



# Anthropology in Jordan

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Shaker Verlag Dez 2009, 2009. Taschenbuch. Book Condition: Neu. 211x148x13 mm. Neuware - Darwinism, Orientalism, Colonialism, and the rise of 'Arabic' and 'Islamic' anthropology have been widely seen as obstacles to flourish anthropology in the Arab-Islamic countries (Middle East in particular). Although these issues have been treated insightfully in different publications, I focus in this study on an example from within the region, Jordan, where 'a better understanding of anthropology' has smoothed the path for Socio-cultural, Physical and General anthropology to grow and develop since the establishment of the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology, then the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, at Yarmouk University of Irbid. What distinguishes this Institute, however, is the manner in which Physical Anthropology M.A. program is taught there since 1990. It is no secret that evolution theory is part of physical anthropology and that neither evolution theory nor physical anthropology are favorable subjects to be integrated into the higher educational systems of the Arab world. Therefore, it is reasonable to ask for the various factors (political, economical, social - religious as well as educational) which enabled such a process and acceptance in Jordan. My goal was to discover what models or lessons there might be...



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