

**Course code** : ARCH 31414  
**Course title** : Cultural Anthropology and Ethno Archaeology  
**Type** : Core  
**Pre requisites** : None

**Learning Outcome:**

The course is aimed to give a wide knowledge on human culture with special reference to simple and lesser known societies in South Asia, At the end of the course, students will acquire comprehensive understanding on key concepts, methods and data retrieval in anthropology and ethno archaeology.

**Content:**

An introduction to cultural anthropology and ethno archaeology. Physical anthropology. Development of anthropology as a subject. Major anthropological and ethno archaeological studies in Sri Lanka. Linguistic anthropology. Classification and models of human societies. Archaeology of cult. Traditional rituals of Sri Lanka. Principle ethnic groups in the world. Ethnic mosaic of South Asia. History of Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and lesser known ethnic groups in Sri Lanka. Vaddas and Rodiyas of Sri Lanka and other tribes in South Asia. Traditional concepts and customs connected with birth, initiation, marriage ,death, illness and so on with special emphasis on simple societies in the world.

**Teaching and Learning Method:** Lectures, field studies, projects, discussions

**Scheme of Evolution:** 80% for written examination and 20% for assignment

**Recommended Readings:**

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| 01. | ජයසිංහ, ඒ.කේ.ඒ.                                | (2005) | සමාජ මානවවිද්‍යා මූලධර්ම, එස්.ගොඩගේ සහ සහෝදරයෝ, කොළඹ.  |
| 02. | විජේසේකර, නන්දදේව                              | (1986) | ලංකා ජනතාව, ගුණසේන සහ සමාගම, කොළඹ.   |
| 03. | ෆෝඩ්,ඩැරල්                                     | (1966) | ජනම භූමිය, ආර්ථික ක්‍රමය හා සමාජය (සිංහල පරිවර්තනය), රාජ්‍ය භාෂා දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, කොළඹ.             |
| 04. | Barnouw, Victor                                | (1978) | <i>Ethnology</i> , The Dorasey press, Ontario.   |
| 05. | Furer-Haimenborf<br>Christoph Von              | (1966) | <i>South Asian Societies</i> , Sterling publisher, New Delhi.                                      |
| 06. | Gombrich, Richard<br>and Gananath<br>Obesekere | (1990) | <i>Buddhism Transformed: Religious Change in Sri Lanka</i> , Motilal Banarsidass publishers, Delhi |
| 07. | Keesing, R.M.                                  | (1976) | <i>Cultural Anthropology: a Contemporary Perspective</i> , Rinehart, New York.                     |
| 08. | Kottak, Conrad                                 | (2008) | <i>Anthropology: The Exploration of Human Diversity</i> , Mcgrow Hill Higher Education.            |
| 09. | Nanda, Surena                                  | (1980) | <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> , Hostrand, New York.   |
| 10. | Seligman, C. G. and<br>Brenda                  | (1911) | <i>The Veddas</i> , Cambridge University, Cambridge.   |