

Anthropology and Sociology of Development (ANSO)

Academic year 2016 - 2017

Marcel Mauss and International Relations

ANSO076 - Spring - 3 ECTS
Friday (room S1)

Course Description

Marcel Mauss is one of the most famous anthropologists, whose legacy extends to the fields of legal anthropology, socio-anthropology of market exchanges, state and empires, rituals and religion. More rarely has he been perceived as a theoretician of international relations. This course is a research seminar devoted to the analysis of Marcel Mauss's old and most recently published writings (once written in the interwar period but never published) that deal with the formation of a society of states, international solidarity, and the emergence of international customary law. The class will explore how Marcel Mauss's thinking on international relations has had a hidden but rich legacy among international law scholars and international relations experts and governmental officials, starting with the colonial era up until the most recent sovereign debt crises. In so doing, the class will show how anthropology as a discipline participated in the creation of governmental ideas and knowledge formation in the international realm.

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Syllabus

This class is a research seminar. Students have to read all the assigned articles and chapters before coming to class. Student participation is deeply essential to the good functioning of the class. The grade will be assigned as follows : 10% of the grade will depend on participation ; 45% will depend on completion of 3 short papers (as each week, except for the first week, students have to choose one book and write a 3 pages report on the book) ; and 45 % will depend on a final paper.

Classes

Friday 24, 2017 : Anthropology and Colonialism

4:15 pm-6 pm ;

Asad, Talal (ed.). 1973. *Anthropology and the Colonial Encounter*. Ithaca: Ithaca Press.
Talal Asad pp. 9-20 ; Wendy James pp. 41-70 ; Talal Asad pp. 103-120.

Steinmetz, George. 2013. *Sociology and Empire: The Imperial Entanglements of a Discipline*.
Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Friday March 3, 2017 : Mauss : Various perspectives on the Gift

2 classes

12 :15 pm- 2 pm ; Historicizing the Gift in the Anthropological Tradition

Discussion with Isabelle Schulte-Tenckhoff,

Marcel Mauss. 1950 [1925]. "Essai sur le don." Pp. 143-279 in *Sociologie et anthropologie*. Paris: PUF.

Marcel Mauss. 1990 [1925]. *The Gift: The Form and Reason for Exchange in Archaic Societies*. Translated by W.D. Halls. London: Routledge.

Mauss, Marcel 2016 *The Gift*. Expanded Edition, selected, annotated and translated by Jane I Guyer, Foreword by Bill Maurer, Introduction by Jane I Guyer. Chicago: Hau Books.

Liebersohn, Harry. 2011. *The Return of the Gift: European History of a Global Idea*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Schulte-Tenckhoff, Isabelle. 2001. "Misrepresenting the Potlatch." Pp. 167-187 in *Expanding the Economic Concept of Exchange*, edited by Caroline Gerschlager. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Sigaud, Lygia. 2002. "The vicissitudes of *The Gift*." *Social Anthropology*. 10(3):335-358

2:15 pm - 4 pm ; Contemporary anthropological perspectives on The Gift

Discussion with Filipe Calvao

Sahlins, Marshall, (1974) "The Spirit of the Gift" from Sahlins, Marshall, *Stone age economics* pp.149-183, London: Tavistock Publications

Sundararajan, Arun. 2016. "The Sharing Economy, Market Economies, and Gift Economies", in *The Sharing Economy* (pp. 23-45, but mainly 35-45)

Rajak, Dinah. 2009/2011 "The Gift of CSR: power and the pursuit of responsibility in the mining industry"

Hart, Keith. 2007. "Marcel Mauss: Our guide to the future."
<http://thememorybank.co.uk/2007/03/20/marcel-mauss-our-guide-to-the-future/>

Graeber, David. 2000. "Give it Away." Inthesetimes,
<https://inthesetimes.com/issue/24/19/graeber2419.html>

Friday March 17, 2017 : Mauss and the Maussians on Colonialism and Inter-Nationalism

2 classes

12 :15 pm- 2 pm ; *La Nation*

Discussion with Jean Terrier

Terrier, Jean and Marcel Fournier. 2013. "Présentation: *La Nation*, une expédition dans le domaine du normatif." Pp. 1-42 in *La Nation*, by Marcel Mauss. Paris: PUF.

Marcel Mauss. 2013. *La Nation*. Paris: PUF. Part II, Chapter 2 and 3, Pp. 151-240.

Lainer-Vos. 2012. "Manufacturing national attachments: gift-giving, market exchange and the construction of Irish and Zionist diaspora bonds." *Theory and Society*. 41: 73.

2:15 pm - 4 pm ;

Grégoire Mallard. In preparation. *The Gift Revisited: Marcel Mauss, His Disciples and the Politics of Sovereignty*. Book manuscript.

Friday March 31, 2017 : Anthropology and Colonialism in the British and German contexts

2 classes

12 :15 pm- 2 pm ;

Marc Flandreau. 2016. *Anthropologists in the Stock Exchange: A Financial History of Victorian Science*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

2:15 pm - 4 pm ;

Steinmetz, George. 2008. "The Colonial State as a Social Field: Ethnographic Capital and Native Policy in the German Overseas Empire Before 1914." *American Sociological Review*. 73(4):589–612.

Steinmetz, George. 2007. *The Devil's Handwriting: Precoloniality and the German Colonial State in Qingdao, Samoa and Southwest Africa*, Chicago, The University of Chicago Press.