In this course students will learn how to use contemporary cultural theory to analyze current anthropological debates. Through a deep engagement with theoretical and ethnographic texts as well as in-class discussions, students will practice how to read, critically analyze, and use cultural theory. Though this class is not designed as a historical survey of anthropological theory, this course does grapple with some of the foundational questions and critical debates that have been central to our discipline. This course places special emphasis on topics such as relativism, cultural difference, cultural rights, racial histories, and identity politics.