

Fall 2010

**Agrarian Societies
Culture, Power, History, and Development**

**ANTH 541a
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Meetings: Thursdays, 1:30-3:10 pm, 10 Sachem Street, Room 105

Discussions: Thursdays, 3:30-5:20 pm, 10 Sachem Street, Room 105

Sessions:

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| September 2: | History of Domestication | Jim Scott |
| September 9: | Colonial and Postcolonial Nature | Mike McGovern |
| | James Fairhead and Melissa Leach. 1996. <i>Misreading the African Landscape: Society and Ecology in a Forest-Savanna Mosaic</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press. | |
| September 16: | Collective Action | Libby Wood |
| | Elisabeth Wood. 2003. <i>Insurgent Collective Action and Civil War in El Salvador</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press. | |
| September 23: | Resistance | Jim Scott & Libby Wood |
| | James Scott, 1985, <i>Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance</i> , New Haven: Yale University Press), Chapters 1 and 2, pp, 1-47 (Yale Internet Resource) | |

Tanya Korovkin. 2000. Weak Weapons, Strong Weapons? Hidden Resistance and Political Protest in Rural Ecuador. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 27 (3): 1-2

Kevin J. O'Brien, 1996. Rightful Resistance. *World Politics* 49 (1): 31-52.

September 30: **Banditry** Jim Scott & Mike McGovern

J.A. Pitt-Rivers. 1961. *The People of the Sierra*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

E.J. Hobsbawm. 1965. *Primitive Rebels: Studies in Archaic Forms of Social Movements in the 19th and 20th Centuries*. New York: Norton.

October 7: **Rivers and Alluvial Plains** Jim Scott

Mark Cioc. 2002. *The Rhine: An Eco-Biography, 1815-2000*. Seattle: University of Washington Press

October 14: **Developmentalism** Mike McGovern

Tania Murray Li. 2007. *The Will to Improve: Governmentality, Development, and the Practice of Politics*. Durham: Duke University Press.

October 21: **History of Property, Land Reform, and Land Occupation**
Libby Wood & Jim Scott

John Womack. 1968. *Zapata and the Mexican Revolution*. New York: Vintage. Chapter entitled "Planters' Progress", pp.*****

E.P. Thompson. 1971. The Moral Economy of the English Crowd in the Eighteenth Century. *Past and Present* 60: 76-136.

E.J. Hobsbawm, 1974. Peasant Land Occupations. *Past and Present* 62: 120-52.

Gabriel Ondetti, 2008. *Land, Protest and Politics: the Landless Movement and the Struggle for Agrarian Reform in Brazil*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press. Selected chapters [Libby will distribute electronically].

October 28: **Charismatic Religion/Iconoclasm** Mike McGovern & Jim Scott

I.M. Lewis. 1989. *Ecstatic Religions: A Study of Shamanism and Spirit Possession*. London: Routledge.

Mike McGovern. 2010. *The Politics of Ressentiment*. In *Making War in Côte d'Ivoire*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

November 4: **Social Processes of War** Libby Wood

Stephen Lubkemann. 2008. *Culture in Chaos: An Anthropology of the Social Condition in War*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

November 11: **Apparently Irrational Beliefs** Mike McGovern

Harry West. 2005. *Kupilikula: Governance and the Invisible Realm in Mozambique*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

November 18: **Agricultural Transformations** Libby Wood

[Readings to be supplied; will be articles rather than books]

November 25: Thanksgiving

December 2: **Open for student presentation and “neglected” (but important) topics.**