



SYLLABUS

Subject name: Fieldwork Preparation

Subject code: EKAN126

Responsible lecturer:

Type: seminar

Level: BA/ MA

Credit: 5

Course description:

The course is designed to prepare students to carry out independent fieldwork. The student needs to find a community where, while conducting fieldwork, basic methodological techniques and possible interpretation of findings, reviewed and supplemented during the seminar, can be practiced. Group discussions of methodological techniques related to field experiences are part of the reflections on relevant issues. Accordingly, every two weeks course participants have to examine and research the issues discussed at the previous seminar in order to adequately fulfil the cultural anthropology major's fieldwork requirements. In accordance with their respective selected topics, in the tutorial system, students are individually consulted by the instructors, thus preparing them to their actual fieldwork.

Course outline:

The field and the field researcher; Interview; Rite-analysis exercise; Rite-analysis experiment; Linguistic anthropology; Interpretation of a linguistic phenomenon; Thick description; Interpretation of a chosen phenomenon; How to prepare a study?; Case study based on field-experiences

Assessment:

Participation in seminar is governed by the Academic Regulation for Students (Hungarian abbreviation: HKR). Students get a grade based on the home assignment they prepare at the end or during the semester according to the relevant syllabus. Students must adhere to the rules of referencing when preparing their home assignments. The instructor clarifies the requirements at the beginning of each semester and uploads it for the given semester onto Coospace.

Required readings:

§ Beattie, John 1972. *Other Cultures. Aims, Methods and Achievements in Social Anthropology*. London, Routledge and Kegan Paul

§ Darlington, Yvonne – Scott, Dorothy 2002. *Qualitative Research in Practice*. Philadelphia, Open University Press

§ Denzin, Norman K. – Lincoln, Yvonna S. (eds.) 2000. *Handbook of Qualitative Research: Theories and Issues*. Thousand Oaks, SAGE

§ Englund, Harri – Leach, James 2000. *Ethnography and the Meta – Narratives of Modernity*. *Current Anthropology* 41/2:225-249