**2013 Course description**

**“National Ethnology and the Making of the Romanian Peasant”**

**Prof. Vintila Mihailescu, Dr. Monica Stroe, Dr. Bogdan Iancu, Dr. Mihai Andrei Leaha**

While focusing on Romania, the course will follow processes and social phenomena of broader regional interest. It will start with two historical and methodological approaches on the making of the Romanian peasant (Vintila Mihailescu) and the production of ethnographic knowledge through video research on popular rituals (Mihai Andrei Leaha). The next two courses will take dwelling (Bogdan Iancu) and food (Monica Stroe) as means and spaces of interactions between the global and the local in the frame of an emergent post-socialist market – and, more specifically, a “post-peasant” society.

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**“National Movements and the Invention of the National Continuity in the Ottoman Balkans (19th and 20th c.)”**

**Dr. Dimitris Stamatopoulos**

The main objective of this course is to examine the presuppositions (ideological, social, and political) which determined the development of the nationalist movements in the Ottoman Balkans and the conditions under which these contributed to the foundation of nation states. Methodological and theoretical reasons necessitate an introduction to basic concepts for analysis of the nationalist phenomenon as well as on the peculiarities of the Ottoman state. The period covered (19th-20th c.) constitutes an era of heightening of the nationalist phenomenon not only in the Balkan Peninsula, but also in the rest of Europe. Thus analysis will also focus on questions of the differentiation of nationalist movements in Western from Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Finally, a number of theories of ethnogenesis and national historiographies developed in the Balkan states to legitimize national continuity are examined.

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**“Doing Fieldwork: Theory, Method and the Production of Anthropological Knowledge”**

**Dr. Vassilis Dalkavoukis, Dr. Karolina Bielenin-Lenczowska, Dr. Vassiliki Kravva, Dr. Paraskevas Potiropoulos, Dr. Ioannis Manos**

The aim of this course is to provide basic outlines on epistemological, methodological and practical matters to those engaged in ethnographic research. More concretely, it intends to develop an understanding of the relationship between methodological practice, data analysis and the writing of ethnography. The course is linked to the fieldwork exercise in Albania and Greece that will follow. In this view, participants will be able to reflect on and discuss their ideas and research strategies about the projects that are expected to conduct.

The course will encourage an appreciation of the problems of anthropological fieldwork and address issues such as access to the field, norms and conventions in applying research techniques in particular cultural contexts, the processual nature of fieldwork, ethical concerns, and the personal and emotional commitment of the researcher. It will also concentrate on the process of recording ethnographic data through fieldnotes and reflect on the process of turning fieldwork data into a narrative account of fieldwork. Among the topics that will be addressed are:

* Theory and method in the anthropological fieldwork
* Defining the ‘field’ – ways of doing fieldwork – the experience of fieldwork – Critical encounters in ethnographic practice
* Research methods and the production of data: Addressing epistemological and methodological issues
* Field notes in ethnographic research and the writing of ethnography

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***Dr. Vassiliki Kravva*** ( valia01@otenet.gr) studied history and archaeology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and social anthropology at the University of London and University of Cagliari (Italy). She has participated in a number of conferences and seminars in Greece and Europe and counts some publications on the issues of food, identity, the body, embodied memory, religious identity and minority issues. She has taught “Social Anthropology” at the University of London and also “Food and Anthropology” and “Political Anthropology” at several Greek Universities. For two years she has been a researcher working for the CENTROPA research project (European project). Dr. Kravva has been for some years now an active member of the Border Crossings network and has co-organised a number of student conferences throughout the Balkans. Her book on food and Jewish identities has been recently published by the German Publishing house VDM. Dr Kravva is a reviewer of the Journal of Anthropology and Sociology. She is currently lecturing anthropology at the Democritus University of Thrace, Department of History and Ethnology.

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**“Ethnographic Research in Border Areas: Field Practice in both Sides of the Greek-Albanian Border”**

**Prof. Vassilis Nitsiakos, Dr. Vassilis Dalkavoukis, Dr. Marilena Papachristophorou, Dr. Karolina Bielenin-Lenczowska, Dr. Paraskevas Potiropoulos, Dr. Vassiliki Kravva, Dr. Ioannis Manos**

This course is an introduction to ethnographic fieldwork. It focuses on the study of geopolitical borders and the process of the ethnographic fieldwork. The Greek- Albanian border zone constitutes the main field for the research of the Summer School participants. In addition, research projects are carried out in the broader areas of Epirus and West Macedonia (on the Greek side) and the regions of Gjirokastër, Sarandë, Korçë, Pogradec and the villages around the lakes of Prespa and Ohrid (on the Albanian side). The course discusses issues of the fieldwork process, the understanding of the “other”, identity and difference, national borders and ethnic groups and boundaries and applied ethnography in frontier areas,.

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**“Islam in the Balkans: Historical and contemporary anthropological approaches”**

**Dr Fotini Tsibiridou, Dr. Ger Duijzings, Dr. Giorgos Mavrommatis**

During this course we are going to examining the genealogy of Islam in the Balkans, from conversion practices to the minority (national, ethnic, religious) conditions. More specifically, our approaches aim at showing how the specific religious traditions of the past, such as the Bektashi and the Sunni ones can be experienced by people under particular sociocultural context and being readapted under different historical transformations and contingencies.

We will focus on the idea of Islam as discursive tradition submitted to successive modernization and rationalization processes. Different case studies from the field will be analyzed (From Kosovo and Bosnia, to Albania, Bulgaria and the Greek Thrace).

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**“The Anthropology of Disability”**

**Dr. Slobodan Naumovic**

The course aims to provide an introduction to Anthropology of disability as one of the latest additions to anthropology’s constantly growing list of subdisciplines. The encounter with  disability as a complex and heterogeneous set of human conditions and with various and often contradicting strategies of coping with such conditions invites anthropologists to redefine and reinvent some of the key concepts of their discipline: otherness and othering, normality and abnormality, ability and disability, health and illness, social categorization, social stigma, social silencing, marginalization and repression, the body and embodiment, humanity and human nature, human rights, social activism, and various forms of advocacy. The course is envisioned as an imaginary dialogue with on the one hand, the social model of disability as a core concept of Disability Studies as an activist, anti-essentialist and anti-medical type of approach, and on the other insights from a critical-realist anthropological project which investigated the practices of theatre therapy in a Belgrade based association of persons with disabilities. Presented ideas will be contextualised with the help of examples coming from various types of visual texts – feature films, documentaries and research footage. Topics that will be addressed include:

* A short history of otherness and othering
* Key concepts in disability
* The many faces of disability
* Models of disability – medical and social
* The politics of exclusion and inclusion
* The disabled body: between biology and ideology
* Theatre therapy and other approaches inspired by the social model of disability
* Disability on film
* Ethnographies of disability: how to study disability without othering it?

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**“News from the Albanian-Kosovo Border: Kinship Ideology, Property Issues, Millennial Nationalism and the Neo-liberal State”**

**Prof. Dr. Nebi Bardhoshi, Mr. Olsi Lelaj**

For the past years we have been carrying out intensive fieldwork research in the border areas between Albania and Kosovo. There are a number of issues that we have come across during our fieldwork which in a way reflect directly or indirectly the processes and challenges that both Albanian and Kosovan societies are facing today. The best way how to present this course, maybe, is through the main questions we continue to have in mind every time we approached our fieldwork site in the villages and urban centers located near the border between Kosovo and Albania. Therefore based on detailed case studies and field work data we will attempt to contextualize a critical understanding of the dynamic relationship between society, ideology and the state. Throughout this course we will address these issues grouped as follows: 1-Kinship ideology, neo-liberalism, property issues, and the border; 2-The state, economic crises, millennial nationalism and the border.

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