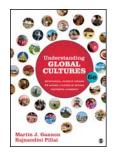
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Anthropology of Europe Week 14 (Module 14)





# What's Happening this Week . . .

### THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

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### In the News . . .

Media Bias Chart

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### **Live Chat: Open Forum / Office Hours**

Contact Information

#### This Week's Video Explorations

Real People . . . Real Places . . .

Videos for the Semester

# Aatsinki: The Story of Arctic Cowboys

(Reindeer Herders of Finnish Lapland) (video: 84 min. CC 2014)

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(24 Video: The Grind [Faroe Islands/Denmark, 29 Min., 2015 CC)

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#### **This Week's Slides**

Class Slides for the Semester

No new slides this week

#### **Readings for the Week**

Readings for the Semester REM: Textbooks

Re-view "The Finnish Sauna"

# **Other Assignment Information**

Main Due Dates 

Calendar 

Calendar

### Week 14 (Module 14) Calendar

REM:

DUE THIS WEEK: **Presentation** 

DUE THIS WEEK: **Term Paper** 

#### **Discussion**

"What Makes Finland and 13 Other European Countries the Happiest Countries in the World?"

For Fun Trivia

"What does Häagen-Dazs mean?"

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

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Tuesday, 13 April 2021 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m. (CDT)

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Live Chat is optional.

# Video Explorations

**Real People . . . Real Places . . .**Videos for the Semester 🛂

# • Aatsinki: The Story of Arctic Cowboys

(Reindeer Herders of Finnish Lapland) (84 min., 2014, CC)

UMD Streaming Videos on-line access 🛂

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course viewing guide

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"Brothers Aarne and Lasse Aatsinki are cowboys of the Arctic. Quiet but good natured, dare-devilish but humble, rugged but gentle, and exceptionally knowledgeable when it comes to their little slice of wilderness. The brothers, along with their wives and children, live well north of the Arctic Circle in Finnish Lapland, where they are the leaders of a collective of traditional reindeer herders who manage the last group of wild reindeer in all of Finland. Aatsinki follows the family for the span of one year, quietly observing their seasonal routines and the difficulties and joys of a life so closely tied to the land. Though, on the surface, Aatsinki is the story of a single family, its underlying narrative is one of global consequences and connections. Between their uncanny understanding of the landscape and their reindeer on the one hand, and their heavy reliance on snowmobiles and helicopters on the other, the herders have been categorized as beacons of sustainability and demons of environmentalism—in essence, poster children for simplicity and technology alike."

#### **Websites:**

#### **Finland**

Sámi (Saami, Sami)

Whales / Dolphins / Porpoises (Cetacea)



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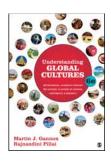
# This Week's Slides

Class Slides for the Semester

No new slides this week

# Readings for the Week

Readings for the Semester REM: Textbooks



Textbook: Understanding Global
Cultures 

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Re-view . . .

PART III: SCANDINAVIAN EGALITARIAN CULTURES

**Chapter 8: The Finnish Sauna** 

(assigned readings are in bold letters)

Video

Aatsinki: The Story of Arctic Cowboys (Reindeer Herders of Finnish Lapland)

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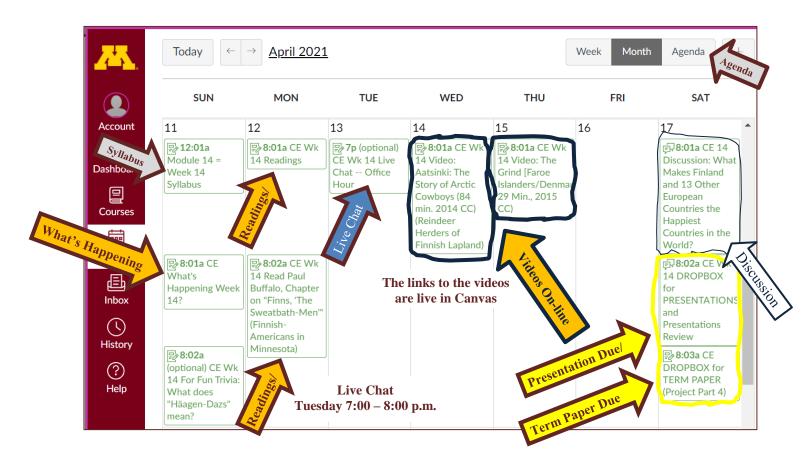
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#### Week 14 (Module 14) Calendar

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REM: Project ... Project ...







<u>Charles Dickens</u> (1842) **Details of Term Paper** 

REM BOTH ARE DUE THIS WEEK:

Work on your Class Presentation and Term Paper

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. Check in on Tuesday's Live Chat at 7:00 p.m., if you like.

# **Discussion Topic**

"What Makes Finland and 13 Other European Countries the Happiest Countries in the World?"

# REM: Course Survey

(from IT)



The friendly folks from Information Technology Systems & Services will be sending you an Invitation to Participate in an online Course Evaluation.

Evaluations are important to me, the Department Head, and the Dean, as well as everyone in our Department.

Please fill the online Course Evaluation out carefully.

Evaluations are anonymous, and will not be seen by the instructor until final grades for this course have been recorded.

Thanks,

**Tim Roufs** 

For Fun Trivia . . .

# This week our trivia question for fun relates to Scandinavian languages . . .

"What does Häagen-Dazs mean?"



- 1. "Happy Days"
- 2. "High Life"
- 3. "Danish Delight"
- 4. It's a Family Name
- 5. Absolutely Nothing

Answer 🛂

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,

#### Tim Roufs

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