

The course is a brief introduction to the “object” of Social Anthropology; its history, themes, methods and schools. Apart the general overview of “classical” anthropological themes (such as kinship, economy, politics, myths and symbols) and of researches of great anthropologists on “traditional societies” (F. Boas, E. Evans-Pritchard, J. Frazer, Cl. Lévi-Strauss, Br. Malinowski, M. Mauss etc.), the course intends to show how Sociology and Anthropology are very close indeed (as they were born at the same time, inspired by the same concern: to study human societies; but separating them –according to 19th century beliefs- to “western” and “traditional”, separation which created two different “disciplines”).

Anthropology having experienced special methodologies (participative observation for instance) has enriched the sociological approach of humanity (the sense of “otherness”, the omnipresence of rituals and myths, the importance of symbols in any society, western or “traditional”).

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