

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
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COURSE OUTLINE 3RD YEAR 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR
NAF 306- ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY

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1. **INTRODUCTION**
 - a) Brief definition of concepts
 - b) The development of Economic Anthropology
 - c) Relationship between Anthropology and Economics

2. **General Overview of Indigenous Economic Systems**
Hunter/gatherers, Horticulturalists, Agrarian Societies and Industrial societies

3. **FACTORS OF PRODUCTION**
 - a). Labour relations in non-western societies
 - b). Land Tenure systems in the African Context
 - c). Technology as a social and cultural phenomenon
 - d). Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Factors encouraging and Hindering entrepreneurship in non-western societies (culture and entrepreneurship)

4. **DISTRIBUTIVE MECHANISMS IN NON-WESTERN SOCIETIES**
 - The Substantive/Formalist Debate
 - Marketless societies (Practising reciprocal and distributive exchange systems)
 - Peripheral Markets
 - Market Economies.

5. **ECONOMIC SYSTEMS OF NON-WESTERN SOCIETIES:**
 - The Peasantry as an economy and culture
 - Peasants: Survivors in a global world
 - Agricultural Change and Development
 - Pastoralism as a mode of Adaptation and Production

6. ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY, DEVOLUTION AND GLOBALIZATION

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