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Small Places - Large Issues *Introduction to Social Anthropology*

Is there such a thing as a “common human condition”? What is the relationship between religion, science and mysticism? What is the role of family ties in traditional or modern societies? How does politics function in a society without leadership? Why are ethnicity and nationalism such central issues in our time?

Small places, Large Issues is a clear and accessible overview of social and cultural anthropology. Hylland Eriksen focuses on the central topics such as kinship, ethnicity, ritual and political systems, and offers a wealth of examples that demonstrate the enormous scope of anthropology and the importance of a comparative perspective. Ranging from the pacific islands to the Arctic north and from small villages to modern nation states, this concise introduction reveals the rich global variation in social life and culture. Eriksen emphasises the need to establish interrelations between action and social structure and between the study to incorporate the anthropology of complex modern societies, thus providing a key text for all students of social and cultural anthropology.

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An Introduction to Social Anthropology: Sharing Our Worlds, 2nd Edition Hendry, J. (Palgrave Macmillan; 2008). Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2nd Edition Eriksen, H.T. (Pluto Press, 2001). General.

<http://www.academicinfo.net/anthcultural.html> - AcademicInfo is an online education resource center, with a multitude of links devoted to the furtherance of social anthropology. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes in the UK. The following universities offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in social anthropology. In the poststructuralist era, anthropology and history alike have turned to the use of personal life histories and (auto) biographies. They are used to write detailed ethnographies or social histories that shed light on the way large issues are articulated in small places (Hylland Eriksen 2001). Subaltern and feminist studies have demonstrated the relevance of foregrounding the lived experiences of individuals. Negotiating National Identity and Local Belonging in Contemporary Liberia. Social anthropology is the study of how humans give meaning to the world through different social norms, values, practices and means of organisation. This course provides an exciting and dynamic introduction to the world of social anthropology. This course provides an exciting and dynamic introduction to the world of social anthropology. In brief, social anthropology is the study of how humans give meaning to the world through different social norms, values, practices and means of organisation. As such, the role of the social anthropologist is to explore and understand other cultures and societies, and in so doing, to better understand his or her own worldview as well. Societies Interpreting Japanese Society: Anthropological Approaches (editor) An Anthropologist in Japan. An Introduction to. Social Anthropology. Introduction 1 A new encounter 1 What social anthropologists do 2 A history of social anthropology 7 The contemporary importance of social anthropology. 11. 1 Seeing the World 17 Souvenirs and handkerchiefs 17 Learning to classify 19 Life, death and burial alive 21 Cultural relativism and the anthropologists' bias 23 Changes in systems of classification: the issue of gender 29. 2 Disgusting, Forbidden and Unthinkable 34 Some areas of observation 34 Taboo 35 Pollution 39 Purity and classification 40 Animal categories and verbal abuse 43. This concise introduction to social and cultural anthropology has become a modern classic, revealing the rich global variation in social life and culture. The text provides a clear overview of anthropology, focusing on central topics such as kinship, ethnicity, ritual and political systems, offering a wealth of examples that demonstrate the enormous scope of anthropology and the importance of a comparative perspective. Unlike other texts on the subject, Small Places, Large Issues incorporates the anthropology of complex modern societies. Using reviews of key monographs to illustrate his argume