



THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF EUROPE

- ▶ The module looks at:
 - ▶ How anthropologists have looked at European cultures and societies
 - ▶ What anthropologists have said about different European regions (especially the European 'south')
 - ▶ What anthropologists have said about nationalism in Europe
 - ▶ What anthropologists have said about European integration and multiculturalism
 - ▶ What anthropologists have said about Brexit

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- ▶ If anthropology is partly about a critique of 'the West', it should look at Europe as its point of origin:
- ▶ 'The most trenchant critique of European hegemony must...begin in Europe itself...The first way is by furthering the critique and deconstruction of the central categories of European experience. The second is by a more nuanced presentation of what is "really happening" in the area of the world so frequently characterised, in omnibus fashion, as "the West"' (Katherine Verdery)

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▶ SYLLABUS TOPICS:

- ▶ Europe's Internal Others: honour, shame and gender in Southern Europe
- ▶ Europe's Internal Others: patronage, corruption and mafia in the South and the East
- ▶ Europe's Dark History: ethnonational conflict in the Balkans
- ▶ Europe's Dark History: the Yugoslav wars
- ▶ The European Union: consolidation and integration
- ▶ The European Union: Brexit, austerity and disintegration
- ▶ Cultural Pluralism: secularism and Islamophobia
- ▶ Cultural Pluralism: neo-nationalism, populism and beyond

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- ▶ TEACHING AND LEARNING:

- ▶ 3-hour weekly session:

- ▶ 1st hour: Lecture

- ▶ 2nd hour: Discussion of Core Reading

- ▶ 3rd hour: Student Presentation (on recent, interesting ethnography from Europe)

- ▶ Examination:

- ▶ 4000 word supervised dissertation

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▶ PREVIOUS DISSERTATION TOPICS:

- ▶ Is 'European Culture' being created, or waiting to be discovered?
- ▶ Understanding the Underclass in Naples
- ▶ EU Security policies and the global resistance movement
- ▶ Neo-Nationalism in the East End of London
- ▶ How Historical Narrative Inspires Political Legitimacy: the case of Serbia
- ▶ The role of History in Welsh Nationalism
- ▶ Why are Europe's Gypsies always on the margins of society?
- ▶ Cultural fundamentalism in the Cornish self-government movement
- ▶ Why can't Turkey join the EU?

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