



SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

SFGS370 Contemporary Anthropological Theory, 7.5 credits

Aktuell antropologisk teori, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Confirmation

This syllabus was confirmed by the Department of Global Studies on 2019-01-14, and is valid from Autumn semester 2016.

Responsible Department

School of Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements for studies in the third cycle.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- relate new theoretical approaches to earlier schools of anthropological thought and debates as well as to social change;

Competence and skills

- critically discuss key concepts, problems, analytical approaches and results within contemporary anthropological theory;

Judgement and approach

- independently evaluate examples of how contemporary anthropological theory is developed and applied.

Course content

The course aims to present major debates and themes in contemporary social anthropological

theory. Focus is upon concepts, research questions and results. The course highlights contemporary analytical and theoretical perspectives in social anthropology and discusses how these problematize key issues in the discipline. The course also aims to discuss how analytical innovation is connected to earlier theoretical developments in the discipline and to assess how this innovation relates to broader changes in society.

Types of instruction

The course is taught with lectures, seminars and individual work. It may also be offered as a reading course comprising independent studies with teaching taking the form of discussion and supervision.

Language of instruction

The course is given in Swedish but can be given in English if necessary.

Grades

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

Types of assessment

The course is examined both orally and in writing. Written examination takes the form of assignments according to the teacher's instruction.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary.

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

To be awarded a Pass grade for the course requires that all parts of the examination meet the criteria for a Pass grade.

When the course is given as a seminar attendance in 2/3 of the scheduled seminars is required for a Pass grade.

Course evaluation

The course ends with a written evaluation. The results will be communicated to the students who participated in the evaluation, as well as to the participants in the next course.