

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences



SEX2220

Cultural and anthropological aspects of family and sexuality

[30h] 3.5 credits

Teacher(s): Robert Deliège
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

- to provide the students a general introduction to the anthropological approach of kinship. Special accent will be put on the intercultural comparison.

Main themes

The course begins with an approach of the main concepts of kinship. It will try to show that the break between the so-called traditional societies and the modern societies is not as radical as it has been claimed for so long. As the course is an introduction, it will try to familiarize the students with the main authors and the main theories having marked the study of ethnology. Special accent will be put on also on some particular themes such as polyandry, the taboo of incest or the equality of sexes. The course will also call upon criticism and comparison.

Content and teaching methods

Lectures on the following parts :

- 1) Main concepts
- 2) Prohibition of incest
- 3) Terminologies of kinship
- 4) Evolutionism
- 5) The family by the "hunters-pluckers"
- 6) African polygyny
- 7) Polyandry
- 8) The preferential wedding with the crossed cousin
- 9) Malinowski and the "trobriandais"
- 10) The Oedipus complex
- 11) The trend culture and personality

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Oral examination

Robert Deliège " Anthropologie de la parenté ", Paris, Armand Colin, 1996

Other credits in programs

ANTR3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en anthropologie		
SEX22	Deuxième licence en sciences de la famille et de la sexualité	(3.5 credits)	Mandatory
SOC2M1/AN	Master en sociologie et anthropologie (option anthropologie)	(3.5 credits)	Mandatory