Anthropology of Food Week 14

Video Exploration:
In Organic We Trust

1. In Organic We Trust
   (video: 81 min., 2012)

2. DUE: Term Paper
   Saturday, the 30th of November 2019

3. REM: Course Survey
   (from IT)

4. Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner

5. Assignments and Events
   For Fun Food Trivia
This week have a look at

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   ![In Organic We Trust poster]

   **Course Viewing Guide**

2. **DUE: Term Paper**  
   Saturday, the 30th of November 2019

   **Term Paper Information**

   Use Canvas Term Paper Dropbox
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
The big food event of the week is, of course, Thanksgiving. In the United States this week we give a great big collective thanks—

and for most of us that will be for and with the sacrificial offering of a Pre-Columbian New World bird that has been industrialized to the point where it cannot reproduce without the help of humans, and to grow quickly to the point where it can barely walk.** But that stuffed bird might be appropriate, even symbolic (speaking of food symbolism) for the U.S.A. celebration where the participants themselves can often barely walk after eating the sacrificial primal bird and all its trimmings and accompanying dishes. So enjoy that, with a Pre-Columbian cigar if you are so inclined. And don’t forget that Friday is **World Buy Nothing Day** aka “Black Friday”)—a great Global Cultures holiday.


**Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.A. is typically one of the biggest and most "stereotyped" food days of the American ritual year. Some critics have suggested that the Thanksgiving Day meal is about the only time of the year "Americas" have anything like a "cuisine."**

This week in Anthropology of Food we’ll ask you about how you celebrated Thanksgiving this week with food, (or, if you’re not observing Thanksgiving, how you expect to celebrate your next Fall or Winter Festival). If you are observing other special
Fall or Winter events this week and/or next week take notes on your holiday dinner for the “Discussion” Post this week.

Be sure to keep track of your Thanksgiving Day or Winter Festival eats, and check in with your report on the Discussion this week . . .

First give a brief synopses of what you think Thanksgiving in the U.S.A. is all about.

Second, if you celebrate Thanksgiving either with your family or with friends, discuss the items on the menu, including the hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Third describe your Thanksgiving dinner, as if you were explaining to a newly-arrived UMD student from Nepal what it was all about.

Finally, analyze the original source of the items on the menu.

(That is discuss their country/culture of origin--where they were historically first used / domesticated not where you happened to get the items you ate this Thanksgiving).
Again, if you are not in the U.S.A., or do not celebrate the national holiday, do this assignment using whatever is the equivalent of Thanksgiving Day in your country or culture.

5. Assignments and Events

...this week are listed on your "Calendar".

This Week’s "Calendar"

REM: Links on screenshots are not “hot” (active)
AND REM: Clicking on “Agenda” will give you a listings view

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Click “Agenda” for listings
For Fun Food Trivia
this week . . .

”Are you really what you eat?”

REM: Your Term Paper is due this week

REM: contribute your final exam question . . .

If you have any questions right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the Course “Chat”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop by Cina 215

Have a Great Thanksgiving week.

And don’t forget that Friday is World Buy Nothing Day
(in the United States; aka “Black Friday”)

Best Regards,

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