

ANTHROPOLOGY 132

KINSHIP AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE

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This course offers an introduction to the anthropological study of kinship and social organization in a wide variety of societies. We will address ourselves to a number of fundamental issues: how are societies organized? what are the possible variations in the form and meaning of marriage patterns and the family? what are the universal features in the patterning of sex roles? what is the relationship between social class and the family in industrialized societies? and in what ways can the structure of the family be radically changed in our own and other societies?

The first part of the course will deal with kinship and family life in non-industrial societies. Here kinship provides the organizing principle for economic, political and religious activities. Two societies, one patrilineal (the Nuer) and one matrilineal (the Navajo) will be examined in depth. During the second part of the semester, we will be concerned with industrialized societies. Research on working class and middle class families in both England and the U.S., along with a study of the black family, will help to isolate the relationship between kinship, social class and ethnic group in complex societies. Finally, we will examine the impact of revolution on family and class structures, using examples from China and Cuba.

I. Introduction: Why study Kinship?

II. The Family:

Fox, Robin

1967 Kinship and Marriage, Baltimore: Penguin Books, Introduction, chapter 1.

Goody, Jack

1971 Kinship, Penguin modern sociology readings. Part One on the family, articles 1,2,3.

III. Incest and Sex

Fox, Robin

1967 Kinship and Marriage, chapter 2

Levi-Strass, Claude

1949 "The Principles of Kinship" in Goody, ed. Kinship p. 47-63.

J. Goody

"Incest and Adultery", in Goody, ed. Kinship, p. 64-83.

IV. Unilineal Descent: Patrilineality

Fox, Robin

1967 Kinship and Marriage, chapters 3,4

Mertes, Meyer

1953 "The Structure of Unilineal Descent Groups" in Goody, p. 263-275.

Evans-Pritchard, E.E.

1951 Kinship and Marriage Among the Nuer. Oxford University Press.

1940 "The Nuer" in Meyer Fortes and E.E. Evans-Pritchard, eds.
African Political Systems. Oxford University Press (on reserve)

V. Unilineal Descent: Matrilineality

A.I. Richards

1950 "Matrilineal Systems" in Goody, p. 276-289.

Schneider, David

1961 "The Distinctive Features of Matrilineal Descent Groups." In D. Schneider and K. Gough, eds. Matrilineal Kinship. Berkeley, University of California Press.

Kluckhohn, Clyde and Dorothea Leighton

1962 ed. The Navaho, revised edition, New York: Doubleday and Company (Anchor paperback).

VI. Cognatic Descent and Bilateral Kindreds

Fox, Robin

1967 Kinship and Marriage, chapter 6

Behrson, R.N.

1964 "Bilateral Kin Groupings" in Goody p. 290-296.

VII. Marriage -- it's various forms and functions

A.R. Radcliffe-Brown

1950 "Dowry and Bridewealth" in Goody, p. 119-133.

Friedl, E.

1962 "Dowry, Inheritance and Land-Tenure" in Goody, p. 134-139.

VIII. Marriage and Alliance

Fox, Robin

1967 Kinship and Marriage, chapters ^{Mar} 7,8.

Dumont, L.

1957 "The Marriage Alliance" in Goody, p. 183-198.

Maybury-Lewis, D.

1965 "Prescriptive Marriage Systems" in Goody, p. 199-224

IX. Divorce and Marriage Stability

Gluckman, M.

1950 "Marriage Payments and Social Structure among the Lozi and Zulu" in Goody, p. 227-247.

Mitchell, J.C.

1961 "Social Change and The Stability of Marriage in Northern Rhodesia,"
in Goody, p. 248-260.

X. Kin Terms

Fox, Robin

1967 Kinship and Marriage, chap. 9

Goody, J.

1970 "An Analysis of Kin Terms" in Goody ed. p. 299-306.

Radcliffe-Brown, A.R.

1930 "Kin Terms and Kin Behaviour" in Goody ed., p. 307-316.

XI. Complex Societies and Social Stratification

Bottomore, T.B.

1966 Classes in Modern Society. Random House, Vintage Books.

XII. Industrialization and the Family: The Working Class

Goode, W.J.

1963 "World Changes in Family Patterns" in Goody, ed. p. 365.

Young, Michael and Peter Willmott

1957 Family and Kinship in East London. Penguin Books.

Komarovsky, Mirra

1962 Blue-Collar Marriage. Random House, Vintage Books, paperback.

XIII. Industrialization and the Family: The Middle Class

Rapoport, Rhona and Robert

1971 Dual Career Families. Baltimore, Penguin Books: paperback.

XIV. The Black Family

Liebow, Elliot

1967 Tally's Corner. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, paperback.

XV. Revolution and the Family

Myrdal, Jan

1965 Report from a Chinese Village. Signet Books, paperback.