

# Anthropology 230: Gender Across Cultures

## Study Guide: Midterm

### Key Concepts:

#### Anthropology Basics

- Four Fields
- Handmaiden to Colonialism
- Mental Maps of Reality
- Ethnocentrism
- Cultural Relativity
- 'Culture'
- Nature vs. Nurture – dualism vs. monism

#### Biological Sex

- Sex/Gender/Sexuality basic terminology
- 5 markers of biological sex
- Role of chromosomal composition and different hormones in shaping the body
- Biological sex as a cultural concept and cultural narratives
- 'Sexing the body' and Gender Ideology – how do cultural beliefs shape understandings of biology
- Hormones and the Life Course (aging)
- Societal methods for 'dealing' with visibly non-binary bodies
- Types of violence enacted against intersex/non-binary people
- Biopower
- Gendered Physiological Discrimination
  - Sex Verification Testing and Sports
  - Politics of 'Suspicion'

#### Gender 101

- Gender as a cultural construct
  - Clothing (examples)
  - Speech (examples)
- Gender ideology and value
- Gender socialization/enculturation
- Patriarchy/Sexism
- Gender: Identity, Performance, Embodiment
- Gender Ideals/Stereotypes
- 'Third Genders'

#### Gender 102

- Gender as: Categories, Subject Positions, Identities, System of Power

- Gender and Hegemony
- Gender and Social Stratification
  - o Male-Culture, Female-Nature
  - o Critiques

#### Gender and Kinship

- What is kinship?
- Types of descent and lineage
- Types of Kin
- Theories on Marriage
- Types of Marriage (number of spouses)
- Marriage Rules
  - o In vs. Out
  - o Up vs. Down
- Walking Marriages (no marriage)