



Tárgytematika

EÖTVÖS LORÁND TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM

TÁTK Kulturális Antropológiai Tsz.
(TÁTK-KULTANT-TANSZ)

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Tárgynév:	Seminar Anthropology of Religion
Tárgykód:	EKAN112
Tárgyfelelős neve:	Prónai Csaba
Tárgy követelménye:	gyakorlati jegy (5)
Tárgy heti óraszám:	0/2/0

Oktatás célja:

Insight of major cultural anthropological approaches into religion as a socio-cultural system is being discussed during the semester. Due to the analysis of issues related to anthropology of religion, the course can be considered as an introduction and preparation for the final exam at the same time. The course contains some of the basic works of cultural anthropology, these writings and theories are organized according to the phenomenal and historical perspective of religion. In addition – with organizational guidelines processing the supplementary case studies related to the group phenomena – the focus of attention lies on the cultural system being studied. Theoretical issues raised are being elucidated and illustrated by the instructor’s own fieldwork experiences.

Religious systems, analyzed during the “Anthropology of Religion” course, as cultural-social systems, are traditional-ritual-cognitive integrators, representors, and are awareness raising, embedding agents at the same time. The question is: How can the scientific research methods and system of cultural anthropology approach and uncover the details of these complex issues, and how can it with “cautious” general deduction and interpretation contribute to the explanation of those.

The “Anthropology of Religion Seminar”, with the help of cultural anthropology, explores the complex and interrelated issues of religion, ethnicity, “communitas”, culture, and tradition as it applies the analytical approach of socio-historical, socio-cultural, ethnographic aspects of those.

Therefore, issues raised are interpreted using related cultural anthropological case studies. The seminar also aims to provide an insight into the meaning of religion, culture and identity in our region, and into the cultural anthropological approach and possible interpretation of those. By using an analytical approach, students have the opportunity to learn about our region’s lesser known religious traditions and the meaning of those.

Tantárgy tartalma:

Content of “Anthropology of Religion” Seminar:

- I. Introduction
- II. Religion and culture
- III. Religion and society
- IV. Myths and culture
- V. Rite and culture

Kötelező irodalom:



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Literature to „Anthropology of Religion” Seminar:

Adler, Margot 1986. Drawing Down the Moon: Witches, Druids, Goddess, Worshippers, and Other Pagans in America Today. New York and London, Penguin Arkana

Barker, Eileen 1989. New Religious Movements: a Practical Introduction. London, HMSO Publications

Bloch, Maurice 1993. From Blessing to Violence. History and Ideology in the Circumcision Ritual of the Merina of Madagascar. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press

Browman, David L. – Schwarz, Ronald A. (eds.) 1979. Spirits, Shamans, and Starts. The Hague, Paris, New York, Mouton Publishers
