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Understanding Global Cultures Week 7

Midterm Exam

Malaysia

Culture-Bound Syndromes

"Normal" / "Abnormal"



Canadian Thanksgiving

9 October 2017

[Second Monday in October]

**The first business of the week, on Tuesday,
is the Midterm Exam.**

The Midterm Exam is Tuesday, 10 October 2017. Live Chat, for last-minute questions, is Monday at 7:00 p.m. Other Information on the Midterm Exam is available at http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth1095/exams_midterm.html#title.


 [Live Chat -- Review for Midterm Exam, Monday, 9 October 2017, from 7:00 - 8:00 CDT](#)

Don't forget . . . that you can use the information in the class **Midterm wiki as study questions for the Midterm**. Your questions are annotated; be sure to read my comments and suggestions about the questions. I will have added a couple of questions. The Midterm will be **four essay questions**, selected from a pool generated from those included in the wiki:

 [Wiki: StudyQuestions for the Midterm Exam](#)

The final pool of questions generally contains 11-15 questions, all taken from the annotated wiki list of questions, including at least one current affairs question that I will add. [The final pool of questions will not include more than one question on the same (or essentially similar question), which is why it usually ends up with 11-15 questions].]



 [MIDTERM EXAM](#) -- Timed at 75 minutes. Tuesday, 10 October 2017 (the timing will start after you read the introduction, when you say 'go')

After the Midterm Exam—and for much of **the remainder of the term**—we'll be spending most of the time, up until we begin your **class presentations**, examining **cultures around the world**.

On Thursday, before we continue having a look Italy—and our focus on deconstructing the making

of a cultural metaphor—we’ll have a look at **Malaysia** [including “News of the Week” from Malaysia (and Israel)] and a *very* interesting “culture-bound psychological syndrome” known as *Latah*—a startle reflex reaction.

Thursday news feature of the week also features **Malaysia** ...

Week 7 Day 14, Thursday, 15 October 2015

Malaysia > Corrin

[News Media](#) | [Country Profiles](#)

[The CIA World Factbook > Malaysia](#)

[BBC News > Malaysia Profile](#) | [Malaysia Timeline](#)

Week 7 Day 14, Thursday, 12 October 2017

Israel > Michaela A.

[News Media](#) | [Country Profiles](#)

[The CIA World Factbook > Israel](#)

[BBC News > Israel Profile](#) | [Israel Timeline](#)

If have not yet heard about your “**Promissory Abstract**”, and **Working Bibliography**, you will be hearing about it shortly.

Your **Assignments and Activities listings** are available in the **Week 7 Block** of your **Moodle** folder.

This week the Assignments and Activities include . . .



After the Exam Take the Two (Very Short) Selective Attention Tests in Preparation for Watching Remaining Videos

Selective Attention Test


<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo>



The Monkey Business Illusion

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZfY



 **[Response to the film *Latah: A Culture Specific Elaboration of the Startle Reflex*](#)** (Due by the end of Week 7—Saturday, 14 October 2017; Your Name Will Be Logged) Feedback



 **Go back and look over your Midterm Exam, including your answers.**

Review . . .



[Writing Essays for Exams](#)

[Test Taking Strategies](#)

- Have a look at the class response to the videos . . .
 -  [Results--After Winter, Spring f2017](#)
 -  [Results--Strange Relations f2017](#)

For Fun:

This week's trivia question:

How many languages are spoken in the city of London?



Answer

If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the **Moodle** "QUICKMAIL", "Messenger" or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop in before class across the hall in Cina 215.

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

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