

ANTHROPOLOGY 410:B1

Sex and Status in Comparative Perspective

Winter, 1985

Course Outline

Prof. E. Due  
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Office Hours: M W F: 10:00-11:00; or by appointment

This course looks at the social relations of gender in a historical and comparative perspective. We will be concerned to understand the nature of male/female social relations in various societies and their articulation with the economy. A number of topics will be introduced in the course and students will be expected to select two for their extended essays which will account for the major part of their grading.

Organisation

Lectures: Lectures will be given in TB-76, 12:00-12:50 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Seminars: Seminars will be held in place of lectures at certain times to discuss the themes listed below and the theoretical issues associated with them. Students will be expected to present essay topics during these periods.

Films and Guest Lectures: Throughout the course ethnographic films will be shown. This is an integral part of course material and discussions will follow. Also, a few guest lectures may be delivered.

Grading

Essay #1	(due Feb. 25)	- 20%
Essay #2	(due April 12)	- 40%
Exam #1	(mid-term: Feb. 11)	- 10%
Exam #2	(final: April 15)	- 30%

Themes

1. Gender and Economics
2. The Domestic and the Public
3. The Sexual Division of Labour
4. Gender and Class: reproduction and subordination
5. Culture and Vernacular: gender and social meaning

Readings

A = Required; B = Strongly Recommended; C = Recommended

Texts:

- (A) Young, K., Wolkowitz, C., & McCulloch, R. (eds)  
1981 Of Marriage and the Market London: CSE Books
- (A) Sacks, K.  
1979 Sisters and Wives London: Greenwood
- (B) Illick, I.  
1983 Gender London: Marion Boyers

- (C) Etienne, M. & Leacock, E. (eds)  
1980 Women and Colonization: anthropological perspectives  
New York: Praeger

Articles:

- (A) Friedl, E.  
1980 "Society and Sex Roles", in J.P. Spradley & D.W. McCurdy (eds)  
Conformity and Conflict Boston: Little & Brown
- (A) Harris, O. & Young, K.  
1981 "Engendered Structures: Some Problems in the Analysis of  
Reproduction", in J.S. Kahn & J.R. Llobera (eds) The Anthropology  
of Pre-Capitalist Societies London: MacMillan
- (C) Lown, J.  
1983 "Not so much a Factory, More a Form of Patriarchy: Gender  
and Class during Industrialisation", in E. Gamarnikow, et. al.  
(eds) Gender, Class and Work London: Heinemann
- (C) Pollert, A.  
1983 "Women, Gender Relations and Wage Labour", in E. Gamarnikow, et. al.  
(eds) Gender, Class and Work London: Heinemann
- (A) Stein, L.I.  
1980 "Male and Female: the doctor-nurse game", in J.P. Spradley  
& D.W. McCurdy (eds) Conformity and Conflict Boston: Little & Brown

The following articles are taken from Etienne & Leacock, Women and Colonization (1980)  
(above):

- (A) Etienne, M. & Leacock, E. "Introduction"
- (A) Etienne, M. "Women and Men, Cloth and Colonization"
- (A) Gailey, C.W. "Putting Down Sisters and Wives: Tongan Women and  
Colonization"
- (B) Nash, J. "Aztec Women: The transition from status to class in  
empire and colony"
- (B) Silverblatt, I. "Andean Women Under Spanish Rule"

A selected bibliography on Sex and Status has recently been compiled by  
N. Gibson, Dept. of Anthropology, U. of A. Copies will be made available to  
interested students at a nominal photocopy charge.