



SYLLABUS

Subject name: Anthropology of Australia and Oceania

Subject code: EKANI19

Responsible lecturer:

Type: lecture

Level: BA/ MA

Credit: 2

Course description:

The course "Anthropology of Australia and Oceania" aims to give a comprehensive description of Australia and the Pacific Islands, its peoples and their cultures. Apart from presenting the concerning cultural anthropological theories, the course aims to introduce the related physical anthropological, linguistic, archaeological, historical and ecological questions.

Course outline:

Geography and natural environment of Oceania, ecological zones, environmental influence on the different cultures, and the forms of adaptation; settlement-history, ethno-genetic processes, archaeology of cultures; Plunder economy, material culture, technology, social and religious organizations of Australia; Cultural changes and the current living conditions of indigenous cultures in "white" Australia. Material culture, sustainment strategies, social organizations, religion, contemporary ethnic and cultural changes in Melanesia; Material culture, sustainment strategies, social organization, mythology and religion in Polynesia; Micronesia.

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:

§ Belich, James 2015 *The New Zealand Wars and the Victorian Interpretation of Racial Conflict*.

Auckland University Press § Hiatt L. R. 2007 *Arguments about Aborigines: Australia and the Evolution of Social Anthropology*. Cambridge University Press

§ Howes, Hillary Susan 2013 *The Race Question in Oceania by A. B Meyer and Otto Finsch - Between metropolitan theory and field experience, 1865-1914*. Lang, Peter GmbH

§ Lawson, Tom 2014 *The Last Man - A British Genocide in Tasmania*. I.B. Tauris

& Company § Maddock, Kenneth 1974 *The Australian Aborigines*. Penguin Books. London