

Fourth Year

ANTH 401: CRITICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORIES

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1. Changing Paradigms in Anthropology: Revisiting Major Theoretical Shifts until 1960s.

- 1.1) Disciplinary Paradigms and Their Shifts
- 1.2) Nature and Necessities of Paradigm Shifts in Anthropology
- 1.3) Critical Review of Theories in Anthropology until 1960s
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2. Critical Anthropological Theories in the 1970s: Radical Criticisms of Anthropological Paradigms

- 2.1) Poststructuralism, Feminism and Other Mavericks
- 2.2) Interpretive and Postmodernist Approaches
- 2.3) The Colonial Encounter: From the History of Colonial Anthropology to the Anthropology of Western Hegemony
- 2.4) Western Conceptions of the Orient: Anthropology and Orientalism
- 2.5) Pierre Clastre: The Society against the State
- 2.6) Pierre Bourdieu: Theories of Practice and Habitus
- 2.7) Michel Foucault: Knowledge and Power
- 2.8) Jacques Derrida: Deconstruction and Grand Narratives

3. Critical Anthropological Theories in the 1980s: The Crisis of Representation and Ethnography

- 3.1) The Crisis of Representation in the Human Sciences

3.2) The Poetics and Politics of Ethnography: Selected Essays

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