

VU, LLTI AND LMTA ETHNOLOGY DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAM

Subject	Research area (branch), code	Institution	Department
SOCIO-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORIES	Ethnology, 07H	Vilnius University	Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies
Form of study	Duration	Form of study	Duration
lecture:	10	consultation:	10
independent study:	170	seminar:	10
Credit hours:	7,5		
Course description			
<p>Main objective: During the course, students learn about contemporary theoretical concepts and key discussions in socio-cultural anthropology/ethnology studies. The course encourages students to analyze and apply anthropological theoretical approaches and methodologies in their doctoral research projects. Thus, the consultations are tailored to the needs of each student. In order to complete the course, the students are required to identify the most relevant theories for their research and to prepare an analytical overview of those theories in the context of the themes of their thesis.</p>			
<p>Goals and competences: The course provides an understanding of key anthropological theoretical approaches and teaches how to integrate regional ethnographic studies and theoretical concepts in students' final essay. The course encourages students to acquire competences in the analysis of cross-cultural research, develop the ability to independently apply theoretical interpretations and prepare for empirical research.</p>			
<p>Syllabus: Thematic areas of consultation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of contemporary anthropological trends and methodologies 2. Concepts of the person: sociality beyond humanity 3. The body and corporeality 4. Theories of kinship 5. Place, space, landscape and narrative 6. Economic anthropology: exchanges and gifts 7. Symbolic anthropology: symbols and ritual transformations 8. Ontological shift in anthropology 9. Local knowledge, the authenticity debate and the politics of heritage 10. Power, politics and statehood 			
Reading list			
<p>Mandatory:</p> <p>BENDER, Barbara. 2001. Contested landscapes: movement, exile and place (eds) B. Bender & M. Winer. Oxford: Berg.</p> <p>DESCOLA, Philippe. 2013. Beyond nature and culture. Translated by Janet Lloyd with a foreword. University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>CALLON, Michel, 1986, Some Elements of a Sociology of Translation: Domestication of the Scallops and the Fishermen of St Brieuc Bay." pp. 196–233 in Power, Action and Belief: A New Sociology of Knowledge, edited by John Law. London: Routledge &</p>			

Kegan Paul. d by Marshall Sahlins. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

INGOLD, Tim. 2000. The Perception of the Environment Essays on Livelihood, Dwelling and Skill. Routledge Press.

MULLIN, Molly, and Rebecca CASSIDY, 2007, Where the Wild Things Are Now: Domestication Reconsidered. Oxford: Berg.

POVINELLI, Elisabeth, 2013, Geontologies: A Requiem to Late Liberalism. Duke University Press.

KOHN, Eduardo. 2013. How forest thinks. Anthropology beyond the human. California University Press.

VIVEIROS DE CASTRO, Eduardo. 2014. Cannibal Methaphysics. Univocal Press.

STRATHERN, Marilyn. 1990. The Gender of the Gift Problems with Women and Problems with Society in Melanesia. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

TSING, Anna, 2015, The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins. Princeton University Press.

Recommended:

APPADURAY, Arjun. 1996. Modernity at Large. Cultural Dimensions of Globalization. University of Minnesota Press.

DOUGLAS, Mary. Purity and Danger. 1966. An analysis of concept of pollution and taboo. Routledge Press.

HALLOWELL, Irwing. 1960. Ojibwa Ontology, Behaviour and World View. University of Minnesota Press.

HOLBRAAD Martin and PEDERSEN Morten Axel. 2017. An ontological turn. An anthropological exposition. Cambridge University Press.

LATOUR, Bruno. 1993. We Have Never Been Modern. New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf.

MAUSS, Marcel. 1990 (orig. pub. 1925) The Gift: Forms and Functions of Exchange in Archaic Societies. Translated by W.D Halls. London: Routledge.

TUNER, Victor. 1967. The Forest of Symbols: Aspects of Ndembu Ritual. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

STRATHERN, Marilyn. 1981. Kinship at the Core. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Advisers:

Major research published in the last 5 years in the field (branch)

academic degree, name and surname	
Prof. Dr. Donatas Brandišauskas	<p>Monographs and edited collections of articles:</p> <p>Lavrillier, A. Dumond, D. Brandišauskas (red.) 2018. Human-environment relations: skills, knowledge, emotions and politics in Siberia and China (Evenk and Even peoples). <i>Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines</i> (volume 49).</p> <p>Brandišauskas D. 2017 m. Leaving footprints in the taiga: luck, rituals and ambivalence among Orochen-Evenki. Berghahn Press: Oxford, New York. (antras leidimas 2019m.)</p> <p>Давыдов В. Симонова В. Сем Т. Брандишаускас Д., 2016 м.. Локальная этика отношении с окружающей средой эвенков Байкальской Сибири. Ст. Петербург. Кунсткамера, Российская Академия Наук.</p> <p>Articles:</p> <p>Peer-reviewed articles-Thomson Reuters/ Scopus database/ Doaj (Directory of open access journals)</p> <p>Brandišauskas, D. (leidykloje 2021). Rock art animism in Siberian taiga: contemporary rituality, materiality and land use of Evenki hunters and reindeer herders. <i>Rock Art Archeology</i> (I kvartilė).</p> <p>Brandišauskas, D. 2020. Living with reindeer thirty years after the socialism: land use, mastery and large reindeer herding among Evenki of Southeast Siberia. <i>Journal of Ethnography and Folklore studies</i> 14 (1): 16–32</p> <p>Brandišauskas, D. 2020. Sensory perception of rock art in East Siberia and Far East: Soviet archeological discoveries and indigenous Evenkis. <i>Sibirica</i> 19 (2): 50-76.</p> <p>A. Lavrillier, A. Dumond, and Brandišauskas D. 2018. Introduction to the volume „Human-environment relations: skills, knowledge, emotions and politics in Siberia and China (Evenk and Even peoples)“. <i>Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines</i>. 49: 1-26.</p> <p>Brandišauskas D. 2018. Gluttons of East Siberia: spirits, poachers and cannibals in Evenki perceptions. Human-environment relations: skills, knowledge, emotions and politics in Siberia and China (Evenk and Even peoples). <i>Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines</i>. (red. A. Lavrillier, A. Dumond, D. Brandišauskas). 49: 1-21.</p> <p>A. Lavrillier, A. Dumond, and Brandišauskas D. 2018. Human-environment relations: skills, knowledge, emotions and politics in Siberia and China (Evenk and Even peoples). <i>Études mongoles et sibériennes, centrasiatiques et tibétaines</i>. 49: 1-26.</p> <p>Brandišauskas D. 2018. Gluttons of East Siberia: spirits, poachers and</p>

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<p>Approved at the meeting of the Ethnology Doctoral Committee of VU, LLTI and LMTA on June 25, 2023, No. R6-5.</p>	
<p>Chair of the Doctoral Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Daiva Vaitkevičienė</p>