

Marxism and Anthropology: Reading Group (Oct-Feb 2017/18)
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Reading List

This reading group aims at familiarizing the participants with Marxian and Marxist approaches in anthropology. It starts with an introductory session briefly explaining some central Marxian concepts and how they have been adopted in anthropology. The following six sessions focus on discussing seminal texts in the field covering Marxist approaches in economic anthropology, anthropology of religion, historical anthropology, feminist anthropology, and political anthropology.

Tuesdays, 18:00-20:00

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Seminar Room
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All those committed to the reading group are expected to prepare the reading material and participate lively in the discussion. The reading group is open for everybody, be it B.A., M.A. or PhD students, postdocs, or professors. Those interested to participate should write an email to the organizers in advance (zigajakil@zedat.fu-berlin.de).

A PDF reader with all materials can be downloaded here:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/47tlu2b9xsg89zr/AABXYC6sw6S9rGs_pjCa4qo8a?dl=0

Please note: This reading seminar is not part of the anthropology curriculum and no credit points can be assigned.

Introductory reading

Singer, Peter. 1980. *Marx: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.

24/10/17	Introduction into Marx' Philosophy / Marxist Anthropology O'Laughlin, B. 1975. "Marxist Approaches in Anthropology." <i>Annual Review of Anthropology</i> 4:341-370.
07/11/17	Marxism and Economic Anthropology Godelier, Maurice. 1977. "Anthropology and Economics" in: <i>Perspectives in Marxist Anthropology</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 15-62.
05/12/17	Marxism, Ideology and the Anthropology of Religion Godelier, Maurice. 1977. "Fetishism, Religion and Marx's General Theories Concerning Ideology" in: <i>Perspectives in Marxist Anthropology</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 169-185.

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19/12/17	<p>Cultural Marxism and the Relationship of Ethnography and History</p> <p>Comaroff, John and Jean Comaroff. 1992. "Ethnography and the Historical Imagination" in: <i>Ethnography and the Historical Imagination</i>. Boulder: Westview Press, pp. 3-48.</p>
09/01/18	<p>Marxism and Feminist Anthropology</p> <p>Rubin, Gail. 1975. "The Traffic in Women: Notes on the 'Political Economy' of Sex." In <i>Toward an Anthropology of Women</i>, edited by Rayna R. Reiter. New York. Monthly Review Press, pp 157-210.</p>
23/01/18	<p>Marxist Perspectives on Power and Resistance</p> <p>Scott, James C. 1989. "Everyday Forms of Resistance." <i>Copenhagen Papers in East and Southeast Asian Studies</i> 4 (1):33-62.</p>
06/02/18	<p>Anthropology and Neoliberalism</p> <p>Clammer, John. 2016. "What (if Anything) Can Economic Anthropology Say to Neoliberal Development? Toward New Anthropologies of Capitalism and its Alternatives." <i>Dialectical Anthropology</i> 41 (2):97-112.</p>