropology: working in the present**, Pp: 17-34. SAR Press.

2.: (Functionalism and Structural-functionalism)

1. Malinowski, B ([1922], 1984). **Argonauts of the Western Pacific**. Introduction, Pp:1-25; Chapter III: The Essentials of the Kula, Pp: 49-80, and Chapter XXII: The Meaning of Kula, Pp: 509-518. Illinois: Waveland Press, Inc.
2. Malinowski, B (1988). The Group and the Individual in Functional Analysis, In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology** (pp. 257-293). Alfred. A. Knopf
3. Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. (1952). **Structure and Function in Primitive Society**. Introduction, Pp: 1-14; Chapter 1: The Mother's Brother in South Africa, Pp: 15-31; Chapter IX: On the concept of function in social science, pp: 178-187 and Chapter X: On social structure, pp: 188-204. New York: Free Press.
4. Evans-Pritchard, E. E. **The Nuer: A description of the modes of livelihood and political institutions of a Nilotic people**. Introductory, Chapter 1: Interest in Cattle, and Chapter 3: Time and Space, Pp: 1-50; 94-138. New York: Oxford University Press.
5. Fortes and Evans Prichard ([1940]). 'Introduction to African Political System' from **African Political System** [1940] In Erickson and Murphy (eds.), **A History of Anthropological Theory (2006)** Pp: 187-200. Broadview Press.
6. Weiner, Annette B (1976). Chapter 1: Theoretical Framework, and Chapter 10: Women of Value, Men of Renown: An Epilog. **Women of Value, Men of Renown:**

New Perspectives in Trobriand Exchange, Pp: 3-24 and Pp 227-236. Austin: University of Texas Press. (For critique of Malinowski' ethnography on the Trobriand Island).

Recommended Reading

1. McKinnon, Susan. (1999). Domestic Exceptions: Evans-Pritchard and the Creation of Nuer Patrilineality and Equality. *Cultural Anthropology* 15:35-83. (for the critique of the Nuer; also see Clifford and Marcus (1986).

3. (Structuralism)

1. Levi-Strauss, C. (1963). **Structural Anthropology**, (Chapters:- 2, 11, 15), Pp:- 31-54, 206-231, 277-323. Penguin Books.
2. Leach, Edmund (1972): Structuralism in Social Anthropology. In Erickson, Paul E and Liam D. Murphy (eds). **A History of Anthropological Theory** (1998), Pp:.
3. Ortner, Sherry B. (1974). Is Female to Male as Nature is to Culture? In **Women, Culture and Society**, Rosaldo and Lamphere (eds), pp: 67-88. California: Stanford University Press

Suggested readings:

1. Scholte, Bob (1997). The structural anthropology of Cluade Levi-Strauss. In John J Honigman (ed.) **Hand of Social and Cultural Anthropology** (Indian edition) vol. 2, Pp: 637-716. Rawat Publication

4. Mauss and Shalins

1. Hart, Keith (2007): Marcel Mauss: In pursuit of the whole: a review essay. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 49(2):1-13.
2. Mauss, Marcel. (1925) 1990. *The Gift: The Form and Reasons for exchange in Archaic societies*. New York: Norton
3. Shalins, Marshall (1972). *The Original Affluent Society* (chapter 1, Pp:1-40); *The Spirit of Gift* (149-184) In **Stone Age Economic**. Rutledge: London

Recommended Reading

1. Weiner, Annette B (1976). *The Nature of Trobriand Exchange*. **Women of Value, Men of Renown: New Perspectives in Trobriand Exchange**, Pp: 211-226. Austin: University of Texas Press.

5: Culture and Personality

1. Benedict, Ruth (1934). **Patterns of Culture** (Chapter 2 and 3). Houghton Mifflin Company Boston.
2. Harris, Marvin (1968). **The Rise of Anthropological Theory**, The Crowell Publication
3. Mead, Margaret (1928) **Coming of Age in Samoa**. New York: William Morrow.

4. Linton, Ralph (1988). Status and Role; Culture and Normality, In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology** (pp. 186-204). Alfred. A. Knopf

Recommended Readings

1. de Waal Malefijt, AnneMarie (1976). **Images of Man** (Chapter 13) New York, Alfred A. Knopf
2. McGee, R and Warms, Richard (eds) (2004). Anthropological Theory: An Introductory Theory, 3rd edition, see 'Culture and Personality', pp: 216-230. New York: McGraw Hill.

6: Symbolic and Interpretive Anthropology

1. Douglas, Mary (2004 reprinted, [1966]). Purity and Danger. Preface to the Routledge Classics Edition, pp: x-xxi; introduction, pp: 1-7; chapter 7: External Boundaries, pp: 141-159. New York: Routledge.
2. Geertz, Clifford (1973). The Interpretation of Cultures. Chapter 1: *Thick description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of culture* (pp: 1-30), Chapter 4: *Religion as a cultural system* (Pp: 87-125) and Chapter 15: *Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese cockfight*, Pp: 412-454. Basic Books
3. Ortner, Sherry .B. (1984). Theory in Anthropology since the Sixties. *Comparative Studies in society and history* 26(1): 126-166.
4. Ortner, Sherry B. (1996). On Key Symbols. *American Anthropologists* 75: 1338-1346.
5. Roseberry, William (1989). Balinese Cockfights and the Seduction of Anthropology. In *Anthropologies and Histories*, pp: 17-29. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
6. Turner, Victor (2004) Symbols in Ndembu Ritual, In R. Jon McGee and Richard L. Warms (eds.) *Anthropological Theory: An Introductory History* (Pp. 536-553) New York, McGraw-Hill.

Recommended Readings:

1. Marcus, George and Fischer, Michael (1986). Ethnography and Interpretive Anthropology (pp:17-44). In **Anthropology as Cultural Critique: An experimental Moment in the Human Sciences**. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
2. Ortner, Sherry B. (1999). Introduction. In **The Fate of "culture"** Geertz and Beyond, Ortner, Sherry (ed.), Pp:1-13. Berkeley: University of California.
3. Geertz, Clifford (2002). An Inconstant Profession: The Anthropological Life in Interesting Times. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 31 (2002), pp. 1-19

7 Ecological Approaches

1. White, Leslie (1988). Energy and the Evolution of Culture, In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology** (pp. 337-355). Alfred. A. Knopf
2. Steward, Julian (1988). The Concept and Method of Cultural Ecology, In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology** (pp. 322-332). Alfred. A. Knopf
3. Harris, Marvin (1988). Theoretical Principles of Cultural Materialism, In Bohannan and Glazer (ed) **High Points in Anthropology** (pp. 379-402). Alfred. A. Knopf
4. Harris, Marvin (1994). Cultural Materialism Is Alive and Well and Won't Go Away until Something Better Comes Along, In R. Borofsky (ed.), *Assessing Cultural Anthropology*. New Delhi: McGraw Hill. Pp. 62-76.
5. Rappaport, R.A. (1979). Ecology, Meaning and Religion. Pp. 27-42. (Chapter on: Ritual Regulation of Environmental Relations among a New Guinea People). California: North Atlantic Books.

Recommended Reading

1. Orlove, Benjamin (1980). Ecological Anthropology. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 9: 235-73.

8. Marxism and Anthropology

A. Anthropological impetus

1. Karl, Marx [1845]. In Tucker, Robert C., (ed.), **The Marx-Engels Reader**, second edition, NY: Norton
 - Marx on the history of his opinions.' Pp. 3-6 in *The Marx-Engels Reader* by **Robert C. Tucker** (ed.). Second edition. New York: Norton. 1978.
 - 'These on Feuerbach", pp 143-145; 'The Grundrisse: Introduction. Production', pp: 221-32; "the Grundrisse: The Method of Political Economy", pp: 236-47; "The Grundrisse: Capitalism, Alienation, Communism", pp: 292-93
 - 'The method of political economy.' pp. 236-44 in Tucker [also in *Preface and Introduction to A Critique of Political Economy*. Peking: Foreign Languages Press. 1976. pp. 30-41.]
 - 'Estranged labor.' pp. 71-81
 - 'The German ideology.' pp. 146-63

These texts are available online at <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/>

2. Engels, Friedrich (1978). The origin of private property, the family, and the state. In Tucker, Robert C., (ed.), **The Marx-Engels Reader**. second edition, NY: Norton
3. Block, Maurice (1983) **Marxism and Anthropology** (chapter 1 and 3). Clarendon Press, Oxford.
4. Aveneri, Sholmo (1968) *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*: Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Chap. 2, 3 and 4).

5. Lefebvre, Henri (1968) *Sociology of Marx*, N. Guterman Trns., New York: Pantheon.

Recommended Reading:

- I. Roseberry, William (1997). *Marx and Anthropology*. *Annual Review of Anthropology* (26) pp: 25-46.

B, C and D

1. Godelier, Maurice (1979 [1973]). **Perspectives in Marxist Anthropology**, (chapters: Introduction, part 1: anthropology and economy, and chapter 6; pp: 1-62, 152-165). London: Cambridge University Press.
2. Turner, Terence (2008). Marxian value theory: An anthropological perspective. *Anthropological Theory* 8(1): 43-56
3. Mintz, Sydney, Maurice, Godelier and Trigger, Bruce (1984). **Essays on Marxist perspectives in anthropology**. California: University of California Press.

Recommended Readings

1. Foster, Robert J. (2008). Commodities, Brands, Love and Kula: Comparative notes on value creation In honor of Nancy Munn. *Anthropological Theory* 8(1): 9-25
2. Carrier, James G. and Josiah McC. Heyman (1997). Consumption and Political Economy. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 3(2):355-373.
3. Taussig, Michael (1977). The Genesis of Capitalism amongst a South American Peasantry: Devil's Labor and the Baptism of Money. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 19(2):130

Unit III. Crisis and Critical Turns in Anthropology (1970s-1980s)

1. Abu-Lughod, L (1991). Writing Against Culture. In **Recapturing Anthropology: Working in the Present** R. Fox (ed)), Pp: 137-62. Santa Fe, N.M.: School of American Research Press.
2. Appudurai, Arjun (1988). Putting hierarchy in its place. *Cultural Anthropology* 3:36-49.
3. Asad, Talad (ed). Introduction. **Anthropology and Colonial Encounter**, Pp: 1-19. London and Atlantic Highlands, NJ: Ithaca Press and Humanities Press.
4. Fabian, Johannes (1983). Time and Other: how anthropology makes its object (Introduction)
5. Said, Edward. Representing the Colonized: Anthropology's Interlocutors. *Critical Inquiry* 15:205-25
6. Strathern, Marilyn (1995). The nice thing about culture is that everyone has it. In Marilyn, Strathern (ed.), **Shifting Contexts: Transformations in Anthropological Knowledge**, pp: 153-176. London: Routledge

7. Pandya, Vishvajit (2000). Making of the Other: Vignettes of Violence in Andamanese Culture. 20(4):359-391 *Critique of Anthropology*
8. Rosaldo, M.Z. (1980). The use and abuse of anthropology: reflections from feminism and cross-cultural understandings. *Signs: Journal of women in culture and society* 5(5):
9. Thorton, R (1988). The rhetoric of ethnographic holism. *Cultural Anthropology* 3:285-303
10. Yengoyan, Aram 1986. Theory in Anthropology: On the Demise of the Concept of Culture. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 24(2):368-374.

Recommended Readings:

1. Gupta A, and Ferguson J. (1992). Beyond "Culture": space, identity, and the politics of difference. *Cultural Anthropology* 7: 6-23
2. Marcus and Fisher (1986) Crisis of Representation in the Human Sciences (pp: 7-16.) In **Anthropology as Cultural Critique: An experimental Moment in the Human Sciences**. Chicago: University of Chicago Press
3. Scholte, Bob (1972). Toward a Reflexive and Critical Anthropology. In **Reinventing Anthropology**. Dell Hymes, ed. Pp. 430–457. New York: Random House.
4. Strathern, Marilyn (1987). An Awkward Relationship: The case of Feminism and Anthropology. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 12 (2):276-92
5. Stacey, Judith (1988). Can there be a feminist ethnography? *Women's Studies International Forum* 11 (1):21-27.
6. Slocum, Sally (1975). Woman the gatherer: Male bias in Anthropology in Mcgee and Warm (eds). **Anthropological Theory: An Introduction to history** (2004), pp: 476-485. McGraw Hill Companies.

Unit IV. Contemporary Theoretical Trends and Debates

1. A (Theory of practice)

1. Bourdieu, Pierre (2002 [1977]). Outline of theory of practice (chapters 1, 2 and 4; pp: 1-22; 72-87 and 159-183)
2. Bourdieu, Pierre (1990). 'Structure, *habitus*, Practice'; 'belief and body', and 'Appendix: the Kyable house or the world reversed'. In **The Logic of Practice**, pp: 42-80, 271-283. Cambridge Polity Press.
3. Ortner, Sherry B (2005). Subjectivity and culture critique. *Anthropological Theory* 5(1):31-52.
4. Ortner, S. B (1989). Introduction and conclusions. In *High Religion: a cultural and political history of Sherpa Buddhism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Recommended Readings:

1. Ornter, Sherry B (1996). Making gender: toward a feminist, minority, postcolonial, subaltern, etc., theory of practice. In *Making Gender: The Politics and Erotics of Culture*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press, pp. 1-20.
2. Farnell, Brenda. 2000. Getting out of the *habitus*: an alternative model of dynamically embodied social action. *J. R. Anthropol. Inst.* 6:397-418.
3. De Cereau Michel (1984). Introduction and Chapter IV: Foucault and Bourdieu In *The Practice of Everyday Life*. Berkeley: University of California Press
4. Jenkins, Richard (1992). Pierre Bourdieu.. New York: Routledge, Key sociologists series. [This book is recommended for simpler explanations of Bourdieu's ideas]

1.B (Capillary Power)

1. Foucault, Michel (1991). Governmentality. In Foucault effects: Studies in governmentality. Graham Burchell, Colin Gordon and Peter Meller (eds), pp: 87-104. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
2. Foucault, Michel (1978). Method (pp: 92-102), Right of Death and Power over Life (p: 133-160). In **The History of Sexuality: An Introduction vol. 1**. New York. Vintage Books.
3. Foucault, Michel (1977.). Panopticism, **Discipline and Punish** (1977) in Paul Rabinow (ed.) *The Foucault Reader*, pp: 206-213. NY: Pantheon Book.
4. Kaplan, Martha (1995). Panopticon in Poona: An essay in Foucault and colonialism. *Cultural Anthropology* 10 (11): 85-98 [application of Foucault's ideas]
5. Ferguson J and Gupta A. (2002). Spatializing states: Toward ethnography of neoliberal governmentality. *American Ethnologist* 29: 981-1002

Recommended Readings:

1. Foucault, Michel (1972). The Politics of Health in the Eighteen Century (from **Power/Knowledge**) in Paul Rabinow (ed.) **The Foucault Reader**, pp: 273-289. NY: Pantheon Book.
2. Mitchell, Timothy (1990). Everyday Metaphors of Power. *Theory and Society* 19(5):545-577.
3. Wolf, Eric R (1990). Facing power- old insights, new questions. *American Anthropologists* 92: 586-596.

1. C. Hegemony, Resistance and Agency

1. Gramsci, Antonio (1971). **Selections from the Prison Notebooks**, pp: 44-47, 52-70, 202-218; 381-386; 403-419. NY: International Publishers.
2. Scott, James (1985). **Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance**, chapters 1-2, 7 and 8, pp: 1-47; 241-350.
3. William, Raymond. Hegemony In **Marxism and Literature**, pp:108-114. New York: Oxford University Press.
4. Ahearn, Laura M. 2001. Agency. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 9(1):9-12.

5. Ahearn Laura M. 2003. Literacy, power, and agency: love letters and development in Nepal. *Language and Education*, pp: 18(4): 305-16.
6. Abu-Lughod, Lila (1990). 1990 The Romance of Resistance: Tracing Transformations of Power through Bedouin women. *American Ethnologist* 17(1):41-55. [case study]
7. Ong, Aihwa (1988). The Production of Possession: Spirits and the Multinational Corporation in Malaysia. *American Ethnologist* 15(1):29-42. [case study]
8. Ortner, Sherry B (1995). Resistance and the problem of ethnographic refusal. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 37(1):173-193.
9. Shah, Saubhagya (2008). Revolution and reaction in the Himalayas: Cultural resistance and the Maoist "new regime" in Western Nepal. *American Ethnologist* 35(3):481-499.

Recommended Readings:

1. Frank, Katherine. 2007. Agency. *Anthropological Theory* 6(3):281-302
2. Syemour, Susan (2006). Resistance. *Anthropological Theory* 6(3): 303-321
3. Holland, D.C. and D.G. Skinner (1995). 'Contested Ritual, Contested Femininities:
4. (Re) forming Self and Society in a Nepali Women's Festival', *American Ethnologist*
5. 22(2): 279-305 (case study)
6. Kockelman, Paul (2007). Agency: The Relation between Meaning, Power, and Knowledge. *Current Anthropology* 48(3):375-401
7. Cox, Robert W (1983): Gramsci, hegemony and international relations: an essay in method. *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 12(2): 162-175

2. Postmodernism, Postcolonialism, Subaltern Studies, Indigenism and Anthropology

A. Postmodernism and anthropology

1. James Clifford and George M. Fischer (eds.) **Writing Culture: The Poetics and Politics of Ethnography**. Berkeley: University of California Press. [contributions by Clifford, Rosaldo, Tyler and Rabinow **are required readings**; others are suggested].
2. Marcus, George and Dick Cushman (1982). Ethnography as text. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 11:25-69.
3. Mascia-Lees, F. E., P. Sharpe, and C. B. Cohen (1989): The postmodernist turn in anthropology: Cautions from a feminist perspective. *Signs*:7-33

Recommended Readings:

1. Moore, David Chioni (1994). Anthropology Is Dead, Long Live Anthro(a)pology: Poststructuralism, Literary Studies, and

Anthropology's "Nervous Present" . *Journal of Anthropological Research* 50(4): 345-365

2. Ulin, Robert C (1991). Critical anthropology twenty years later: modernism and postmodernism in Anthropology. *Critique of Anthropology* 11(1):63-89.

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