

Anthropological theory I

Anthropological Theory I is a general introduction to the main concepts underlying contemporary anthropological debates. The course examines key texts and authors from the second half of the XIX century to the end of the 1960s. It follows a chronological line, addresses national traditions (German, French, British and North-American) and investigates specific issues, such as the unity and diversity of human experience, permanence and transformation of social and cultural forms, personhood and sociality and ethnography as a form of knowledge production. Students will be requested to analyze texts according to various dimensions, including the social conditions and debates within which they were produced and read, as well as their repercussion over the years and in current debates.