

## **Individual and Society**

Sociology and Anthropology 260

Section: D100

Term: 1999 Fall

Instructor: David Moore

Discussion Topics: A very common part of most definitions of culture is that it is shared. But in reality, how does this sharing work at the level of the individual? Anthropologists often focus on various sorts of groups: family, ethnic, national, work: just to name a few. In this course we will examine how individuals come to share (and differ in) various cultural ideals, especially the kinds of cultural work that goes into building ideas of common identity and culture among various individuals and the agency of individuals in taking on, using and/or rejecting various identities. Much of the focus will be on how various theoretical approaches account for the individual. Of particular importance will be theories of practice and hegemony. Finally, we will examine how, in an increasingly "globalizing" world, individuals can deal with an increasing array of choices as they move through diasporas and nation-states.

Grading: Final Paper: 40%

Mid-term: 30%

Review Assignment: 20%

Participation: 10%

Required Texts: Carrithers, Michael, S. Collins and S. Lukes, eds. The Category of the Person. (1985)

Kondo, Dorinne. Crafting Selves: Power, Gender and Discourses of Identity in a Japanese Workplace. (1990)

Lutz, Catherine. Unnatural Emoti

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: SA 150.

Notes: SA 260 (A), offered this semester, is an Anthropology course and may not be taken as a 200 level prerequisite for Sociology.

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