St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus
For 6th Semester Courses in Anthropology
(November 2013 onwards)

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Courses:
A.ANT.6.01 - Anthropology: Perspectives, Themes and Frameworks II
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T.Y. B.A. ANTHROPOLOGY  

Course: A.ANT.6.01

Title: Anthropology: Perspectives, Themes and Frameworks II

Learning Objectives:
1. To introduce students to the theoretical perspectives and lenses that have informed anthropological practice.
2. To enable students to critically examine all our socio-cultural constructions.
3. To enable students to articulate their own ideas coherently.

Number of lectures: 60

UNIT 1  
Symbolic and Interpretive Anthropology  
[15 lectures]

a. Mary Douglas or Victor Turner
b. Clifford Geertz

UNIT 2  
Marxist Influences  
[17 lectures]

a. Early Practitioners [e.g. Maurice Godelier]
b. Post Marxism [e.g. Michael Taussig]

UNIT 3  
Gendered Critiques  
[15 lectures]

a. Marxism and Gender [e.g. Eleanor Burke Leacock])
b. Relocating Gender - Masculinity and other shifting/unstable Gendered Identities. [e.g. Cornwall]

UNIT 4  
Post Modern Irruptions  
[15 lectures]

a. Gender, Culture and Power [e.g. Leila Abu-Lughod]
b. Anarchist aspirations [e.g. David Graeber]

CIA: Group Presentations/Review of a theme.

List of Recommended Reference Books


T.Y. B.A. ANTHROPOLOGY

Course: A.ANT.6.02

Title: Anthropology of Development -II

Learning Objectives:
1. To introduce students to the Development Debates of the 21st Century
2. To get a historical view of Theoretical Development perspectives
3. To understand the consequences of Development initiatives on the ground
4. To explore new practices that may lead to a better quality of life for all

Number of lectures: 60

UNIT 1 [15 lectures]
a. Structural approaches to development: Marxism and Neo-Marxism
b. Dependency Theory and World Systems Theory
c. Structural alternatives?

UNIT 2 [15 lectures]
a. Third World Alternatives to Development – elements for a consensus
b. The Subaltern Movement – a discursive insurrection
c. Taking culture and ethnicity seriously
d. Conscientisation and Grass Roots Movements

UNIT 3 [15 lectures]
a. Sustainable Development: Equity and Ecology
b. Rural neglect in Independent India: infrastructure and agriculture
c. Indian Urbanisation and SEZs
d. Health and Education in India

UNIT 4 [15 lectures]
a. Tribal culture and Tribal development
b. Issues of tribal economy, migration, displacement and deforestation
c. Tribal health and education
d. Denotified Tribes and Wandering Tribes

CIA: Open book Test

List of Recommended Reference Books

TYBA ANTHROPOLOGY

COURSE: A.ANT.6.03

Title: Applied Anthropology – II (Applied Component)

Learning Objectives
1. To engage students to the practice of applying anthropological theories and methods in problem-solving activities.

Number of Lectures: 45

UNIT 1: ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE CITY

1. Theorizing the City [6 Lectures]
   a. Understanding of the concepts - Urban, Urbanism and Urbanization
   b. A historical Overview of Urban anthropology

2. Cities of difference- Inequality, marginalization and Fear [6 Lectures]
   a. The divided city
   b. Gender and the city

3. Migration and adaption [5 Lectures]
   a. Urban slums and the culture of poverty
   b. The multiethnic city.

4. The transformation of cities [5 Lectures]
   a. Modern to the Postmodern city

UNIT 2: MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

1. Understanding Medical Anthropology [6 Lectures]
   a. What is Medical Anthropology?
   b. Approaches to medical Anthropology

2. Key concepts and Definitions: [6 Lectures]
   a. Health, disease, illness/sickness, curer/practitioner, medical system,
   b. Medical pluralism, biomedicine, and ethno-medicine.

3. Meaning and Experience of Illness [5 Lectures]
   a. Social construction of Illness- a case study

4. Biomedicine, Technology and the body [5 Lectures]
   a. Religion, reproductive Technologies, surrogacy

CIA: Dissertation
List of Recommended Reference Books

Anthropology of the City


Medical Anthropology