# Syllabus/learning requirements SOSANT 2270 - Spring 2023

# Contemporary Studies in Kinship and Gender

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**Semester start**:

**Expected number of registered students**:

**Course content**

Gender and kinship are key issues in anthropology. Whereas kinship has to a certain extent framed the discipline of anthropology, gender studies first gained momentum in the 1970s, fomenting a critical perspective on the discipline as a whole, including kinship.

As analytical concepts, kinship and gender initially converged around the debates on natural differences, biological givens, and the ethnocentric bias of the use of these concepts in anthropology: that kinship and gender studies have been based on a western folk model of human reproduction and that the (sexual) difference between men and women have been seen as pre-social.

Within contemporary anthropology, kinship and gender are viewed as mutually constitutive; one cannot be properly grasped without paying due attention to the other. Both kinship and gender are about relational practices, articulating different forms of relatedness.

Moreover, there is a general recognition that not only are there cross-cultural variations in the way kinship and gender are perceived and practiced but that also within any one society there may be different elaborations of kinship and gender. This course will focus on the nature of such elaborations, both practices and processes, as these are productive of social inequalities and notions of difference more generally.

As this course will demonstrate, both kinship and gender are central to our understandings of contemporary societies.

**WEEKLY PLAN**

| **Session** | **Theme/Topic** | **Resources** |
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| 1 | Introduction | Bear, Laura, Karen Ho, Anna Tsing & Sylvia Yanagisako; Clarke aand Haraway; Taylor; McKinnon and Cannell |
| 2 | Kinship in (and for) the 21st century | Andrikopoulos; Carsten; Roberts |
| 3 | Who makes kinship? | Sohonie; Murphy; Melhuus; Baron |
| 4 | (Un)Making | Bradway and Freeman; Benjamin; Davis; Fanon; Koreeda |
| 5 | Moving kinship | Andrikopoulos and Duyvendak; Suarez; Meyer; Swenne and Croce; Carsten |
| 6 | Family and finance | Núñez; Ortner; Zaloom; Han |
| 7. | Contesting kinship | Winchell; Høyer Leivestad; Ghannam; Kowalski |
| 8 | Family intimacies | Naguib; de Wiel; Huang and Wu; Nielsen and Gunvald Nilsen |
| 9 | (Re)imagining kinship | Park; Howell; Mekonen; Tallbear; Haraway |
| 10 | Queering the family | Shange; Haraway; Govindrajan |

**Session 1- Introduction**

Bear, Laura, Karen Ho, Anna Tsing & Sylvia Yanagisako. 2015. Gens: A Feminist Manifesto for the Study of Capitalism. Cultural Anthropology Website, Generating Capitalism. Theorizing the Contemporary (March). (3 pages)

Clarke, Adele and Donna Haraway (2018). “Introduction” in *Making Kin not Population: Reconceiving Generations*, (Eds) by Adele Clarke and Donna Haraway. Chicago: Chicago University Press. pp. 1-40 (39 pages).

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McKinnon, Susan & Fenella Cannell. 2013. “The Difference Kinship Makes", pp 3.-39 in McKinnon Susan and Fenella Cannell (eds.): *Vital Relations. Modernity and the Persistent Life of Kinship.*Santa Fe:  School for Advanced Research Press. E-bok UB: <https://bibsys-almaprimo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/14fha3m/TN_cdi_projectmuse_ebooks_9781938645068> (36 pages)

**Session 2 – Kinship in (and for) the 21st century**

Andrikopoulos, Apostolos (2022), “Transnational Kinship” JRAI Virtual Issue (3 pages)

<https://rai.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/(ISSN)1467-9655.transnational-kinship>

Carsten, Janet. (2004). “Introduction: After Kinship”, pp 1 – 30 in *After Kinship*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. E-bok UB <https://bibsys-almaprimo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/vo8oc9/BIBSYS_ILS71521639380002201> (29 pages)

Roberts, Elizabeth F.S. (2016). “When Nature/Culture Implodes: Feminist Anthropology and Biotechnology”, Mapping Feminist Anthropology in the twenty-first century. E, Lewin and M, Silverstein (eds). Pp: 105-125. New Brunswick: Rutgers University (20 pages)

**Session 3 – Who makes kinship?**

Sohonie, Vik (2018). “The most powerful currency today” in *Africa Is a Country* Online Magazine. 12 December 2018. <https://africasacountry.com/2018/12/the-most-powerful-currency-today> (6 pages)

Murphy, Michelle (2018). “Chapter 3. Against Population, Towards Alterlife” in *Making Kin not Population: Reconceiving Generations*, (Eds) by Adele Clarke and Donna Haraway. Chicago: Chicago University Press. pp. 101-124 (23 pages).

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Baron, B. 2005. Slavery, Ethnicity and family in *Egypt as a woman*. <https://bibsys-almaprimo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/vo8oc9/BIBSYS_ILS71519197000002201> (17 pages)

**Session 4 – (Un)Making**

Bradway, Tyler and Elizabeth Freeman (2022). “What Constitutes a Family? Don’t Ask Conservatives.” *The Nation*, August 30, 2022. <https://www.thenation.com/article/society/family-queer-kinship/> (3 pages)

Benjamin, Ruha (2018). “Chapter 1. Black AfterLives Matter: Cultivating Kinfulness as Reproductive Justice” in *Making Kin not Population: Reconceiving Generations*, (Eds) by Adele Clarke and Donna Haraway. Chicago: Chicago University Press. pp. 41-66 (25 pages).

Davis, Angela. “Racism, Birth Control and Reproductive Rights” in *Women, Race and Class*. London: The Women’s Press. New York: The Random House. pp, 353-367 (14 pages)

Fanon, F (2004) “Algeria Unveiled”, in Duara, P. (ed.) *Decolonization: Perspectives from now and then*. Routledge. (12 pages)

“Shoplifters” movie (2018) – Directed by Hirokazu Koreeda (Movie, 2h 1min)

**Session 5 – Moving kinship**

Andrikopoulos, A. and Duyvendak, J. W. (2020) ‘Migration, mobility and the dynamics of kinship: New barriers, new assemblages’, *Ethnography*, 21(3), pp. 299–318. doi:10.1177/1466138120939584 (18 pages)

Suarez, Maka (2020) ‘The Best Investment of Your Life’: Mortgage Lending and Transnational Care among Ecuadorian Migrant Women in Barcelona, Ethnos, 87:1, 133-151, DOI: [10.1080/00141844.2019.1687539](https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2019.1687539) (17 pages)

Carsten, J. (2003). Houses of Memory and Kinship. In *After Kinship* (New Departures in Anthropology, pp. 31-56). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CBO9780511800382.002 E-bok UB <https://bibsys-almaprimo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/vo8oc9/BIBSYS_ILS71521639380002201> (25 pages)

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Swennen, Frederik, and Mariano Croce. “The Symbolic Power of Legal Kinship Terminology: An Analysis of ‘Co-Motherhood’ and ‘Duo-Motherhood’ in Belgium and the Netherlands.” Social & Legal Studies 25, no. 2 (April 2016): 181–203. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0964663915598664>. (22 pages)

**Session 6 – Family and finance**

Jorge Núñez (2022). A financial frontier for Catalonia: The financialization of the household in times of austerity. *Journal of Cultural Economy* (24 pages)

Sherry B Ortner (2019) “Capitalism, kinship, and fraud The Case of Bernie Madoff.” *Social Analysis.* <https://doi.org/10.3167/sa.2019.630301> (23 pages)

Han, Clara (2012) “Social Debt, Silent Gifts” in *Life in Debt: Times of Care and Violence in Neoliberal Chile*. Berkeley: UC Press. pp 48-74; (27 pages)

Zaloom, Caitlin. 2017. "Finance." Correspondences, Fieldsights, August 7. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/the-household-finance> (4 pages)

**Session 7 – Contesting kinship**

Winchell, Mareike. 2017. "Remapping." Correspondences, Fieldsights, August 21. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/remapping> (4 pages)

Høyer Leivestad, H. (2021), Kinship on the waterfront: logistics labour in a global port. J R Anthropol Inst, 27: 518-533. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9655.13548> (Guest lecture invitation) (15 pages).

Ghannam, F. (2013) “Sickness, death and a good ending”, pp. 133-160 in Ghannam, Farha *Live and Die like a man.* Redwood City: Stanford University Press, 2020. <https://bibsys-almaprimo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/14fha3m/TN_cdi_walterdegruyter_books_10_1515_9780804787918_008> (27 pages).

Kowalski, J. (2019) Gender, Agency, and Consent in the Global South. *Polar Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/plar.12321> (6 pages)

**Session 8 – Family intimacies**

Naguib, N. (2015) “Nurturing masculinities”, chapter one of *Nurturing masculinities. Men, food, and family in contemporary Egypt*. University of Texas Press, pp 29-52. [Nurturing Masculinities: Men, Food, and Family in Contemporary Egypt on JSTOR](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7560/305539) (23 pages)

de Wiel, L., (2014) “For Whom the Clock Ticks: Reproductive Ageing and Egg Freezing in Dutch and British News Media”, *Studies in the Maternal* 6(1), p.1-28. doi: <https://doi.org/10.16995/sim.4> (28 pages)

Huang, Yu-Ling and Chia-Ling Wu (2018). “Chapter 4. New Feminist Biopolitics for Ultra-low-fertility East Asia” in *Making Kin not Population: Reconceiving Generations*, (Eds) by Adele Clarke and Donna Haraway. Chicago: Chicago University Press. pp. 125-144 (19 pages).

Nielsen, Kenneth Bo, and Alf Gunvald Nilsen. 2021. "Love Jihad and the Governance of Gender and Intimacy in Hindu Nationalist Statecraft" Religions 12, no. 12: 1068. https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12121068 (17 pages)

**Session 9 – (Re)imagining kinship**

Park, Shelley. "Normativity and Belonging: Reflections about Critical Adoption Studies." *Adoption & Culture* 9, no. 2 (2021): 300-307. [doi:10.1353/ado.2021.0028](http://doi.org/10.1353/ado.2021.0028). (7 pages)

Howell, Signe (2017). The Kinning of the Transnationally Adopted Child in Contemporary Norway in *Motherhood in Literature and Culture* (Eds) Gill Rye, Victoria Browne, Adalgisa Giorgio, Emily Jeremiah, and Abigail Lee Six. Routledge (13 pages)

“Emails to My Little Sister” (2018) – Directed by Solomon Mekonen (Short docu, 35 min)

TallBear, Kim (2018). “Chapter 5. Making Love and Relations Beyond Settler Sex and Family” in *Making Kin not Population: Reconceiving Generations*, (Eds) by Adele Clarke and Donna Haraway. Chicago: Chicago University Press. pp. 145-166 (21 pages).

Haraway, Donna (2018). “Chapter 2. Making Kin in the Chthulucene: Reproducing Multispecies Justice” in *Making Kin not Population: Reconceiving Generations*, (Eds) by Adele Clarke and Donna Haraway. Chicago: Chicago University Press. pp. 67-100 (33 pages).

**Session 10 – Queering the family**

Shange, Savannah (2019) Play Aunties and Dyke Bitches: Gender, Generation, and the Ethics of Black Queer Kinship, The Black Scholar, 49:1, 40-54, DOI: [10.1080/00064246.2019.1548058](https://doi.org/10.1080/00064246.2019.1548058) (14 pages)

Haraway, Donna (2003). *The Companion Species Manifesto: Dogs, People, and Significant Otherness*. Chicago University Press (Excerpts – 98 pages)

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* Hage, G. (2003) “Border dis/order: the imaginary of paranoid nationalism”, chapter 3 of *Against Paranoid Nationalism*. Gardners Books (13s).
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