WELCOME!

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- Carmen Dhondt: Programme Coordinator
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1. Master Social and Cultural Anthropology

1.1 Anthropology as a discipline

- Through *empirical research*, social and cultural anthropology investigates the *differences and similarities* between cultures.
- Thus it wants to shed light on the *historical, social political and cultural processes* that shape society.
- **More** than the study of the “exotic other”
DOUBLE GOAL:

a) acquiring a **critical, social-scientific and anthropological attitude**;

b) acquiring **knowledge and skills** specific to the discipline (anthropological methods, models, theories, ...).

→ able to put their specific knowledge and so-called **emic perspective** to use in an ever changing **social debate**
1.2 Students

• 1st phase en 2nd phase
• Divers group: age, discipline, nationality

• More than 250 students
• New students: vs. 2nd phase students
  ✓ 49 NL 35 NL
  ✓ 95 ENG 80 ENG
  ✓ 27 schakel

• Autonomy is required, but do read/discusse/write with your peers
1.3 Teaching staff

• 2 research units
  o Interculturalism Migration & Minorities Research Centre
  o Institute for Anthropological Research in Africa


Anthropology Portal:
https://prep.cc.kuleuven.be/soc/anthropology/home
(under construction)
Publications

**Volume 6 • Anthropology of Media**

**The Making of the Pentecostal Melodrama**

**Disability and Society**
A Reader

**Beer in Africa**
Drinking spaces, states and selves

**Compagnon!**
Journal d’un noussi en guerre: 2002-2011

**Suturing the City**
Living Together in Congo’s Urban Worlds

**Het kleine ontmoeten**
Over het sociale karakter van de stad

**Religion, Media, and Gender in Kinshasa**
Katrien Pype

**KU Leuven**
1.4 Programme structure

2 phases (120 stpn)

→ 1st phase = general & introductory
  • Basic concepts
    o Culture, identity, diversity, ethnicity,...
  • Basic research methods
    o Ethnographic research, fieldwork, participant observation
  • Start own research project
    o Start report

→ 2nd phase = deepening & specialising
1st phase – mandatory courses

**Introduction** - 37 cr.
- Political Anthropology
- Social and Cultural Anthropology: basic concepts & theories
- Anthropology of Religion
- Urban Anthropology
- Current Issues in Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Cultural Anthropology: Material Culture (not in 2017-18, will be taught in 2018-19)
- Culture, Migration and Mobility

**Methodology** - 12 cr.
- Ethnographic fieldwork: exemplary research
- Ethnographic fieldwork: analysis & communication

**Start report** - 6 cr.
- Self study & feedback sessions + electives
2\textsuperscript{nd} phase – deepening & specialisation

**Research Seminar** - 6 cr

**Master’s thesis** - 22 cr

**Electives**

- Anthropology of Ethnicity and Race
- Anthropology of Social Change
- Visual and Experimental Anthropology
- Posthuman Anthropology
- Myth and Symbolism
- Anthropology of the Body
- Culture, Migration and Mobility
- ….
Master’s thesis

• Ethnographic research: **fieldwork**
  - During the summer months in between 1st & 2nd phase
  - In Belgium or abroad
  - Vliruos travel grant: European students

• Autonomy required < personal research interest

• Guidance supervisor & feedback sessions
2. Regulations

2.1 Preventing plagiarism: tutorial

- All students need to complete the tutorial (Toledo): 2 modules and a short test.
- The certificate they receive upon successful completion of the test is a requirement for submission of the starting note.
3. Anthropology abroad

- **Erasmus & Erasmus+**
  - 1st semester of the 2nd phase
  - in Europe: Brussels, Berlin, Amsterdam, Lissabon,…
  - outside Europe: o.a. China, Taiwan, Korea, Canada, USA,…

- **Contact:**
  - Erasmus coördinators European destinations Bert Claesen ([bert.claesen@kuleuven.be](mailto:bert.claesen@kuleuven.be)) & outside Europe Ria Laenen ([ria.laenen@kuleuven.be](mailto:ria.laenen@kuleuven.be))
  - Info session: November 2017 (data will be announced soon)

• European Certificate in Anthropology of Social dynamics and Development
  ✓ Fieldwork & Master’s thesis on social change or development
  ✓ 1 semester (30cr) in partner university/Erasmus destination
  ✓ Co-supervisor < partner university
  ✓ Deadline december’17 – contact: ann.cassiman@kuleuven.be
  ✓ http://apad-association.org/en/contact-us/

• An additional semester abroad
  ✓ After completing all courses & Master’s thesis at KU Leuven (120cr)
  ✓ Registration/selection in Feb 2018
  ✓ Semester abroad: 1st semester 2019-2020
  ✓ Graduation at the earliest in June 2020
  ✓ More info? internationaloffice.soc@kuleuven.be
4. Important dates

• **26/09**: Inaugural lecture Henrietta Moore
  5-7pm AV.02.17 + reception!

• **11/10**: deadline ISP/IER & exemptions

• **19/10**: Info session start report & thesis
  12-2pm Raadzaal (bring your lunch)
5. Information platforms

• **Toledo** > each course + Anthropology Community!

• **Time table:**
  [https://onderwijsaanbod.kuleuven.be/opleidingen/e/SC_51017028.htm#bl=01,05](https://onderwijsaanbod.kuleuven.be/opleidingen/e/SC_51017028.htm#bl=01,05) → this is the correct one!

• **Student portal** Faculty of Social Sciences
  → all important regulations
  → also: what after graduation? (Student Career Center)

• **Website Anthropology**
Anthropology community @ Toledo

Welcome to the Anthropology Community

Announcements

New Announcements appear directly below the repositionable bar. Reorder by dragging announcements to new positions. Move priority announcements above the repositionable bar to pin them to the top of the list and prevent new announcements from superseding them. The order shown here is the order presented to students. Students do not see the bar and cannot reorder announcements.

Create Announcement

Info sessions for new students

Posted on: Thursday, 21 September 2017 20:49:00 o'clock CEST

Dear students,

We are very happy to welcome you to the Anthropology Master's programma (English and Dutch) and the preparatory programme/schakelprogramma (Dutch).

We kindly invite you to the information sessions organised on Monday the 25th of September.

3-4pm, AV.03.12 Master of Social and Cultural Anthropology (English)
6. Activities for Anthropology students

- 4/10 – 6/10 Dance workshop
- 11/10 Barbecue
- Anthro-buddies
- Student colloquium
- …
Student colloquium

Anthropology Graduate Student Colloquium

24.4.17

In The Raadzaal // 12:00-4:00pm

Interested in presenting?
Please send a 300 word abstract to graduatecolloquium2017@gmail.com by 24 March.
Call for student representatives!

Would you like to help building a qualitative Anthropology study programme & to bring out the voices of your fellow students?

- Thinking about the quality of the programme
- Participate in the programme committee meetings with professors and teaching assistants
- Contact point for peers
- Organising activities

2 students DUTCH MA + 2 ENG MA

Mail your candidacy to carmen.dhondt@kuleuven.be
7. Individual Study Programme (ISP) and Individual Schedule (IER)

How to fill in my ISP and IER?
1) Select the courses that you would like to follow this academic year (for the 1st and 2nd semester);
2) Go to your IES and select an examination moment for each course. Save your IES;
3) Go back to your ISP and send your ISP.

- Choose max. 2 electives from other initial master programmes
- ISP deadline: 11 October’17
- Questions: Pia Missinne, pia.missinne@kuleuven.be, stud.administration, 01.133
- All communication goes via your KU Leuven account. Please check this on a regular base.
- A demo of the ISP-application for students.
Questions?

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