

ANTH S-110. Introduction to Social Anthropology (CRN: 30882)

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The course explores anthropological approaches to society, culture, history, and current events. Lectures, readings, and films explore social and cultural diversity through a range of themes: social organization, ideology, religion, exchange, subsistence, gender, land use, ethnicity, ethnic conflict, and local/global interrelations. The themes are illustrated through detailed studies of women in North Africa, ethnicity in Bosnia, ritual exchange in the South Pacific, and political organization in Southeast Asia. The instructor also reviews his current applied research on contemporary indigenous responses to political, economic, and ecological changes in Latin America, with special emphasis on the Amazon Basin. Students are asked to grapple with anthropologists' past and present intellectual and ethical challenges.