



V-SAK 14/25: Endring i pensum for SOSANT1300 – Economic Anthropology

Saken legges frem for Programrådet:

- ☒ Til behandling
- ☐ Til orientering
- ☐ Til diskusjon
- ☐ Til uttalelse

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Forslag til vedtak: Programrådet godkjenner pensumendringene for SOSANT1300 – Economic Anthropology.

Foreslåtte endringer i pensum

Sist gjeldende pensumliste: [Pensum høst 2024](#)

Følgende tekster tas ut:

Ong, Aihwa. (1988). The Production of Possession: Spirits and the Multinational Corporation in Malaysia. *American ethnologist*, 15(1), 28-42 (14 sider).

<https://doi.org/10.1525/ae.1988.15.1.02a00030>

Rakopoulos, Theodoros. (2018). *From Clans to Co-ops: Confiscated Mafia Land in Sicily*.

Berghahn. (216 sider.) <https://hdl.handle.net/1956/18188>



Følgende tekster tas inn:

Holmes, Seth M. (2013). *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*.

University of California Press. (234 sider.) <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb33915.0001.001>

Meyer, Birgit. (1998). Commodities and the Power of Prayer: Pentecostalist Attitudes Towards Consumption in Contemporary Ghana. *Development and change*, 29(4), 751-776 (25 sider).

<https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-7660.00098>

Begrunnelse for endringene v/emneansvarlig

As the person who will be teaching the course this semester, I would like to propose 2 small changes to the syllabus as it is currently constituted.

First – I would like to propose swapping the paper by Ong in Week 5 for the article *Commodities and the Power of Prayer* by Meyer. Meyer's paper adds an important Africanist perspective to complement the East Asian perspective in the readings for this week that is already provided in Scott's work. In addition, Ong's paper, although striking and important, in many regards largely reproduces the standard 'fetish' perspective already provided in Taussig in the previous lecture, whereas Meyer provides a related yet diverging perspective that attempts to engage with the economic constitutive powers of religious thought in a different way.

Secondly – I would like to propose replacing the book by Rakopoulos in week 10 with Seth Holmes *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies*. We have taught this book in previous years, and it has always been very well received by students and opens up a number of important theoretical discussions. Rakopoulos' book is also an interesting book, but it is predominantly on the syllabus as it makes sense for him to teach it when he is teaching the course. This is a very good pedagogical technique and can lead to very good discussions when students enjoy engaging with the book's author. That will not be the case this year, however, and my ability to engage with the topics in this book are limited as they do not overlap with my research expertise. Holmes' book is very timely now with the revival of interest in tariffs and restrictions on labour migration and I feel I would do a far better job of engaging students with this work. If Rakopoulos were to take over this course again, I think it would make a lot of sense for him to go back to teaching his book and to put the book back on the syllabus, but I do not think I would do a very good job of teaching it.



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I would like to propose these two small changes. If for some reason there is disagreement with this, I would like to add the two texts I have mentioned as optional or supplementary readings so that I can briefly refer to them in class as they both help to open up discussions that I feel would be important.