

Course Code: ANTH E2015
Type/Status: Core
Title: The Veddas of Sri Lanka
Learning Outcome: By the end of this course unit, the student will be able to demonstrate the knowledge and an understanding of the Veddas of Sri Lanka, Culture of Veddas, Social organization, Current problems and Challenges
Course Contents: Introduction to Veddas and other primitive communities of Sri Lanka, Physical and socio-mental study on Veddas, Social organization of Veddas (Family, Relationships, Marriage traditions), Distribution of Settlements of Veddas, Material culture of Veddas, Faiths and beliefs, Arts, Mortuary practice and rituals, Social dynamics and cultural resource management

Method of Teaching and Learning:

Lectures, assignments, Discussions, Field Studies

Scheme of Evaluation: End of semester written examination, assignment, presenting research papers with use of Visual media

Recommended Reading:

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

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

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

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

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