

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
Department of Anthropology

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ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS

Section A

- I. The Domains of methodology, Theory, methodology and research process, Anthropology as science. Methodological issues and problems in anthropology and social sciences, Theory and method in social anthropology (India)
- II. Qualitative methods and quantitative methods, Participatory tools and techniques, PRA and RRA and Focused Groups.
- III. Fieldwork and empirical tradition in anthropology; Fieldwork in urban setting. Notion of autonomy in anthropological fieldwork. Issues in studying one's own society.

Section B

- IV. Understanding and explanation in social anthropology; Cultural relativism, History and anthropology; Comparative method; extended case study method and situational analysis
- V. Ethnography and controversies: Malinowski, Redfield and Oscar Lewis, Margaret Mead and D. Freeman. The problem of subjectivity and reflexivity in anthropological research. Post-Modern critique of Ethnographies.
- VI. Review of research literature, Research ethics, Research writing and Publication process.

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ESSENTIAL READINGS

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| 01. | Bloor, Michael etal | 2001 | <u>Focus Groups in Social Research</u> Sage Publications |
| 02. | Ellen, R.F. (ed) | | <u>Ethnographic Research</u> |
| 03. | ----- | | <u>Contributions to Indian Sociology</u> (Volume on M.N.Srinivas's Remembered Village). |
| 04 | Epstein, A.L. (ed) | 1979 | <u>The Craft of Social Anthropology.</u> |
| 05 | Evans-Pritchard, E.E. | 1979 | <u>Social Anthropology.</u> London: RKP |
| 06 | Freeman Derck | | <u>Margaret Mead and Samoa. The Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth</u> |
| 07 | Hemple, C.G. | 1970 | <u>Aspects of Scientific Explanation</u> New York: Free Press |
| 08 | Kuhn Thomas | 1962 | <u>The Structure of Scientific Revolutions</u> |
| 09 | Lewis Oscar | | <u>Anthropological Essays</u> New York: Random House |
| 10 | Manners, R. & D.Kaplan (eds) | 1955 | <u>Theory in Anthropology,</u> Chicago: Aldine |
| 11 | Nagel, E | 1979 | <u>Structure of Science</u> London: RKP |
| 12 | Pelto, P.J. & G.H.Pelto | 1988 | <u>Anthropological Research</u> Cambridge Univ. Press |
| 13 | Popper, Karl | 1959 | <u>The Logic of Scientific Inquiry,</u> New York: Basic Books |
| 14 | Richards, Stewart | 1983 | <u>Philosophy and Sociology of Science,</u> Oxford: Basil Blackwell |
| 15 | Sarana Gopala | 1983 | <u>Sociology, Anthropology & Other Essays,</u> Calcutta, Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology |
| 16 | Sarana Gopala | | <u>The Methodology of Anthropological Comparisons</u> |
| 17 | Srinivas, M.N.(ed) | | <u>Method in Social Anthropology</u> by Radcliffe-Brown |
| 18 | Srinivas, M.N. | 1978 | <u>Remembered Village,</u> Delhi: OUP |
| 19 | Tax, S (ed) | 1977 | <u>Horizons in Anthropology,</u> Chicago: Aldine |
| 20 | Tylor, S. (ed) | 1969 | <u>Cognitive Anthropology,</u> Holt, Rinehart & Winston |