



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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TIC05_DIP_CPS

Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2019/2020

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 12 hours

COURSE TITLE

Pacific Studies

TEACHING PERIOD

1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Cultural Anthropology

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course will provide a general introduction to the societies of the Pacific, about: biogeography (including ecology and environment and the basic geography of the region), history and culture (population, environment-human relationship, linguistic contexts), impact of colonization (settlement to European contact, European contact era, 19th century, colonial era, 20th century); contemporary issue and global dynamics. The anthropological literature on the Pacific will be examined, with reference to the classics of the discipline, to Indigenous Pacific Arts (film, literature, poetry) and to some of the most recent debates. The second half of the course will focus on the Hawaiian Archipelago on four main topics: (i) Sense of Places (ii) Ecological Responsibility, (iii) Land tenure and the historical anthropology of 19th century Hawaii and (iv) Indigenous Sovereignty.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The student will have to familiarize with the main themes of Pacific anthropology, gaining a critical and detailed knowledge of the case studies. The student must know how to apply theoretical knowledge to contemporary issues and learn a comparative method that will enables them to apply these competences in a transversal way. The course will also provide students with an advanced

vocabulary of anthropological and cultural studies. At the end of the course the students will be able to: a) locate and name the island groups, geographic regions, and political entities of Oceania, b) Discuss contemporary environmental, political and cultural issues in the Pacific Islands. c) Prove a profound knowledge of the historical, cultural, environmental and political situation of the Hawaiian Islands today.

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

PhD in Cultural Anthropology. To hold a strong experience in teaching: Anthropology of the Pacific, Language and culture in Oceania and Humans and island dynamics; having done field research in the Pacific (preferably both in French and English speaking area), having a teaching experience in English.

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