

- Are people shaped by culture?
    - o Last week's themes
      - What is culture? Preliminary definitions
      - Ethnocentrism and cultural relativism
      - Emic and etic perspectives
      - Ethnography as research method and product
      - "The native's point of view" (or natives' points of view)
      - Stories as a form of cultural understanding
    - o Today's themes
      - Questioning the category of culture
        - Is culture circumscribed by place?
          - o Internally differentiated locales
          - o No clear outer boundaries
          - o Diffusion and movements
        - Is culture shared by all members in a group?
          - o "Culture and personality"?
          - o Positioned subjects
          - o Power
        - Does culture persist across time?
          - o Continuities
          - o Acculturation
          - o Ethnocide
            - Their culture has been wiped out, no longer allowed to practice it
        - Is culture authentic?
          - o Performing identity, creative appropriations
- A few cultural continuities in South America
  - o Images from Professor Mark Kenoyer
    - Iconography: Indus Valley seal of meditating yogi
- Contexts for cultural encounter and transformation
  - o Highlands, Papua NG
  - o *First Contact*
  - o Hong Kong
  - o Chungking Mansions
- The film **First Contact**
  - o Documents a colonial encounter
    - Capitalism meeting pre-capitalist society.
  - o How is the film *ethnographic*?
  - o Coercion, deception, and violence on the part of the Australians
  - o Australians' goal: Exploitation, labor, and extraction, rationalized by their superior sense of culture; "bringing civilization to the natives"
  - o Desire for GOODS on both sides; also fear, curiosity
  - o Cultural misunderstanding on both sides

- o Unequal power
- o Gender hierarchy
- o For the Papuans, control of their world is lost.
  
- What is colonialism?
  - o The domination of people in a territory by another group
    - Political
    - Economic
    - Social
      - Distinctions between the colonized and the natives
    - Cultural transformations
      - Bringing civilization to an area
  - o Distinguishes between colonizers and colonized
  - o Can include
    - Private ventures
    - Direct administration by the state
  - o Involves ongoing relations between *metropole/colony*
  
- Colonial transformations
  - o Decimation of indigenous peoples by disease and violence
  - o Transformation of indigenous, pre-capitalist socioeconomic order
  - o Subjection of people and denial of local knowledge
  
- “The Natives”
  - o People who live in a place, who belong to that place
  - o Also used for colonized peoples
  - o Of interest to anthropologists: “The native’s point of view”
  - o Native anthropologists
    - An anthropologist studying an area they are from, their own area
    - Not always exact same → prof. raised in India but in a suburb so still new culture when evaluating rural areas
  
- Decolonization
  - o Papua New Guinea becomes an independent state in 1975
  
- Film: *The Linguists*
  - o In the world there have been 6,000 and 7,000 known languages
  - o Multi-lingualisms (speaking many languages) is more common than single-lingualism
  - o Can be due to population loss, voluntarism, and more
  - o Siberia (people think snow and ice, but it is inhabited)
  - o Russian is killer language, wiping out other Siberian languages
  - o Chulym = one of least documented languages in Siberia
    - Hadn’t been studied since the 1960s and 1970s
    - After two drinks, the Chulym people are drunk (light-weights)
    - Was viewed as a gutter language
      - Weren’t allowed to speak the language in their schools (ashamed of it)
      - Boarding schools have been a major “wiper-outer” of languages

- Basia (cab driver) encouraged the elderly to talk to them in Chulym
  - Start with small words and they automatically begin giving you sentences
  - Uses one word to describe entire sentences
- o **Sora Numbers**
- Base 12 system
    - When saying 13, he says 12 plus one
  - 33= twenty twelve one
  - four twenty twelve one = 93