**READING LIST**

**MA DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**Title of Course:** Sociology, Anthropology and the Development Conundrum  
**Code:** 983M9  
**Level of credits:** 30  
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**Session 1: Introduction: A Social Science Approach**

**Essential reading**


**Supplementary reading**


Sociology


Beteille, Andre. 2002. Sociology. Essays on Approach and Method. See Chapter 3 Sociology and Anthropology: Their Relationship in One Person’s Career)


Social Anthropology


Social Theory:


**Session 2: Health and Development**

**Essential reading**


**Supplementary reading**


**Session 3: Civil Society and Development**

**Essential reading**


OR


**Supplementary reading**

Theoretical Traditions of Civil Society


See Part 1 of this book for chapters including a number of good discussions of different theorists of civil society; Part 2 contains discussions of civil society from different ‘Southern’ regional perspectives.


See other chapters in this volume for examples of early anthropological work on civil society.

Civil Society, Development and its critics


See especially Jenny Pearce’s Introduction. The essays in this book are also available online as pdfs: [http://www.developmentinpractice.org/readers/NGOs/contents.htm](http://www.developmentinpractice.org/readers/NGOs/contents.htm)


The politics of practicing civil society


Geographic contexts?


As a ‘buzzword'


Civil Society and other institutions


NGOs


Third World Quarterly. 2000. Special Issue, 'NGO Futures: Beyond Aid.' 21(4)

The State


Nugent, David, and Joan Vincent, eds. 2004. A Companion to The Anthropology of Politics. Oxford: Blackwell. (There are a number of themed entries on ‘civil society’, ‘the state’ etc.)


Civil Society and Development in the present?

These readings represent some of the ongoing debates around ‘civil society’.


Session 4: Issues of Difference in Development

Essential reading


Supplementary reading

Theorising Identity, Nationalism and Tradition:


Linnekin, J. 1991 Cultural Invention and the Dilemna of Authenticity, Amercan Anthropologist 93:]

Hobsbawm & Ranger eds., The Invention of Tradition, Cambridge University Press 0-521-43773-3


Sen, Amartya; 2006. Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny. Allen Lane


Interpreting Ethnic identity:


‘Racial’ and class Identity:

Hannerz, Ulf 1969 Mainstream and Ghetto in culture, pp 177-200 in *Soulside*, Columbia UP

Bourgois, P 1956 *In search of respect : selling crack in El Barrio*, Cambridge University Press, 0 521 435188

Whyte, W.F. 1993 *Street Corner Society: The social structure of an Italian Slum*, esp. Chapters 1 & 2, pp.3-93, Chicago University Press, 0 226 89345 9

Gilroy, Paul 1998 *There Ain't No Black in the Union Jack: The culture and politics of race and nation*, (originally pd. 1992), Routledge 0415 084105

Gilroy, Paul 1992 One Nation under a Groove: The cultural politics of Race and Racism in Britain, in Eley and Suny eds. Becoming National: A Reader OUP 0 19 509661 4

Mosse, George 1997 The Science of Race, Ch 6, pp. 76-93 in *Toward the Final Solution* (Originally pd. 1978), New York : Howard Fertig 0 86527 428 2


Gilroy, Paul The Black Atlantic as a Counterculture of Modernity, in *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness* Cambridge, Mass : Harvard University Press 0 86091 675 8

Malkki, Liisa 1997 *National Geographic: The Rooting of Peoples and the Territorialisation of National Identity Among Scholars and Refugees*, pp. 52-74 D.


Identity, ‘Race’ and Gender:


Mama, A. 1995. *Beyond the Masks: Race, Gender and Subjectivity*, London: Routledge. [especially ‘Enslaving the soul of the other’]


Identity and Individuality:


Identity and Development:


El Tom, Abdullahi. Female Circumcision and Ethnic Identification in Sudan with Special Reference to the Berti of Darfur. Geojournal 46 163-170, 1998


Fenster, T. 1996. ‘Ethnicity and citizen identity in planning and development for minority groups’, Political Geography vol. 15: 405 – 418


Identity within development agencies:


Indigenous rights and Identity

Bowen, J. 2000. 'Should we have a universal concept of indigenous peoples' rights?' *Anthropology Today.* August 16(4):12-16.

Biolsi, T. 'Bringing the Law Back in: legal rights and the regulation of Indian-White relations on Rosebud Reservation' *Current Anthropology* 36(4):543-571


**Session 5:** Anthropology and Economics

Essential reading


Supplementary reading

Ethnography


The Gift


Malinowski, Bronislaw. 1922. *Argonauts of the western Pacific*, (Particularly Chapter 3, ‘The essentials of the Kula’)


Economic Anthropology


Economics and Development


Money


Session 6: Postmodernism and Discourses of Development

Essential reading


Supplementary reading

Post Modern Ethnography and Additional Readings


Discourses of Development


**Session 7: Power and Empowerment**

**Essential reading**


**Supplementary reading**


Gaventa, John, 2006, “Finding the spaces for change: a power analysis”, *IDS Bulletin* 37.6


Discourse/Power

Escobar, A. (1985) 'Discourse and power in development: Michel Foucault and the relevance of his work to the third world', *Alternatives* 10 (3), pp. 377-399


Gender/Power


Local-Global Power


Power and Development Institutions


**Session 8: Resistance and Protest**

**Essential reading**


**Supplementary reading**

Drowned Out (Spanner films)

Baviskar, Amita. 1995. *In the Belly of the River: Tribal Conflicts over Development in the narmada Valley*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.


Ortner, Sherry. ‘Resistance and the Problem of Ethnographic Refusal.’ In CSSH vol. 35.

McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow and Charles Tilly. Dynamics of Contention. Cambridge.


**Session 9: Gender**

**Essential reading**


**Supplementary reading**


**Session 10: Ethnographies of Development**

**Essential reading**


**Supplementary reading**

Ethnography as an approach


Willis, P. and Trondman, 2000 M. ‘Manifesto for Ethnography’ *Ethnography* 1(1): 5–16


Political, methodological and ethical issues in development ethnographies The first four of the following refer to the debate about Mosse’s ‘Cultivating Development’

Mosse, D. 2006 ‘Anti-social Anthropology: objectivity, objection and the ethnography of public policy and professional communities’ *JRAI* 12, 935-956


Mosse 2006.‘Ethics and development ethnography A response to Sridhar’ *Anthropology Today* 22, 3 : 23-24,

Eyben, R. with León, R. and Hossain, N. 2007 ‘Participatory action research into donor recipient relations: a case study’ *Development in Practice* 17; 2: 167-178


Lewis, D., Rodgers, D. and Woolcock, M. 2005 ‘The fiction of development, knowledge, authority and representation’

Ethnographies of Development Seminar


