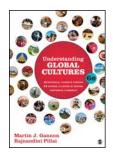
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Anthropology of Europe Week 8 (Module 8)



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What's Happening this Week . . .

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

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In the News . . .

Media Bias Chart 2

Live Chat: Open Forum / Office Hours

Contact Information

This Week's Video Explorations

Real People . . . Real Places . . .

Videos for the Semester

Man of Aran

"How the Myth was Made"

This Week's Slides

Class Slides for the Semester
There are no new slides this week.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the Semester REM: Textbooks

Other Assignment Information

Main Due Dates 🛂

Calendar

Week 8 (Module 8) Calendar

Midterm Exam Review

Extra Credit Options

Take the Student Survey this Week

(If you haven't already done so)

Block Out Some Time to Work on Your Project

For other optional items for the week check "Calendar" or "Syllabus"
Questions? Comments?

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China - David D.

Singapore - Amy H.

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Contact Information 2

Tuesday, 2 March 2021 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m. (CDT)

"<u>ZOOM</u>" **⊻**

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Live Chat is optional.

Video Explorations

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Videos for the Semester

Ireland

One of the great films of all time is Robert Flaherty's Man of

Aran. It's a classic, from just this side of silent movie days. *Man of Aran* is also a "Master Text" for Ireland and for Anthropology of Europe as a whole. *Man of Aran* did almost *all* of those things "Master Texts" and "Classics" are supposed to do—including create lasting images that become the popular conceptions of a people, and **it formulated the people as myth**.

We'll have a look at *Man of Aran* on Tuesday. On Thursday we'll listen to what the Aran Island people have to say about "their" iconic film. Some of the very same people who "starred" in *Man of Aran*—will tell you what *they* think, in "How the Myth Was Made".

And after we've had a chance to see *Man of Aran* and *How the Myth Was Made* this week, we'll take a walk around *Inis Óirr* (*Inish Beag* to John C. Messenger) and many other parts of the Emerald Isle after Spring Break.

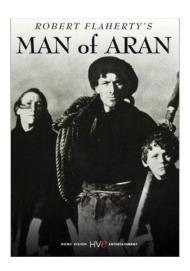
First we'll have a look at Robert Flaherty's Film Classic, and Master Text





course viewing guide

Aran Islands, Ireland



(UM Duluth Martin Library Multimedia DA990.A8 M37 2003 DVD)

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 about that in

"How the Myth was Made"

(60 min, 1978)



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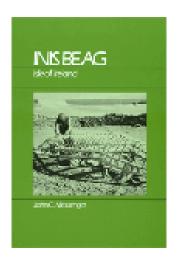
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"... The work of anthropologists is not only to invent, explore, and make useful the general concept of 'culture' but also to invent particular cultures"

-- Roy Wagner (1975), quoted in Susan Parman, Europe in the Anthropological Imagination (1998), p. 2

"How the Myth was Made" is a sixty minute documentary about the making of *Man of Aran*, where you will see the actors themselves reflect on the film, and find out what their neighbors think about it.

A little later we'll visit <u>Inish Óirr</u> (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*.





Scene from Man of Aran

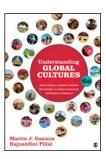
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Textbook: Understanding Global Cultures [™]

PART VIII: THE BASE CULTURE AND ITS DIFFUSION ACROSS BORDERS (CLUSTERS OF NATIONS): THE EXAMPLE OF CHINA

Chapter 23: China's Great Wall and Cross-Cultural Paradox

Chapter 24: The Chinese Family Altar: The Expatriate

(assigned readings are in bold letters)

Chinese Outside of China

Chapter 25: The Singapore Hawker Centers

News-of-the-Week

- China
- Singapore

Video

Man of Aran

(77 min, 1934, B&W)



viewing guide

(UM Duluth Martin Library Multimedia DA990.A8 M37 2003 DVD)

Video

Man of Aran -- selections from and discussions about

"How the Myth was Made"

(77 min, 1934, B&W)



Other Assignment Information

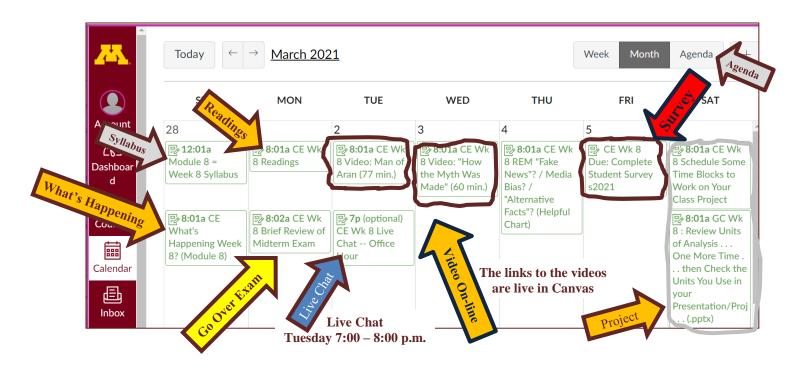
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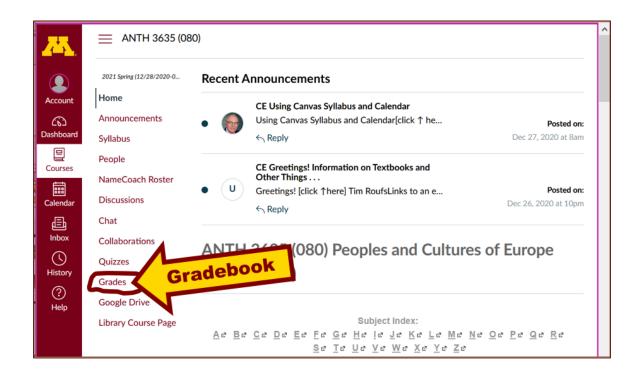
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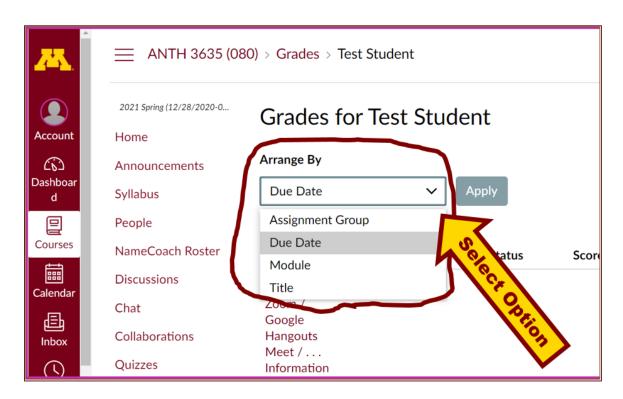
Midterm Exam Review

If you took the exam, check for the results are in your canvas Gradebook (check the left-hand Course Navigation column on your "Home" page).

Then take a little time to go over your Midterm exam—with an eye on the Final Exam. Going over the Midterm oftentimes helps when it comes to preparing for the Final Exam. If you have any questions or comments please let me know.



Set your "Arrange By" preferences in your Gradebook:



Profs "grading" exams is a lot like an ump in Major League Baseball calling balls and strikes. The Major League

rules are clear http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3635/cegrades.html#strikezone as are the stated criteria for written projects and exams

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But, in the end, they are both human judgments.

The biggest difference between a Major League Umpire calling balls and strikes and a professor calling a grade is that you jet ejected from the baseball game if you are argue balls and strikes (see Section 9.02 Official Baseball Rules http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official info/official rules/foreword.jsp> and one *should* really question the prof if they didn't like the call, and that is especially true for midterm exams as one can often learn quite a bit that is helpful for the Final Exam by looking over and discussing a midterm exam.

Maybe a better analogy would be judging **Olympic Figure Skating**, **or Gymnastics**, **or Ski Jumping**, **Diving** and the

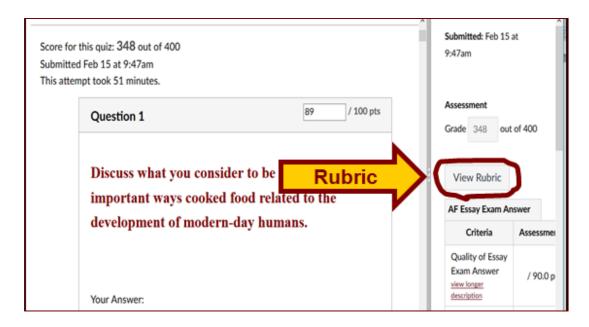
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If your style is to look at charts, the grading "chart" is athttp://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3635/cegrades.html#gradingpolicies.

So if, for whatever reason, you didn't like "the call," e-mail.

Please pay attention to what the numbers mean in terms of the final course letter grade. Click "View Rubric" on the exam page for details.





If you have any questions about the <u>Final Exam</u>, please let me know, or bring them up in canvas.

Extra Credit

If you didn't do quite as well as you might have liked on the Midterm Exam, or if you did better than you even hoped on the Midterm exam but want to "bank" some insurance points for your final course grade, think about doing one (or even two—one of each) of the optional extra credit papers.

There are two Extra Credit options: (A) a case study, and/or

(B) a review of a lecture or event, or an approved film

(*other* than one of the films we see in class). For the review option you may also *compare* two or more films. (Remember from Week 1, one of the main features of anthropology is that it is *comparative*?)

Details on the extra credit are on-line at

Project Time Blocks

If you haven't already done so, *schedule* some serious time blocks to work on your Project. And be sure to ask if you have any questions about your Promissory Abstract, your Working Bibliography, or even about your Proposal itself.

One thing you should already have **started to think about is how you might present your findings**. Generally it is a good idea to pretty much finish your paper before you do too much work on your presentation, but, having said that, it is still a good idea to at least start thinking about what your presentation might be like.

Take the Student Survey

For this week 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. The survey is part of our main "Assignments and Activities" of the week . . .

♥ Student Survey Feedback

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Remember to schedule in some time blocks to work on your Project.

If you have any **questions or comments** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the canvas "Discussions", or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or ZOOM https://umn.zoom.us/my/troufs (E-mail is fastest, and most generally best as quite often URLs need be sent.)

Best Wishes,

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- <other contact information>