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Gossip and the Everyday Production of Politics-Niko Besnier 2009-07-08 This text uses an analysis of gossip as political action to develop an understanding of disparate themes, including conflict, power, agency, morality, emotion and gender. It brings together two methodological traditions - microscopic analysis of unelicited interaction and macroscopic interpretation of social practice.

The Oxford Handbook of Gossip and Reputation-Francesca Giardini 2019 Gossip and reputation are core processes in societies and have substantial consequences for individuals, groups, communities, organizations, and markets. Academic studies have found that gossip and reputation have the power to enforce social norms, facilitate cooperation, and act as a means of social control. The key mechanism for the creation, maintenance, and destruction of reputations in everyday life is gossip - evaluative talk about absent third parties. Reputation and gossip are inseparably intertwined, but up until now have been mostly studied in isolation. The Oxford Handbook of Gossip and Reputation fills this intellectual gap, providing an integrated understanding of the foundations of gossip and reputation, as well as outlining a potential framework for future research. Volume editors Francesca Giardini and Rafael Wittek bring together a diverse group of researchers to analyze gossip and reputation from different disciplines, social domains, and levels of analysis. Being the first integrated and comprehensive collection of studies on both phenomena, each of the 25 chapters explores the current research on the antecedents, processes, and outcomes of the gossip-reputation link in contexts as diverse as online markets, non-industrial societies, organizations, social networks, or schools. International in scope, the volume is organized into seven sections devoted to the exploration of a different facet of gossip and reputation. Contributions from eminent experts on gossip and reputation not only help us better understand the complex interplay between two delicate social mechanisms, but also sketch the contours of a long term research agenda by pointing to new problems and newly emerging cross-disciplinary solutions.

Gossip, Markets, and Gender-Tuulikki Pietilä 2007-04-01 "All traders are thieves, especially women traders," people often assured social anthropologist Tuulikki Pietilä during her field work in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, in the mid-1990s. Equally common were stories about businesses who had "bought a spirit" for their enrichment. Pietilä places these and similar comments in the context of the liberalization of the Tanzanian economy that began in the 1980s, when many men and women found themselves newly enmeshed in the burgeoning market economy. Even as emerging private markets strengthened the position of enterprising people, economic resources did not automatically lead to heightened social status. Instead, social recognition remained tied to a complex cultural negotiation through stories and gossip in markets, bars, and neighborhoods. With its rich ethnographic detail, Gossip, Markets, and Gender shows how gossip and the responses to it form an ongoing dialogue through which the moral reputations of trading women and businessmen, and cultural ideas about moral value and gender, are constructed and rethought. By combining a sociolinguistic study of talk, storytelling, and conversation with analysis of gender, the political economy of trading, and the moral economy of personhood, Pietilä reveals a new perspective on the globalization of the market economy and its meaning and impact on the local level. Winner, Aidoo-Snyder Prize, African Studies Association Women's Caucus

Rumor and Communication in Asia in the Internet Age-Greg Dalziel 2013-07-18 New communication technology has transformed the way in which news about key events is communicated. For example, in the immediate aftermath of catastrophic events such as the Mumbai attacks or the Japanese tsunami, partial accounts, accurate and inaccurate facts, rumor and speculation are now very rapidly disseminated across the globe, often ahead of official announcements and formal news reporting. Often in such situations rumours take hold, and continue to characterise events even after more complete, more accurate pictures eventually emerge. This book explores how such rumours are created, disseminated and absorbed in the age of the internet and mobile communications. It includes a wide range of examples and, besides considering the overall processes involved, engages with scholarly debates in the field of media and communication studies.

Genre - Text - Interpretation-Kaarina Koski 2019-01-14 This book presents current discussions on the concept of genre. It introduces innovative, multidisciplinary approaches to contemporary and historical genres, their roles in cultural discourse, how they change, and their relations to each other. The reader is guided into the discussion surrounding this key concept and its history through a general introduction, followed by eighteen chapters that represent a variety of discursive practices as well as analytic methods from several scholarly traditions. This volume will have wide appeal to several academic audiences within the humanities, both in Finland and abroad, and will especially be of interest to scholars of folklore, language and cultural expression.

Fama-Thelma Fenster 2018-08-06 In medieval Europe, the word *fama* denoted both talk (what was commonly said about a person or event) and an individual's ensuing reputation (one's *fama*). Although talk by others was no doubt often feared, it was also valued and even cultivated as a vehicle for shaping one's status. People had to think about how to "manage" their *fama*, which played an essential role in the medieval culture of appearances. At the same time, however, institutions such as law courts and the church, alarmed by the power of talk, sought increasingly to regulate it. Christian moral discourse, literary and visual representation, juristic maxims, and court records reflected concern about talk. This book's authors consider how talk was created and entered into memory. They address such topics as *fama*'s relation to secular law and the preoccupations of the church, its interpretation of social practice.
Our Wealth is Loving Each Other-Karen J. Brison 2007 Our Wealth Is Loving Each Other explores the fluid and context-bound nature of cultural and personal identity among indigenous Fijians. National identity in Fiji often emphasizes a romantic, premodern tradition based on a chiefly hierarchy contrasted to the “individualistic” cultures of Westerners and of Indo-Fijians. But indigenous Fijian villages are generally more concerned with defining their identity vis-a-vis other community members, urban and overseas relatives, and other regions of the country. When people craft self-accounts to justify their position within the indigenous Fijian community, they question and redefine both tradition and modernity. Modernity on the margins is an experience of anxiety-provoking contradictions between competing ideologies—that of international ideologies versus local experiences. Indigenous Fijians have been exposed to global ideas and government programs extolling the virtues of “premodern” communities that place communal good and time-honored tradition over individual gain. But other waves of policy and rhetoric have stressed individual achievement and the need to “shake” individuals out of community bonds to foster economic development. Individuals feel contradictory pressures to be autonomous, achieving individuals and to subordinate self to community and tradition. Karen J. Brison examines traditional kava ceremonies, evangelical church rhetoric, and individual life history narratives to show how individuals draw on a repertoire of narratives from local and international culture to define their identity and sense of self. Our Wealth Is Loving Each Other is appropriate for upper-level students and anyone with an interest in Fiji or anthropology. Book jacket.

Envy, Poison, and Death-Esther Eedinow 2016 This volume explores three trials conducted in Athens in the fourth century BCE; the defendants were all women charged with undertaking ritual activities, but much of the evidence remains a mystery. The author reveals how these trials provide a vivid glimpse of the socio-political environment of Athens during this time.

Alarming Reports-Andrew Armo 2009 This book explores the path of news as it moves through the tangled labyrinth of social identities and asserted interests that lie beyond the page or screen.

The Palgrave Handbook of Anthropological Ritual Studies-Pamela J. Stewart

Retirement Migration-Caroline Oliver 2008 The book is the first ethnographic study of international retirement migration and offers a sometimes surprising picture of the potentials, seductions and limitations of the lifestyles. People envision retirement as freedom from responsibilities through shedding the restrictive shackles of their former selves in a time of life dedicated to fun, friendship, healthy activity and individual fulfillment. However, as Oliver documents, a number of contradictions underpin the pursuits of such a lifestyle. She shows how retirees must balance time-use to achieve both freedom and busy social schedules in their new lifestyles, relationships, and their cultural identities â€“ to balance both the security of nationality with the discovery of the new. Retirement Migration gives a critical insight into the new ways aging identities are experienced by a growing number of older people in Western societies today.

Masculinity, Motherhood, and Mockery-Eric Kline Silverman 2001 An important ethnographic analysis of motherhood in one Melanesian society

Poor Banished Children of Eve-Gale A. Yee 2003 Analyzes four biblical passages (Genesis 2-3, Hosea 1-3, Ezekiel 23, and Proverbs 7) in which a woman is the source or symbol of sin.

Ethnographic Presents-Terence E. Hays 1992-09-24 Life on the frontier suggests excitement, danger, and heroism, not to mention backbreaking labor. All these aspects of exploring the unknown enliven Ethnographic Presents, where the frontier is the Highlands region of what is now Papua New Guinea - a part of the world largely unseen by Westerners as late as 1950. In the next five years a dozen or so pioneering ethnographers followed closely on the heels of “first contact” patrois. Their innovative fieldwork is well documented, and now, in an autobiographical collection that is intimate and richly detailed, we learn what these ethnographers experienced: what being on the frontier was like for them. The anthropologists featured in these seven new essays are Catherine H. Berndt, Ronald M. Berndt, Reo Fortune (by Ann McLean), Robert M. Glass, Marie Reay, D’Arcy Ryan, and James B. Watson. Their pioneering ethnographic adventures are put in historical context by Terence Hays, and a concluding essay by Andrew Strathern points out that this early work among the peoples of the Central Highlands not only influenced all subsequent understanding of Highland cultures but also had a profound impact on the field of anthropology.

Secrecy and Cultural Reality-Gilbert Herdt 2003-06-02 DIVA compelling study of male ritual secrecy and its impact on the cultures of Melanesia and Papua New Guinea /div

Tides of Innovation in Oceania-Elisabetta Gnecci-Ruscone 2017-04-07 Tides of Innovation in Oceania is directly inspired by Epeli Hau‘ofa’s vision of the Pacific as a ‘Sea of Islands’; the image of tides recalls the cyclical movement of waves, with its unpredictable consequences. The authors propose tides of innovation as a fluid concept, unbound and open to many directions. This perspective is explored through ethnographic case studies centered on deeply elaborated analyses of locally inflected agencies involved in different transforming contexts. Three interwoven themes—value, materiality and place—provide a common thread.

Encompassing Others-Edward LiFuna 2001 An investigation of how the advance of capitalism, colonialism, and Christianity has engaged a Melanesian society

A Companion to Linguistic Anthropology-Alessandro Duranti 2008-04-15 A Companion to Linguistic Anthropology provides a series of in-depth explorations of key concepts and approaches by some of the scholars whose work constitutes the theoretical and methodological foundations of the contemporary study of language as culture. Provides a definitive overview of the field of linguistic anthropology, comprised of original contributions by leading scholars in the field Summarizes past and contemporary research across the field and is intended to spur students and scholars to pursue new paths in the field Includes a comprehensive bibliography of over 2000 entries designed as a resource for anyone seeking a guide to the literature of linguistic anthropology

Varieties of Governance in China-Jie Lu 2015 “This book argues that any institution that can efficiently solve the problems of collective action and accountability is able to uphold quality governance in local communities, regardless of their nature and origins. The respective performance of different types of institutions, however, is contingent upon the characteristics of the social environment in which they are embedded. Such social environment characteristics are, in turn, closely shaped by the structural features of the local communities. This book further argues that, among a variety of factors that might have contributed to the structural transformation of rural communities, the most salient is a major phenomenon witnessed in many developing countries: rural-urban migration. More specifically, in local communities with distinct levels of outward migration, community members’ contextualized choices between indigenous relation-based and imposed rule-based institutions for local governance issues are likely to unfold in different ways. This generates distinct dynamics of institutional change in these communities with varying communal structures. This is the first book that uses a coherent framework to simultaneously examine various aspects of rural China’s governance (including public goods provision, conflict resolution, disaster and crisis relief, and raising modest credit and small loans) and covers both formal and informal institutions”–

Melanesian Odysseys-Lisette Josephides 2008-07-01 In a series of epic self-narratives ranging from traditional cultural embodiments to picaresque adventures, Christian epiphanies and a host of interactive strategies and techniques for living, Kewa Highlanders (PNG) attempt to shape and control their selves and their relentlessly changing world. This lively account transcends ethnographic particularity and offers a wide-reaching perspective on the nature of being human. Inverting the analytic logic of her previous work, which sought to uncover what social structures concealed, Josephides focuses instead on the cultural understandings that people make explicit in their actions and speech. Using approaches from philosophy and anthropology, she examines elicitation (how people create their selves and their worlds of “first contact” making explicit) and mimesis (how anthropologists produce ethnographies), to arrive at an unexpected conclusion: that knowledge of self and other alike derives from self-externalization rather than self-introspection.

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The Pacific Islands—Moshe Rapaport 1999 Forty-five contributors offer information on the physical environment, history, culture, population, economy, and living environment of the Pacific islands.

Gossip—Jack Levin 2013-11-11

Hearings—United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Privileges and Elections 1920

Presidential Campaign Expenses—United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Privileges and Elections 1921

The Ex-Prisoner's Dilemma—Andrea M. Leverentz 2014-03-20 When a woman leaves prison, she enters a world of competing messages and conflicting advice. Staff from prison, friends, family members, workers at halfway houses and treatment programs all have something to say about who she is, who she should be, and what she should do. The Ex-Prisoner’s Dilemma offers an in-depth, firsthand look at how the former prisoner manages messages about returning to the community. Over the course of a year, Andrea Leverentz conducted repeated interviews with forty-nine women as they adjusted to life outside of prison and worked to construct new ideas of themselves as former prisoners and as mothers, daughters, sisters, romantic partners, friends, students, and workers. Listening to these women, along with their family members, friends, and co-workers, Leverentz pieces together the narratives they have created to explain their past records and guide their future behavior. She traces where these narratives came from and how they were shaped by factors such as gender, race, maternal status, age, and experiences in prison, halfway houses, and twelve-step programs—factors that in turn shaped the women’s expectations for themselves, and others’ expectations of them. The women’s stories form a powerful picture of the complex, complicated human experience behind dry statistics and policy statements regarding prisoner reentry into society for women, how the experience is different for men and the influence society plays. With its unique view of how society’s mixed messages play out in ex-prisoners’ lived realities, The Ex-Prisoner’s Dilemma shows the complexity of these women’s experiences within the broad context of the war on drugs and mass incarceration in America. It offers invaluable lessons for helping such women successfully rejoin society.

Anthropological Linguistics—1999

Cross-Cultural and Intercultural Communication—William B. Gudykunst 2003-04-18 This book has the chapters from the Handbook of International and Intercultural Communication, Second Edition relating to the structure and growth of cross-cultural and intercultural communication. With an expanded forward by William Gudykunst it is an invaluable resource for students and lecturers of communications studies

Essential Meeting Blueprints for Managers—Sharlyn Lauby 2015-03-10 If you want to discover how to plan and run effective meetings that solve problems, create solutions and create a culture of collaboration let the examples in this book guide you.

The Dignity of Resistance—Robert M. Feldman 2004-02-09 This chronicles the four decade history of Chicago’s Wentworth Gardens public housing resident's grassroots activism.

Subaltern Romanticism—Maria Theresa Bates 2001

Rumor Has It—Maureen Child 2013-07 Something to Hide? Seven years ago, wealthy sheriff Nathan Battle proposed to his pregnant girlfriend. But Amanda Altman ripped out his heart, left town—and suffered a miscarriage. Now she's back and Nathan has to get over her once and for all. But his plan to seduce her, say goodbye forever and focus on his job isn't working too well. Upon returning to gossipy Royal, Texas, Amanda’s determined not to show Nathan how much she still loves him. Yet resisting the gorgeous lawman is impossible. Especially when she discovers she's pregnant with his child...again.

Book Review Digest—1995

Language and Gender—Penelope Eckert 2013-02-07 Language and Gender is an introduction to the study of the relation between gender and language use, written by two leading experts in the field. This new edition, thoroughly updated and restructured, brings out more strongly an emphasis on practice and change, while retaining the broad scope of its predecessor and its accessible introductions which explain the key concepts in a non-technical way. The authors integrate issues of sexuality more thoroughly into the discussion, exploring more diverse gendered and sexual identities and practices. The core emphasis is on change, both in linguistic resources and their use and in gender and sexual ideologies and personae. This book explores how change often involves conflict and competing norms, both social and linguistic. Drawing on their own extensive research, as well as other key literature, the authors argue that the connections between language and gender are deep yet fluid, and arise in social practice.

Children of the Son—T. W. Richards 2010-12 Ephraim, a vampire of the Christ, is assigned to protect Cody and stay with her during the Apocalypse.

Small Talk—Justine Coupland 2014-06-11 This study presents a new perspective on small talk and its crucial role in everyday communication. The new approach presented here is supported by analyses of interactional data in specific settings - private and public, face-to-face and telephone talk. They vary from gossip at the family dinner table and intimate ‘keeping in touch’ phone conversations, to impersonally-focused talk in institutional settings, such as the government office and the university research seminar. Drawing on a range of methodological approaches, including Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics, Interpersonal Communication and Conversation Analysis, the author elevates small talk to a new status, as functionally multifaceted, but central to social interaction as a whole.

Kastom Or Komuniti—Nigel A. Stephenson 2001

Voices of Conflict—Andrew Strathern 1993