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Peoples and Cultures of Europe Week 9

“Ireland / Belgium”

“How the Myth was Made” / Morris Levy

Welcome back to Spring Semester. I hope you had a grand Spring Break.

This week it’s time to sign up for your class presentation (see below).

This week we start off by taking a short break from Ireland to visit Belgium with Morris Levy, Associate Professor, Biomechanics, Health, Physical Education and Recreation. (Prof. Levy was originally scheduled for Thursday). Morris grew up in Belgium, and returns there regularly to visit friends and family, to do research, and to teach. He’ll give us an overview of his motherland, talk about changes he’s seen over the years, and answer your questions. **From year to year, Morris continues to be one of the most popular “events” of the semester. Be sure not to miss him.**

On Thursday we’ll continue having a look at Ireland, focusing on **“How the Myth was Made”**—visiting along the way with the folks on the Aran Islands to see what they think of Robert Flaherty’s *Man of Aran*.

Man of Aran created lasting images and formulated the insular people of Ireland as a popular myth. What do the people of the Aran Islands think about that? We’ll see.

Week 10 we’ll return to Ireland to visit Inish Óirr (aka *Inish Beag*), the smallest of the three Aran Islands. We’ll visit the knitters of the famous “Irish Fisherman Sweaters”, and have a look around the island, and “the mainland”, before we say *Slán agat* and head out to sunny Italy.

Our course developer, has prepared an on-line survey of the class.

Please help us by filling it out honestly, and promptly. Your views are very important in the future development of this course.

Take the Student Survey:

We greatly appreciate your participation in the course survey. If you didn't fill the Student Survey out yet, please do that (with the "Activities" for Week 8)



<https://ay14.moodle.umn.edu/mod/feedback/view.php?id=389490>

Rate and Rank the Film/Video

-  [Response to the film "How the Myth was Made" \(Due End of Week 9, Friday, 27 March 2015; Your Name Will Be Logged\) Feedback](#)



Share your ideas with others. It's always a good idea to share your ideas with others. You can discuss them on-line with the others in class. And you should do that.

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-  [Live chat for Project Collaboration](#) (NOTE: This is NOT the link for the Exam Live Chats)
 -  [Wiki for Project Collaboration](#)
 -  [General Student Discussion Area Forum](#)
- QUICKMAIL (see **Moodle** sidebar)

The above items will be found at the top of your **Moodle** folder under “Student Collaboration Space”.

A major part of this course is your research project—not just for the points, but because researching a topic you are interested in and presenting your findings to others, and then writing the results up as a formal paper, is one of the best ways to learn things. (Lectures, as it turns out, research suggests, are one of the worst ways—keeping in mind that one must separate “learning” from the “*perception* of learning.”) So this week be sure to spend some time working on your **Paper and Presentation**. (Remember that your Presentation is a “work in progress” report on your paper.)

If I can be of help with your project, please let me know.

Sign up for your Class Presentation Time

(See Week 9 Activities).

(Sign up for one time slot selected from the following days)

(Right now there are enough time slots for everyone to sign up. Do not wait until the last minute, or until after the Presentation Sessions have gone by, and then argue that you cannot give your presentation because there is not a time available.)

(Sign up for one time slot selected from the following days)

The **class Presentations WebPage**, if you would like to review, is at

<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3635/ceproject.html#title>.

-  [Sign up for Class Presentations Session I: Week 13 Day 25, Tuesday, 21 April 2015 URL](#)
-  [Sign up for Class Presentations Session II: Week 13 Day 26, Thursday, 23 April 2015 URL](#)
-  [Sign up for Class Presentations Session III: Week 14 Day 27, Tuesday, 28 April 2015 URL](#)
-  [Sign up for Class Presentations Session IV: Week 14 Day 28, Thursday, 30 April 2015 URL](#)

Remember to check the results of the class Video Responses from earlier weeks when they close. You can find the results in the **Moodle** Blocks where they first appeared. This week have a look at . . .

-  [Results--Kypseli I s2015 File resource](#)
-  [Results--Life Chances: Four Families in a Changing Cypriot Village s2015 File resource](#)
-  [Results--Süleyman the Magnificent s2015 File resource](#)
-  [Results--The Buried Mirror: The Virgin and the Bull s2015 File resource](#)
-  [Results--"Strange Relations" s2015 File resource](#)
-  [Results--Man of Aran s2015 File resource](#)

In the meantime, if you have any general or specific questions, please let me know <mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu>.

Your **Topics** and **Reading Assignments Listings** are available in the Week 9 Block of your **Moodle** folder. **Activities** are listed in your **Moodle** folder.

Best Regards,

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