

Anthropological Perspectives on Organizations (SAM 211)

Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, advanced level course

Spring semester 2014 (May 5 – June 5)

Lecturers: Christina Garsten and Anette Nyqvist

Course literature

Bate S.P. 1997. 'Whatever happened to organizational anthropology? A review of the field of organizational ethnography and anthropological studies'. *Human Relations*, 50 (9): 1147-1175.

Dow, J. (1973) 'On the muddled concept of corporation in anthropology', *American Anthropologist*, New Series, Vol. 75, No. 3, pp. 904-908.

Engle Merry, Sally. 2011. 'Measuring the world: Indicators, human rights, and global governance', *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 52, S3, pp. S83-S95.

Garsten, C. & A. Nyqvist, eds. 2013. *Organisational Anthropology: Doing Ethnography In and Among Complex Organisations*. London: Pluto.

Noon, Mike and Rick Delbridge. 1993. 'News from behind my hand: Gossip in organizations', *Organization Studies* 4(1): 23-36.

Rajak, D. 2011. *In Good Company: An Anatomy of Corporate Social Responsibility*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Wedel, J., C. Shore, G. Feldman and S. Lathrop. 2005. 'Toward an anthropology of public policy', *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 600, No. 1, pp. 30– 51.

Lectures and seminars with reading instructions

Introductory lecture

Monday May 5, 10.00-12.00 in E379

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Lecture 1: The state and bureaucratic organizations

Readings: Chapters 1, 6 and 7 in Garsten & Nyqvist (2013) and articles by Engle Merry (2011) and Wedel et.al. (2005).

Lecture 1: Tuesday May 6, 10.00-12.00 in E379

Seminar 1: Friday May 9, 10.00-12.00 in F355

* Extra lecture I: Wednesday May 7, 10.00-12.00 in B600 with Prof. J. Saris “Growing Appetites and Hungry Subjects: Addicts, the Undead, and the Long Arc of History in Western Social Science”

* Extra “lecture” II: Thursday May 8, 10.00-12.00 in B3 with Hans Tunestad’s dissertation “The Psychological Toolbox as Rationalization Device during the Third Industrial Revolution in Sweden”

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Lecture 2: The corporation

Readings: Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Garsten & Nyqvist (2013) and articles by Dow (1973) and Bate (1997).

Lecture 2: Monday May 12, 10.00-12.00 in E355

Seminar 2: Thursday May 15, 10.00-12.00 in D263

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Lecture 3: Networks, informality/informality with Christina Garsten

Readings: Chapters 9, 12 and 14 in Garsten & Nyqvist (2013) and article by Noon & Delbridge (1993).

Lecture 3: Monday May 19, 10.00-12.00 in F255

Seminar 3: Wednesday May 21, 10.00-12.00 in D263

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Lecture 4: Business and ethics

Readings: Rajak (2011).

Lecture 4: Thursday May 22, 13.00-14.00 in F371

Seminar 4: Wednesday May 28, 13.00-15.00 in D255

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Deadline home exam 1 "Paper" – Thursday May 22, by midnight (e-mail lecturers)

Deadline home exam 2 "Essay" – Thursday June 5, 13.00-15.00 (to Student Office)