



SYLLABUS

Subject name: Social Anthropology

Subject code: EKAN110

Responsible lecturer:

Type: lecture

Level: BA/ MA

Credit: 3

Course description:

Social anthropology can be defined as a science that studies, interprets, describes and explains the repetitive nature of relationship patterns occurring during social processes. It examines the continuity and volatility of established social frames and attempts to interpret the diverse and multifaceted nature of man's social existence. It focuses on the connections between the different aspects of humanity, and analyses cultural happenings through the wide lens of social existence. The course aims to introduce students to the findings and approaches of this discipline of study.

Course outline:

Origins of social existence; consanguineal and affinal relationships; family structures; alignments other than kinship; social differentiation; from ethnicity to nationality; self-perception and society.

Assessment:

The students receive their grade based on their performance at the written or oral exam at the end of the semester. Home assignments might replace the exam if the instructor indicates such an option on the first lecture and in the syllabus on Coospace. If the instructor sets dates for in-class test writing at the beginning of the semester, writing the tests is mandatory – upon failing to comply with this requirement the instructor may refuse to give a grade. The instructor is responsible for clarifying the requirements at the beginning of each semester and publishing it for the given semester on Coospace.

Required readings:

§ Leach, Edmund. 1982. *Social Anthropology*.

Glasgow: Fontana § Lévi-Strauss, C. 1969. *Elementary Structures of Kinship*.

Boston: Beacon Press § Morgan, L. H. 1988.

Ancient Society. In *High Points in Anthropology*. New York: McGraw-Hill Humanities/Social Sciences/Languages § Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. 1963.

Structure and Function in Primitive Society. London: Cohen and West Ltd.