科目ナンバリング	U-LAS05 20046 LE40						
授業科目名<英訳>	Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2 Topics in Cultural Anthropology I-E2			担当者所属職名・氏名	人間・環境学研究科 准教授 De Antoni, Andrea		
群	人文・社会科学科目群	分野(分類)	地域・文化(各論)			使用言語	英語
旧群	A群	単位数	2単位	週コマ数	1コマ	授業形態	講義（対面授業科目）
開講年度・開講期	2026・前期	曜時限	木3	配当学年	全回生	対象学生	全学向

[授業の概要・目的]

This course focuses on the anthropology of religion, magic and witchcraft. It will take into consideration and analyze human religious experiences from an anthropological perspective, by focusing on topics such as debates about definitions and the origin of “religion”, cosmology, myth and social memory, ritual, magic, witchcraft, ghosts, spirit possession, shamanism, religious healing, spirituality and secularization.

In doing so, it will also provide a historical overview of anthropological theories on these topics, thus informing students on the history of the anthropology of religion as a discipline.

Ethnographic examples from a variety of societies will be analyzed and discussed, in order to illustrate the wealth of religious experiences that exists around the world. Especially examples about East Asian and Japanese religions (including ascetic and shamanic practices) will be central, although also World Religions, contemporary New Age in the West, as well as classical examples about African or Native American religious practices will be taken into consideration.

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- Students will learn the historical development of anthropological theories and debates regarding religion and ritual, thus familiarizing with terminology and concepts.
- Students will learn to understand religious and spiritual phenomena in their social context.
- Students will gain an understanding of religion as an institution through which gender, class, identity, morality, health and personhood are expressed and performed.
- Students will examine the ways in which religions and their adherents respond to social, political and economic changes.
- Students will use appropriate methodological tools to formulate scholarly arguments

[授業計画と内容]

The following list of topics is indicative. Depending on the class and discussions, the topics taken into consideration might end up being be fewer. Nevertheless, they will include:

WEEK 1: Course Introduction
WEEK 2: What is "Religion"?
WEEK 3: Debating the Origins of "Religion"
WEEK 4: Cosmology, Animism, Magic, Religion and Spirituality
WEEK 5: Witchcraft, Accusations and an Anthropology of Rumours
WEEK 6: Symbolic Classifications, Pollution, Taboos and the "Sacred"
WEEK 7: The Ritual Turn, Rites of Passage and Communitas
WEEK 8: (Ritual) violence, Social Liminality and Symbols
WEEK 8: The Ways of the Shamans
WEEK 9: Charismatic Leadership
WEEK 10: Embodiment and Spirit Possession

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WEEK 11: Myths, History and Social Memory
WEEK 12: Religion and Material Culture
WEEK 13: The Environment and the Ecological Approach
WEEK 14: Pilgrimage and Tourism
WEEK 15: Final Test
WEEK 16: Feedback

[履修要件]

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[成績評価の方法・観点]

Contribution to Discussions (20%)
Final Examination (80%)

[教科書]

授業中に指示する

[参考書等]

（参考書）
授業中に紹介する

[授業外学修（予習・復習）等]

Students are expected to have read the assignments before class and be ready to discuss them.

[その他（オフィスアワー等）]

The list of topics above is indicative and rather optimistic. Depending on how long class discussions go on, the number of topics might be reduced. Needless to say, the final test will cover only the topics introduced during classes.

[主要授業科目（学部・学科名）]