History 751  
Symbolic Anthropology and History  
Spring 1987

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Office Hours: Monday 12:00-1:00  
Friday 1:00-2:00

Week 1. Introduction.

Week 2. George Orwell, "Politics and the English Language."  
E.P. Thompson, "Folklore, Anthropology, and Social History."  
Reprinted from the Indian Historical Review, January 1978.  
Bernard Cohn, "Anthropology and History in the 1980s,"  

Weeks 3-4. Case Study on Zambian Cults of Affliction:  
Towards a Sociology of Symbolic Action.

Victor Turner, Schism and Continuity in an African Society,  
chapter 10, "The Politically Integrative Function of Ritual."  
Victor Turner, "Symbols in Ndembu Ritual, from The Forest of Symbols."
Start Chihamba.
Wim Van Binsbergen, chapter on Zambian cults of affliction  
and the articulation of modes of production.

Anita Spring, "Epidemiology of Spirit Possession among the Luvale of Zambia." Pp. 165-190 in Judith Hoch-Smith  
and Anita Spring, Women in Ritual and Symbolic Roles.

Week 5. Clifford Geertz, "Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture," and "Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight," from The Interpretation of Cultures.  
Geertz, "Blurred Genres: The Refiguration of Social Thought." The American Scholar, 1979(?).  
Terence Turner, "Oedipus: Time and Structure in Narrative Form."


Week 8. finish *Body of Power*.

Week 9. Feierman, writings on intellectuals and the history of discourse.


Week 12. Reading period.

