

ANTH20006 Culture Change and Protest Movements

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 2 (Undergraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | This subject is not offered in 2013. Standard |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: Not offered 2013 Total Time Commitment: 120 hours |
| Prerequisites: | None. |
| Corequisites: | None. |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | Anthropology, Social Theory at level 1 |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | Students who have completed 121-063 or 671-352 are not permitted to enrol in this subject. |
| Core Participation Requirements: | For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ |
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| Subject Overview: | How have cultures throughout the world responded to changing economic, political, and environmental transformations? How have new world views emerged from highly charged cross-cultural encounters? And how have communities found innovative ways of resisting or modifying unwanted transformations in their 'ways of life'? In this subject, using theories of cultural change drawn from anthropology and cultural studies, we explore how communities, particularly in the global south, have coped with and creatively re-worked the demands of an often foreign-dominated market economy, with a particular focus on struggles around natural resource extraction and privatization. Paying special attention to what James C. Scott has called, the 'weapons of the weak', we explore the ways - both overt and subtle - that different societies have used symbolic practices, rituals and mythologies to accommodate, transform and mount resistance to the diverse agents and processes of global capitalism over the past 100 years. Case studies will be drawn from Africa, South America, North America, Eastern Europe and Asia. |
| Objectives: | Students who successfully complete this subjects will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have a knowledge of the range and variety of ways in which non-Western societies have evolved and acculturated under the influence of western missionisation, colonialisation and imperial control; # have mastered the principal anthropological approaches to the study of acculturation and theories of social change; # have engaged in a critical assessment of the impact of western cultures on the non-Western world; # have acquired a knowledge of the ethnographic and ethnological literature on Africa, south and South-East Asia, North and South America. |
| Assessment: | Two 500 word tutorial papers (15% each) due during the semester, and a 3000 word essay (70%) due during the examination period. Hurdle Requirement: This subject has a minimum hurdle requirement of 80% tutorial attendance. Regular participation in tutorials is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject. |

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| Prescribed Texts: | A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop at the beginning of semester. Set readings will also be available online, through LMS. |
| Breadth Options: | <p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-ENG) <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p> |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Generic Skills: | <p>Students who successfully complete this subjects will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have practice in conducting research and speaking articulately. # have practice in writing clearly in a variety of formats and reading with attention to detail. # have experience of systematically evaluating a body of empirical data and identifying its theoretical context. # have experience of methods of critical inquiry and argument leading to improved analytical skills. # have acquired awareness of issues relating to cross-cultural communication. |
| Links to further information: | http://www.ssps.unimelb.edu.au/ |
| Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations: | <p>Anthropology Anthropology Anthropology Anthropology Asian Studies Development Studies Development Studies Major</p> |