Faculty presenters:

Ram Mahalingam, Psychology
Justin Barrett, Psychology
Joe Henrich, Anthropology/Organizational Behavior

The following syllabus has been developed to provide: a) a structured, comprehensive (if brief) introduction to fundamental issues in the study of culture and cognition; b) informative lectures by faculty as well as sufficient time for student response and unstructured open discussion; and c) bibliographic guidance for further study on individual topics.

Class time will be managed as follows: class will begin promptly at 9:00. Please arrive at 8:45 to have coffee and refreshments, and be prepared to start at 9:00. A faculty member will speak until approximately 9:45 on the topic of the day. Students should send reflection questions and comments by email to the faculty no later than Thursday morning so that the faculty could respond to them as part of the opening lecture. Between 9:45 and 10:30 the floor will be open for discussion of the topics proposed.

9/08/00 Introduction: Goals and structure of program, course

9/15/00 Sociocultural Approaches to Culture and Cognition (Ram)

READING:

FURTHER READINGS:


9/22/00   Evolutionary Approaches to Culture and Cognition (Joe)

READING:
   (www.psych.ucsb.edu/research/). Students should take a look at the website.

FURTHER READINGS:

   Oxford University Press.


   Perspective, Aldine de Gruyter.

9/29/00   Culture and Cognition (Justin)

Reading:
   the Study of Religion 8, 171-190.

FURTHER READINGS:
   Sperber, D. & Hirschfeld, L. “Culture, Cognition, and Evolution”
   http://www.dan.sperber.com/mitecs.htm

10/6/00   Cultural Psychology: Research Methods (Ram)

READING:

   Berry, J.W., Poortinga, Y. H., Pandey, J. (Eds.) Handbook of cross-cultural psychology,

FURTHER READINGS:


   Allyn & Bacon.
10/13/00 Anthropological Field Methods (Joe)

READINGS:


FURTHER READING:


10/20/00 Cross-Cultural psychological research (Justin)

READING:


FURTHER READING:


10/27/00 Culture and Learning (Ram)

READING:


FURTHER READINGS:


11/3/00 Nativism (Justin)

READING:


FURTHER READINGS:


11/10/00 Cultural evolution, mimetics, and the epidemiology of representations

READING:

Boyd, Robert and Richerson, Peter. “Culture is real and important” (manuscript)

FURTHER READINGS:


11/17/00 Culture and Cognition in non-human primates and other animals (Joe)

READINGS:


FURTHER READINGS


12/1/00 Levels of representation (Justin)

READING:

FURTHER READINGS:


12/08/00 Culture and Self (Ram)

READING:

FURTHER READINGS:

