

SEMESTER 1

Course Code: ANTH 21213

Course Title: Veddas in Sri Lanka

Credit value: 3

Time Allocation: Lectures 30 hours /Practical 30 hours / Independent learning 90 hours

Type: Compulsory (C)

Intended Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the students will be able to provide a comprehensive account on Sri Lankan Veddas, their culture, social organization and the present issues and challenges faced by them as follows:

AnK 4.1. Introduction; Study and explain the history of Veddas and the mythology on them

Ank 4.2. Classify the Veddas

AnK 4.3. Analyse the present status of Veddas

Course Capsule (Content):

An introduction to Veddas and other primitive communities in Sri Lanka, a physical and Anthropological study on Veddas, social organization of Veddas (family units, relations, marriage etc.) expansion of Sri Lankan Vedda dwellings, material culture of Veddas, faiths and beliefs, arts, burials and magic, social evolution and cultural resource management etc.

Assessment Components and Percentage Marks:

Continuous assessment:	
Assignments , Tutorial, Presenting research papers through visual media	20%
End-semester written examination	80%

Recommended Texts:

Barnard, Alan (Ed.) (2004) *Hunter Gatherers in history, archaeology and anthropology*, Berg Publishers, New York

Brow, James (1978) *Vedda Village of Anuradhapura: the historical anthropology of a community in Sri Lanka*, University of Washington Press, USA

Dharmadasa, K.N.O. and S.W.R. de A. Samarasinghe (Eds.) (1990) *Vanishing Aborigines: Sri Lanka's Veddas in transition*, Vikas Publishers, New Delhi

Seligmann, C.G. and B.Z. (1911) *The Veddas*, Cambridge University Press, UK

Wijesekera, Nandadeva (1986) *වැද්දන්ගේ විකාශන ක්‍රමය*, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Colombo