Anthropology 324: Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective  
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**Required Texts:**  
- Daughters of the Dreaming by Diane Bell  
- Laughter Out of Place by Donna Goldstein  
- In Amma’s Healing Room  
- Mama Lola by Karen Brown  
- Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula LaQuinn

**Class Structure:**  
- Book Analysis papers (5) 15% each 75%  
- Attendance and Participation 20%  
- Final Reflection essay 5%

We will meet Fridays from 2-4. As there are only four of you in this course/group independent study, I will expect you all to be ready to discuss the readings in depth each week. As we go I will discuss gender theories in anthropology, as well as the cultural practices of gender in the cultures we are examining. I will give you questions for the book Analysis papers the week before they are due. These papers will be 5-6 pages each, and will be your analysis of the ethnographies we are reading, particularly from a perspective of gender theory and gender practices.

**Tentative Course schedule:**

- **Week one:** Articles on feminist anthropology and anthropology of gender.  
  (Jan 23) Women, Culture and Society By Michelle Rosaldo  
  Is Woman to Nature as Man is to Culture? By Sherry Ortner

- **Week two:** Chapters intro-3 in Laughter Out of Place  
  (Jan 30) Dr Singer’s son surgery – skip meeting

- **Week three:** Chapters 4-7 in Laughter  
  (Feb 13) First book analysis due
Week four: Chapters 1-4 in Daughters of the Dreaming
(Feb 20)

Week five: Chapters 5-8 in Daughters
(Feb 27) Book analysis due

Week six: Prefaces (both), Intro, chapters 1-4 of Mama Lola
(March 6) Spring Break ….. keep reading Mama Lola!

Week seven: Mama Lola chapters 5-12
(March 20) Book analysis due

Week eight: First half of Amma’s Healing Room
(March 27)

Week nine: Second half of Amma’s Healing room
(April 3) Book Analysis due

Week ten: First half of Left Hand of Darkness
(April 10)

Week eleven: Second half of Left Hand of Darkness
(April 17) Book analysis due
Final reflection assignment passed out

Week twelve: Wrap up discussion and final reflection due
(April 24)