

Syllabus
Add on Course
Session: 2024-2025
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(Course Title: Reading Ethnographies)

Duration: 6 months

Objectives of the course:

This course encourages the students to read ethnographic texts in their entirety. Readers are relatively free to interpret the texts within the parameters mentioned below. Suggested readings can be utilized to frame specific questions while reading the ethnographic texts and writing about them. The examination, however, will be patterned on the parameters mentioned in the outline.

Unitwise distributions of classes

Unit No	Name of the Topic	Class	Marks
1	Ethnographic Mode of Enquiry 1.1. Ethnographic studies: Meaning and Significance 1.2. Study of Society and Culture 1.3. Detailed descriptive Account and participant observation	15	40
2	Constructing the Ethnographic Object 2.1. Ethnographic topics: Studying places, people or events 2.2. Memory and Ethnography	10	20
3	Ethnographic Practices and Styles 3.1. Common ethnographic conventions 3.2. Matching Style to Audience, Subject and Analysis 3.3. Ethnography of One's own culture and other culture: Dilemmas and challenges of value neutrality	15	40


References:

Lewis, Oscar. 1961. *The Children of Sanchez: Autobiography of a Mexican Family*. New York: Random House

Rabinow, Paul. 1977 (2007). *Reflection on Fieldwork in Morocco*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Rosaldo, Renato. 1989. *Culture and Truth: The Remaking of Social Analyses*. Boston: Beacon Press.

Srinivas, M.N. 1976. *The Remembered Village*. Delhi: OUP.


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