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Cultural relevance of the Kula

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · The Nature of Culture

2.1 The Nature of Culture: The concept and Characteristics of culture and civilization; Ethnocentrism vis-a-vis cultural Relativism.

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Malinowski

His Trobriand fieldwork made the Kula a foundational case for participant observation and functional analysis.

Soulava and mwali

Red shell necklaces circulate clockwise; white shell armbands circulate counter-clockwise through named partners.

Annette Weiner

Her restudy showed that women's mortuary wealth and exchange were central but under-recorded by Malinowski.

Marcel Mauss

The Gift generalised the obligation to give, receive and reciprocate that Kula vividly demonstrates.

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