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Multispecies, Multi-sited and Critical Ethnography.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Meaning, Scope and development of Anthropology.

1.1 Meaning, Scope and development of Anthropology.

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George Marcus

He argued for multi-sited ethnography: follow people, things, metaphors or conflicts across locations rather than treating one village as the whole field.

Anna Tsing

The Mushroom at the End of the World is a widely cited multispecies ethnography of matsutake fungi, pickers and markets.

Critical ethnography

A stance that links description to power, inequality and the possibility of change, rather than stopping at a bounded cultural portrait.

Arjun Appadurai

His work on global cultural flows supports the idea that contemporary social life is networked, not sealed inside one locality.

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