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Seminario interclasse

***"The World, If It Is Not In Pieces":
Anthropology as Method,
Anthropology as Madness***

Prof. Mark Goodale

(George Mason University- Virginia - USA)

Macerata, 29-30-31/03/2010

This 3-day seminar will introduce advanced students to several key themes in contemporary sociocultural anthropology. In particular the seminar will examine the ways in which anthropologists study, try and understand, and critique conflicts of different kinds. Special emphasis will be given to the anthropology of human rights, justice, international conflict, and the methods and methodology of anthropology.

Each day will be structured into 3 distinct subunits of study and readings that will guide the seminar will be both provided and suggested.

The content of the seminar will consist of lecture, structured discussion, in-class exercises, and open debate on some of the most pressing problems in contemporary sociocultural anthropology.



Monday:

- (1) Anthropology as a Way of Knowing**
- (2) Conflict and the Problem of Human Nature**
- (3) Human Rights and Human Wrongs**

Reading:

- Carrithers, Michael, "Anthropology as a Moral Science of Possibilities," 2005
- Sprio, Melford, "Anthropology and Human Nature," 1999
- Goodale, Mark, Introduction to "Anthropology and Human Rights in a New Key," American Anthropologist, 2006
- Goodale, Mark, "Ethical Theory as Social Practice," American Anthropologist, 2006
- Merry, Sally Engle, "Mapping the Middle," American Anthropologist, 2006

Tuesday:

- (1) From the Inside Looking Out: The Emic and the Etic**
- (2) Methods and Methodology**
- (3) Ethics, Engagement, and Advocate Anthropology**

Reading:

- <http://faculty.irsc.edu/faculty/jlett/article%20on%20emics%20and%20etics.htm>
- <http://www.sil.org/~headlandt/ee-intro.htm>
- Scheper-Hughes, Nancy, "The Primacy of the Ethical" 1995
- Speed, Shannon, "At the Crossroads," American Anthropologist, 2006
- Various authors, "Applied Anthropology", 2006

Wednesday:

- (1) Anthropology and International Conflict: The Problem of Genocide**
- (2) Mirrors of Justice: The Anthropology of Law and Power in the Post-Cold War Era**
- (3) "The World, If It Is Not In Pieces"**

Reading:

- Denich, Better, "Dismembering Yugoslavia," 1994
- Goodale and Clarke, "Understanding the Multiplicity of Justice," 2010
- Shaw, 2010
- Young, 2010



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