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Anthropology short notes

Development of Anthropology.

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Development Of Anthropology**Definition**

The subject moved from armchair unilinear evolution and colonial administration, through field ethnography and structural-functional analysis, to applied and reflexive anthropology.

Example / case study

Formative phase (1774-1919): Risley's People of India and Thurston's Castes and Tribes of Southern India - survey anthropology for colonial rule. Constructive phase (1920-1949): Calcutta University department (1920); Majumdar on the Ho, Elwin in Bastar, Karve on caste and kinship.

Thinkers

L.P. Vidyarthi - Formative, Constructive and Analytical phases of anthropology in India. E.B. Tylor - unilinear evolution (savagery-barbarism-civilisation) and the doctrine of survivals. Franz Boas - rejected universal stages; each culture has its own history (historical particularism).

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