A NOTE ON THE READINGS

I have had to make some difficult choices in the assignments, not only because of the availability of translations but because of the lack of time. I have chosen to concentrate on the intellectualist trend in French anthropology and its relationship to coordinate theories in other disciplines, most notably philosophy, psychoanalysis, and aesthetics. I have not, therefore, included the work of the Griaule School, the French Marxist (with the exception of Godelier), and more recent forays into cognitive science. I highly recommend that, where possible, the assigned texts be read in French. This is particularly important, for with rare exceptions, such as those works translated by Rodney Needham, most of the translations into English range from the poor to the abominable.

ASSIGNMENT AND SCHEDULE

There will no class on “the first day of class.” Students are expected to do reading, though.

One research paper of fifteen to twenty-five pages will be required. Students should discuss their topics with me in advance. Papers sent by email will not be accepted.

I. A LITERARY PRECURSOR TO FRENCH ETHNOGRAPHY

Required Reading


Recommended

Montaigne, Michel de. Of Cannibals. Pp. 150-159. The Complete Essays of

II. DURKHEIM AND NEO-KANTIANISM

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


III PRIMITIVE THOUGHT

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


IV AT THE LIMITS OF ANTHROPOLOGY: SURREALISM

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


V EXCHANGE

Required Reading.


Recommended Reading


VI CONSUMPTION, DEPLETION, AND EXCESS


Recommended Reading


**VII  THE DECOLONIZATION: THE DIALECTICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


**VIII  TRISTES TROPIQUES**

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


IX  PRACTICE

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


X   STRUCTURE, POWER, AND THE ABNORMAL

Required Reading


XI   AN ETHICS OF DESIRE

Required Reading


Recommended Reading


XII AN ESTHETICS OF POLITICS
Required Reading


Recommended Reading


XIII ILLUSIVE MODERNITY

Required Reading


Recommended Reading