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
  + Male-Culture, Female-Nature
  + 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
  + In vs. Out
  + Up vs. Down
* Walking Marriages (no marriage)