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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in Classical anthropological theory on ritual and magic (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on the nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis, or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of graduate studies on February 16th 2024.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Tova Højdestrand upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and/or an oral examination.

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field
- 3) Apply some of the ideas in the literature to a research problem

D. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to a Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

H. Course Literature

Böcker:

Durkheim, Émile (2008). *The elementary forms of religious life*. With an introduction and notes by Mark S. Cladis. New York: Oxford University Press. 358p.

Evans Pritchard, E. [1937] 1976. *Witchcraft, Oracles, and Magic among the Azande*. Oxford: Clarendon. 265p,

Gennep, A. van. 2019 “The rites of passage” (Second edition). The University of Chicago Press. 256p

Lévy-Bruhl, Lucien. 1978 [1923]. Pp 21-33, 'Introduction', and pp 431-447, 'Conclusion', in *Primitive Mentality*, NY: Macmillan. 30p.

Levi-Strauss, Claude 1963 “The Effectiveness of Symbols”, pp 181-201, and “The Sorcerer and His Magic”, pp 167-185, in *Structural Anthropology*. New York: Basic Books. 38s.

Turner, Victor. [1969] 1977. *The Ritual Process: Structure and Anti-Structure*. NY: Aldine de Gruyter. 25p. 213p.

Malinowski, Bronislaw. 1948. *Magic, Science, and Religion and Other Essays*. 274s.

Number of pages: 1443