

ANTHROPOLOGY AND TRAVEL

General information

Academic year: 2020-2021

Study points: 4

Language: English

Difficulty: Advanced

Duration: 26.0 hours

Periodicity: Taught in the first semester

POC: POC Antropologie

This course cannot be followed within the context of an exam contract

Taught by

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Aims

This course wants to train students in:

- Relating anthropological theorizing to the topic of the course (analysis)
- Structuring academic texts about the course topic (synthesis)
- Analysing issues related to the course from an anthropological perspective (analysis)
- Applying anthropological theories to new case studies (application)
- Critically processing discourses and imaginaries related to the topic of the course (evaluation)

Previous knowledge

Familiarity with basic anthropological concepts and theories is expected.

Content

Why do people travel? Travel has always been central to humanity. While mass tourism only originated in the nineteenth century, seasonal migration, pilgrimage and other forms of travel existed in most societies long before that period. Today, the practice of journeying across imagined as well as physical 'borders' is practically universal, and travel encompasses many areas of social life. Undoubtedly, transnational mobility is now one of the most pervasive and visible activities the world over. While travel motivations widely differ, 'free' movement is often fuelled by the incessant desire for novelty and difference and propelled by prefabricated images and myths about 'Other' peoples and places. At the same time, human mobility is marked by fundamental imbalances of power, reflecting economic disparities, and providing grounds for sociocultural conflict. As a central dimension of globalisation, cross-border travel offers us a useful lens on many key questions about transnationalism and cosmopolitanism, identity and heritage, commoditisation, historical and cultural representation, authenticity and ownership, inequality, gender relations, environmental sustainability, and more. How do people move across various sociocultural boundaries and how do they create specific cultures of mobility? Drawing upon contemporary anthropological concepts and theories of movement and border crossings (rather than place and location), this course analyses 'travel' as a dynamic set of sociocultural practices and discourses. Students are invited to think critically about the complex interrelationships between various forms of border-crossing human mobilities.

This course is included in

Master of Science in de Sociale en Culturele Antropologie
Master of Science in Social and Cultural Anthropology

Course Material

- Articles and literature
- Slides, courseware
- Multimedia
- Toledo / e-Platform

Activities

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Course activities

- Reading assignments (before each session)
- Presentation of reading assignments
- Researching and writing a research paper

Evaluation

Grades will be calculated based on an evaluation of the following three elements:

(1) Class participation

Journal articles and/or book chapters are assigned per session and are available in electronic format via Toledo (<http://toledo.kuleuven.be/>). The books from which chapters are chosen and that are available in SBIB have been put on hold and can be consulted in the library (they have been temporarily reclassified under the category 'BASIS'). Every student is expected to have carefully read the assigned texts BEFORE the lecture and to participate actively in the discussion of the materials during the lecture. Points for participation and attendance will be given for a combination of presence in class, contribution to discussions, and active listening. No specific feedback is provided for this element, but the lecturer will contact students personally should problems arise (e.g. in case of insufficient participation).

(2) Presentation and discussion of assigned reading

Each student is required to prepare and lead the discussion of (at least) one assigned text. This involves a thorough reading of the assigned text so that the student can present and synthesise the reading, generate and answer questions, and lead the overall discussion. This will be evaluated in terms of preparation, presentation and discussion skills and content. Immediately following the presentation in class, the student will receive feedback on their performance.

(3) Final paper

In consultation with the course instructor, students will write a final paper, around 5000 words in length (excluding references). This written assignment will be evaluated for content, quality of writing and format. An electronic version (preferably in PDF-format) of the paper needs to be uploaded to Toledo before the official deadline (first Monday of the examination period). The student's name

and the course number should be mentioned on the assignment. Papers submitted after this date will be considered for the next examination period. A paper assessment sheet with details regarding the evaluation will be made available after the examination period and every student will be given the opportunity to discuss the results with the lecturer. Students are fully responsible for submitting papers and assignments free of fraud and plagiarism (www.kuleuven.be/english/education/plagiarism/) and are requested to observe the Faculty's relevant regulations. Plagiarism will be sanctioned with the sanctions mentioned in the University's Regulations on Education and Examinations (<http://www.kuleuven.be/education/regulations/>).

Evaluation type

- Active participation in class
- Presentation
- Paper

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1. Introduction (24/09)

Cresswell, Tim

- 2006 *On the move: Mobility in the modern Western world*. London: Routledge. (Chapter 1: The production of mobilities)

Clifford, James

- 1997 *Routes: Travel and translation in the late twentieth century*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. (Chapter 1: Traveling Cultures)

Salazar, Noel B.

- 2013 Anthropology. In *The Routledge handbook of mobilities*. P. Adey, D. Bissell, K. Hannam, P. Merriman, and M. Sheller, eds. Pp. 55-63. London: Routledge.

2. Rites of passage (01/10)

Salazar, Noel B.

- 2016 The (im)mobility of *merantau* as a sociocultural practice in Indonesia. In *Moving places: Spatial relationality and the meanings of return, rootedness and belonging*. N.G. Bon and J. Repič, eds. Pp. 21-42. Oxford: Berghahn.

Monsutti, Alessandro

- 2007 Migration as a rite of passage: Young Afghans building masculinity and adulthood in Iran. *Iranian Studies* 40(2):167-185.

Bagnoli, Anna

- 2009 On 'an introspective journey': Identities and travel in young people's lives. *European Societies* 11(3):325-345.

3. Spiritual journeys (08/10)

Coleman, Simon, and John Eade, eds.

- 2004 *Reframing pilgrimage: Cultures in motion*. London: Routledge. (Introduction)

Maddrell, Avril, Terry, Alan, and Tim Gale, eds.

2015. *Sacred mobilities: Journeys of belief and belonging*. Farnham: Ashgate. (Chapter 1)

Slavin, Jean

- 2003 Walking as spiritual practice: The pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. *Body & Society* 9(3):1-18.

4. Tourism (15/10)

Boorstin, Daniel

- 1964 From traveler to tourist: The lost art of travel. In *The image: A guide to pseudo-events in American society*. D. Boorstin, ed. Pp. 77-117. New York: Atheneum.

Galani-Moutafi, Vasiliki

- 2000 The self and the other: Traveler, ethnographer, tourist. *Annals of Tourism Research* 27(1):203-224.

Lew, Alan A., et al.

- 2020 Visions of travel and tourism after the global COVID-19 transformation of 2020. *Tourism Geographies*:1-12. doi: 10.1080/14616688.2020.1770326

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Brouder, Patrick, et al.

- 2020 Reflections and discussions: Tourism matters in the new normal post COVID-19. *Tourism Geographies*:1-12. doi: 10.1080/14616688.2020.1770325

5. Labour mobilities (22/10)

Seiger, Fiona-Katharina, et al.

- 2020 *Migration at work: Aspirations, imaginaries and structures of mobility*. Leuven: Leuven University Press. (Introduction + Afterword)

Schuster, Liza

- 2005 The continuing mobility of migrants in Italy: Shifting between places and statuses. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 31(4):757-774.

Gherardi, Laura

- 2011 Human costs of mobility: On management in multinational companies. In *The politics of proximity: Mobility and immobility in practice*. G. Pellegrino, ed. Pp. 105-119. Farnham: Ashgate.

6. Imaginaries (29/10)

Smith, Andrew

- 2006 'If I have no money for travel, I have no need': Migration and imagination. *European Journal of Cultural Studies* 9(1):47-62.

Lean, Garth, Russell Staiff, and Emma Waterton, eds.

- 2014 Travel and imagination. Farnham: Ashgate. (Reimagining Travel and Imagination)

Salazar, Noel B., and Nelson H. H. Graburn, eds.

- 2014 *Tourism imaginaries: Anthropological approaches*. Oxford: Berghahn. (Introduction)

7. Travel and ethnography (05/11)

Williams, Catharina P.

- 2007 *Maiden voyages: Eastern Indonesian women on the move*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. (1. Women, Space and Travel and 2. Charting the Routes)

Rockefeller, Stuart A.

- 2010 *Starting from Quirpini: The travels and places of a Bolivian people*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. (Introduction)

Wynn, Lisa L.

- 2007 *Pyramids and nightclubs: A travel ethnography of Arab and Western imaginations of Egypt*. Austin: University of Texas Press. (Introduction)

8. Roots (12/11)

Bonnemaison, Joël

- 1984 The tree and the canoe: Roots and mobility in Vanuatu societies. *Pacific Viewpoint* 25(2):117-151.

Canosa, Antonia

- 2015 The role of travel and mobility in processes of identity formation among the Positanesi. *Tourist Studies*.

Basu, Paul

- 2004 Route metaphors in 'roots tourism' in the Scottish Highland diaspora. In *Reframing pilgrimage: Cultures in motion*. S. Coleman and J. Eade, eds. Pp. 153-178. London: Routledge.

9. Routes (19/11)

Coutin, Susan Bibler

- 2005 Being en route. *American Anthropologist* 107(2):195-206.

Dalakoglou, Dimitris

- 2010 The road: An ethnography of the Albanian–Greek cross-border motorway. *American Ethnologist* 37(1):132-149.

Schapendonk, Joris, and Griet Steel

- 2014 Following migrant trajectories: The im/mobility of sub-Saharan Africans en route to the European Union. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*:1-9.

10. Unwanted travellers (26/11)

Khosravi, Shahram

- 2007 The 'illegal' traveller: An auto-ethnography of borders. *Social Anthropology* 15(3):321-334.

Drakakis-Smith, Angela

- 2007 Nomadism a moving myth? Policies of exclusion and the gypsy/traveller response. *Mobilities* 2(3):463-487.

Stephenson, Marcus L.

- 2006 Travel and the 'freedom of movement': Racialised encounters and experiences amongst ethnic minority tourists in the EU. *Mobilities* 1(2):285-306.

11. Cosmopolitanism (03/12)

Acharya, Malasree Neepa

- 2016 Cosmopolitanism. In *Keywords of mobility: Critical engagements*. N.B. Salazar and K. Jayaram, eds. Pp. 33-54. Oxford: Berghahn.

Molz, Jennie G.

- 2005 Getting a 'flexible eye': Round-the-world travel and scales of cosmopolitan citizenship. *Citizenship Studies* 9(5): 517-531.

Salazar, Noel B.

- 2015 Becoming cosmopolitan through traveling? Some anthropological reflections. *Journal of English Language & Literature* 61(1):51-67.

12. Against travel? (10/12)

Lévi-Strauss, Claude

- 1961 *Tristes tropiques*. J. Russell, transl. New York: Criterion Books. (Part I: Destinations)

Shepherd, Robert J.

- 2015 Why Heidegger did not travel: Existential angst, authenticity, and tourist experiences. *Annals of Tourism Research* 52:60-71.

Soguk, Nevzat

- 2003 Incarcerating travels: Travel stories, tourist orders, and the politics of the 'Hawai'ian Paradise'. *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change* 1(1):29-53.

13. Future travels (17/12)

Conway, Dennis, and Benjamin F. Timms

- 2012 Are slow travel and slow tourism misfits, compadres or different genres? *Tourism Recreation Research* 37(1):71-83. (+ Discussion)

Cohen, Scott A., Tara Duncan, and Maria Thulemark

- 2015 Lifestyle mobilities: The crossroads of travel, leisure and migration. *Mobilities*.

Chambers, Erve

- 2005 Can the anthropology of tourism make us better travelers? *NAPA Bulletin* 23:27-44.

Additional reading

- Adey, Peter, et al., eds.
2013 *The Routledge handbook of mobilities*. London: Routledge.
- Amit, Vered, ed.
2007 *Going first class? New approaches to privileged travel and movement*. Oxford: Berghahn.
- Bruner, Edward M.
2005 *Culture on tour: Ethnographies of travel*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- de Botton, Alain
2002 *The art of travel*. London: Hamish Hamilton.
- Elliot, Alice, Roger Norum, and Noel B. Salazar, eds.
2017 *Methodologies of mobility: Ethnography and experiment*. Oxford: Berghahn.
- Euben, Roxanne Leslie
2006 *Journeys to the other shore: Muslim and Western travelers in search of knowledge*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Geoffrey, Christine, and Richard Sibley, eds.
2007 *Going abroad - Travel, tourism, and migration: Cross-cultural perspectives on mobility*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- Glage, Liselotte
2000 *Being/s in transit: Travelling, migration, dislocation*. Amsterdam: Rodopi.
- Harrison, Julia D.
2003 *Being a tourist: Finding meaning in pleasure travel*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Kaplan, Caren
1996 *Questions of travel: Postmodern discourses of displacement*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Lean, Garth, Russell Staiff, and Emma Waterton, eds.
2014 *Travel and transformation*. Farnham: Ashgate.
- Leed, Eric J.
1991 *The mind of the traveler: From Gilgamesh to global tourism*. New York: Basic Books.
- Lindquist, Johan A.
2009 *The anxieties of mobility: Migration and tourism in the Indonesian borderlands*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- Metz, David
2008 *The limits to travel: How far will you go?* London: Earthscan.
- Ricci, Gabriel R., ed.
2014 *Travel, discovery, transformation*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers.
- Rojek, Chris, and John Urry, eds.
1997 *Touring cultures: Transformations of travel and theory*. London: Routledge.
- Salazar, Noel B.
2018 *Momentous mobilities: Anthropological musings on the meanings of travel*. Oxford: Berghahn.
- Snee, Helene
2014 *A cosmopolitan journey? Difference, distinction and identity work in gap year travel*. Farnham: Ashgate.
- Stagl, Justin
1995 *A History of curiosity: The theory of travel, 1550-1800*. Australia: Harwood Academic Publishers.
- Stavans, Ilan, and Joshua Ellison
2015 *Reclaiming travel*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Thomas, Nicholas
1994 *Colonialism's culture: Anthropology, travel, and government*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Van den Abbeele, Georges
1992 *Travel as metaphor: From Montaigne to Rousseau*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.