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Comparative Analysis I

Winter term 2017 / 2018, Thursdays, 8:15 – 9:45 a.m.
MPI Small Seminar Room

Introduction

- 12.10. **François Bertemes, Chris Hann, Andreas Pečar**
IMPRS ANARCHIE: Representing Domination – The General Approach

Anthropology

19.10. **Christoph Brumann**

Reading:

Brumann, Christoph. 2003. “All the Flesh Kindred that Ever I See“: A Reconsideration of Family and Kinship in Utopian Communes. In: *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 45: pp. 395–421.

26.10. **Kirsten Endres: “Concepts of Self and Person in Comparative Perspective”**

Reading:

Mauss, Marcel. 1997 [1938]. A Category of the Human Mind: The Notion of Person; the Notion of Self. In: Carrithers, Michael (ed.), *The Category of the Person: Anthropology, Philosophy, History* (pp. 1–25). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

9.11. **Chris Hann**

Reading:

Fox, Richard G. and Andre Gingrich. 2002. Introduction. In: Fox, Richard G and Andre Gingrich (eds.), *Anthropology, by Comparison* (pp. 1–24). London: Routledge. (Please read at least pp. 1–8!)

Hann, Chris. 2016. A Concept of Eurasia. In: *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 57 (1): 1–10.

16.11. **Burkhard Schnepel: “Trans-‘, ‘Connectivity’, ‘Mobility’ and ‘Hubs’: Key Terms to Understanding a World on the Move”**

!!!No reading!!! Every student shall write around one page on a term of your choice with the prefix “trans-“ (e.g. transnational, transformation, transport, trans-gender, etc.). What are your own spontaneous associations? What are its popular notions compared to academic definitions and conceptualizations? In what way is the term relevant/might connect to your own research?

Archaeology

23.11. **Tobias Neuser: “Modernism at its Best? The Golden Ages of the 17th Century BC and AD”**

Reading:

Weingarten, Judith. 1999. War Scenes and Ruler Iconography in a Golden Age: Some Lessons on Missing Minoan Themes from the United Provinces (17th c A.D.). In: Laffineur, Robert (ed.), *Polemos: Le Contexte Guerrier en Égée à l'Âge du Bronze* (pp. 347–357). Université de Liège.

30.11. **Felix Blocher: “City States vs. Territorial State in 3rd Mill. B.C. Babylonia”**

Reading:

Nissen, Hans J. 1993. Settlement Patterns and Material Culture of the Akkadian Period: Continuity and Discontinuity. In: Liverani, Mario (ed.), *Akkad: The First World Empire: Structure, Ideology, Traditions* (91–111). Padova: Sargon srl.

7.12. **François Bertemes: “Comparative Analyzes in Prehistory : An Overview”**

Reading:

Peregrine, Peter. 2001. Cross-Cultural Comparative Approaches in Archaeology. In: *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 30: 1–18.

14.12. **Helga Bumke: “The Archaeology of Greek Votive Practice”**

Reading:

Osborne, Robin. 2004. Hoards, Votives, Offerings: The Archaeology of the Dedicated Object. In: *World Archaeology*, Vol. 36 (1): 1–10.

History

21.12. **Dietlind Hüchtker**

Reading:

Bloch, Marc. 1967. A Contribution towards a Comparative History of European Societies. In: *Land and Work in Mediaeval Europe. Selected Papers by Marc Bloch* (pp. 44–81). London: Routledge.

11.1. **Andreas Pecar**

Reading:

Weber, Max. 2007 [1914]. The Types of Legitimate Domination. In: Calhoun, Craig et al. (eds.): *Classical Sociological Theory* (pp. 256–263). Malden: Blackwell.

18.1. **Stefan Pfeiffer: “Virtuous Roman Senators Meeting a Sumptuous Egyptian King: The Clash of Political Cultures in Antiquity”**

Reading:

Pfeiffer, Stefan. 2016. The Ptolemies: Hellenistic Kingship in Egypt. In: *Oxford Handbooks Online*. <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199935390.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199935390-e-23?print=pdf>

25.1. **Yvonne Kleinmann: “Comparative Approaches in Historiography and More Recent Developments”**

Reading:

Werner, Michael and Bénédicte Zimmermann. 2006. Beyond Comparison: *Histoire Croisée* and the Challenge of Reflexivity. In: *History and Theory*, Vol. 45: 30–50.

1.2. **Final Discussion and Conclusion**