



ANTH300

Pacific Cultures: Kings, Cannibals and Other Mysteries

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Anthropology

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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

39cp or admission to GDipArts

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit offers an examination of the history and anthropology of the peoples of the Pacific region. The first half of the unit will be spent reading and discussing two key classical monographs to explore the histories of exploration and ethnographic study of 'traditional' societies. In the second half of the course we will focus more on how cultures change and the ways we can make sense of indigenous representations and historicities. We will investigate how different forms of historical consciousness are both culturally and temporally specific and how these prompts for contemplation of the past might feature in our formal histories.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Students will understand the ways in which institutions and interactions of human society in the Pacific develop conceptions of religion, gender, personhood, state and development; Students will have critical anthropological understandings of social and cultures issues in the Pacific region.

Students will have practical knowledge about a variety of analytical concepts methodological techniques related to assessing the social and cultural dynamics in the Pacific region

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Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Museum visit reflection</u>	20%	29 August 2014
<u>Essay</u>	45%	3 November 2014
<u>Research Week reflection</u>	15%	31 October 2014
<u>Unit participation</u>	20%	n/a

Museum visit reflection

Due: **29 August 2014**

Weighting: **20%**

Students write a 1,000 word reflection on the exhibition and collection of Pacific material culture in the Australian Museum using the framework developed by Nicholas Thomas in 'Entangled Objects'.

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Essay

Due: **3 November 2014**

Weighting: **45%**

Students write a 3,000 word essay on a Pacific studies topic of their choice

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Research Week reflection

Due: **31 October 2014**

Weighting: **15%**

Students write a 1000-word reflection on the lecture by Michael W. Scott on ontology and Solomon Islands during the Department's Research Week (week 11).

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Unit participation

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Active attendance and engagement with lecture and tutorial materials and discussions

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Delivery and Resources

Delivery mode: Day

This unit will use iLearn

Lecture and tutorial times, and locations (for current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: <https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2014/>)

Lecture

- Mondays, 10am – 12am, in Y3A 212

Tutorials

1. Mondays, 12pm – 1pm, in W5C 211
2. Mondays, 2pm – 3pm, in X5B 132

Unit Schedule

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide

appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Museum visit reflection
- Essay
- Research Week reflection
- Unit participation

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Assessment task

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and

they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Assessment task

- Essay

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should

have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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