

## **ANTH 4210/5215**

Lecture Time: Wednesday 14.30-16.15

Lecture Room: UCA\_104 (Tsang Shiu Tim Building)

Tutorial: Wednesday 16.30-17.15 – MA (UCA\_104)

Wednesday 17.30-18.15 – UG (UCC\_109 – T.C. Cheng Building)

### **ETHNIC GROUPS, ETHNIC RELATIONS AND IDENTITIES**

Interdisciplinary course aimed at investigating ethnicity and identity in relation to international migration in Hong Kong and globally. The course will offer a broad introduction to key theories and themes in ethnicity and migration situated in ethnographic research and practical experience for students to acquire analytical tools to think critically about where and how we position ourselves in our communities. The course will touch upon issues of cross-border mobility, social/ethnic boundaries, and diversity. The urban, asylum, and labour, will be given particular attention, to unpack why ethnicity seems to matter today more than it ever did.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

This course will allow students,

1. to understand and articulate ethnicity and identity in relation to mobility,
2. to understand individual and group experiences relating to ethnicity within local and global cultural and social contexts,
3. to critically interrogate societies in light of individual and group identities.

#### **Assessment:**

##### **1. Class/tutorial participation and discussion (20%)**

Students are expected to read the assigned readings for the week, prior to attending class, and to contribute to class discussions. Be mindful the classroom is a safe environment for the exchange of ideas. Students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials.

##### **2. Leading tutorial discussion (20%)**

Students are expected to be responsible for leading one tutorial discussion, either individually or in groups. This normally comprises a short presentation to engage classmates to explore the topic at hand and formulate a line of inquiry that can open a space for discussion. The point is to stimulate and invite tutorial participants to jointly interrogate issues and experiences that are relevant and of interest for everyone. Any materials can be used, such as newspaper cuttings, pictures, video clips etc.

##### **3. Mid-term Essay (1500 words for UG, 2000 words for MA students) (30%)**

Students will have to write one essay on a topic of their choosing relating to the course due on 9 November. Students are expected to integrate class readings to formulate their own analysis and argument and are encouraged to use other sources of information as well.

##### **4. Take-home Exam (30%)**

Questions for the take-home exam will be given on the last day of class. Students will have 14 days to complete this assignment, which will be due on 14 December.

#### **Plagiarism:**

Students are required by university policy to submit all papers to VeriGuide (the Chinese University Plagiarism Identification Engine System). For more information go to

<https://academic2.veriguide.org/portalcuhk/> and check the website

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academic honesty/> for more information about plagiarism and VeriGuide.

## Grade descriptors:

Grade	Overall course
A	Outstanding performance on all learning outcomes.
A-	Generally outstanding performance on all (or almost all) learning outcomes.
B	Substantial performance on all learning outcomes, OR high performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.
C	Satisfactory performance on most learning outcomes, possibly with a few weaknesses.
D	Barely satisfactory performance on several learning outcomes
F	Unsatisfactory performance on several learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirements.

## Course structure:

Readings marked with a \* are required readings for MA students and optional for UG students.  
Readings marked (suggested) are optional for MA and UG students.

### **W1 7 Sep Introduction**

Cornell, S. and Hartmann, D. (2007) *Ethnicity and Race: making identities in a changing world*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press: 1-12.

### **W2 14 Sep Explaining ethnicity**

Wimmer, A. (2009) "Herder's Heritage and the Boundary-making Approach: Studying Ethnicity in Immigrant Societies", *Sociological Theory*, 27(3):244-270.

\* Bissoondath, N. (1994) Chapter 2, *Selling Illusions: The Cult of Multiculturalism in Canada*, London, Penguin Books: 8-27.

(suggested) Li, X. (1995) "A Response to Neil Bissoondath's Illusions", *Journal of Canadian Studies*, 30(2): 130-137.

### **W3 21 Sep Explaining identities**

Jenkins, R. (2014) "Identity Matters", in R. Jenkins, *Social Identity*, Abingdon, Routledge: 1-16.

Pegler-Gordon, A. (2009) *In Sight of America: Photography and the Development of US Immigration Policy*, Berkley, University of California Press: 42-57.

\* Sadiq, K. (2009) "Blurred Membership", in K. Sadiq, *Paper Citizens: How Illegal Immigrants Acquire Citizenship in Developing Countries*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 71-100.

### **W4 28 Sep Explaining mobility**

Brettel, C. B. (2015) "Theorizing Migration in Anthropology: The Cultural, Social, and Phenomenological Dimensions of Movement", in C. B. Brettel and J. F. Hollifield (eds) *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Abingdon, Routledge: 148-197.

### **W5 5 Oct Consuming ethnicity, forming identities**

Law, K. Y. and Lee, K. M. (2013) "Socio-political Embeddings of South Asian Ethnic Minorities' Economic Situations in Hong Kong", *Journal of Contemporary China*, 22(84): 984-1005.

Cheng, S. (2001) "Consuming Places in Hong Kong: Experiencing Lan Kwai Fong", in G. Mathews and T. L. Lui (eds) *Consuming Hong Kong*, Hong Kong, Hong Kong University Press: 237-262.

\*Mathews, G. (2011) "People", in G. Mathews, *Ghetto at the Centre of the World: Chungking Mansions, Hong Kong*, Hong Kong, Hong Kong University Press: 57-103.

**W6 12 Oct Law and ethnicity**

Bosworth, M. (2014) "Recognition and Belonging in an Age of Deportation", in M. Bosworth, *Inside Immigration Detention*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 86-108.

\* Calavita, K. (2010) "The Color of Law", in K. Calavita, *Invitation to Law & Society*, Chicago, The University of Chicago Press: 51-73.

**W7 19 Oct Ethnic domestic work I**

Salazar Parreñas, R. (2001) "The Dislocations of Migrant Filipina Domestic Workers", in R. Salazar Parreñas, *Servants of Globalization: Women, Migration and Domestic Work*, Stanford, Stanford University Press: 23-36.

Kim, Y-S. (2018) "Care Work and Ethnic Boundary Marking in South Korea", *Critical Sociology*, 44(7-8): 1045-1059.

**W8 26 Oct Ethnic domestic work II**

Ladegaard, H. J. (2013) "Demonising the Cultural Other: Legitimising Dehumanisation of Foreign Domestic Helpers in the Hong Kong Press", *Discourse, Context and Media*, 2: 131-140.

\*Ellerman, M-L. (2017) "The Power of Everyday Subordination: Exploring the Silencing and Disempowerment of Chinese Migrant Domestic Workers", *Critical Asian Studies*, 49(2): 187-206.

**W9 2 Nov Ethnic marriage**

Chan, Y. W. (2011) "The Repatriated: From Refugee Migration to Marriage Migration", in Y. W. Chan (ed.) *The Chinese/Vietnamese Diaspora: Revisiting the Boat People*, London, Routledge: 161-171.

Freeman, C. (2005) "Marrying Up and Marrying Down: The Paradoxes of Marital Mobility for Chosŏnjok Brides in South Korea", in N. Constable (ed.) *Cross-Border Marriages: Gender and Mobility in Transnational Asia*, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press: 80-100.

**W10 9 Nov Ethnic religion**

Huang, Y. and Hsiao, I-h. (2015) "Chinese evangelists on the move: space, authority, and ethnicisation among overseas Chinese Protestant Christians", *Social Compass*, 62(3): 379-395.

\* Woo, T. (2010) "Chinese Popular Religion in Diaspora: A Case Study of Shrines in Toronto's Chinatowns", *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, 39(2): 51-177.

**W11 16 Nov Asylum and ethnic illegality**

Khosravi, S. (2010) "The Invisible Border", in S. Khosravi, *'Illegal Traveller': An Auto-ethnography of Borders*, Houndmills, Palgrave Macmillan: 69-84.

Sigona, N. (2012) “‘I Have Too Much Baggage’: The Impacts of Legal Status on the Social Worlds of Irregular Migrants”, *Social Anthropology*, 20(1): 50-65.

**W12 23 Nov Ethnic entrepreneurship**

Aldrich, H. E. and Waldinger, R. (1990) “Ethnicity and Entrepreneurship”, *Annual Review of Sociology*, 16: 111-135.

Milgram, B. L. (2012) “From Secondhand Clothing to Cosmetics: How Philippine-Hong Kong Entrepreneurs Fill Gaps in Cross-border Trade”, in G. Mathews, G. L. Ribeiro and C. Alba Vega (eds.) *Globalization from Below: The World’s Other Economy*, London, Routledge: 120-137.

(suggested) Lee, R. (2018) “Who does the dishes? Precarious employment and ethnic solidarity among restaurant workers in Los Angeles’ Chinese enclave”, *Ethnicities*, online first.

**W13 30 Nov Review and conclusion**