MAKING THE STRANGE, FAMILIAR AND THE FAMILIAR, STRANGE: THE ROLE OF ANTHROPOLOGY IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDY EXCHANGE

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I. INTRODUCTION

- When one thinks of "culture," one thinks of that branch of social science which has been devoted to the study of humans and culture…
  - Anthropology!
- What does anthropology have to offer to Study Exchange?
II. ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDY EXCHANGE IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS’ CAREERS

• Academic Benefits
• Personal Benefits
• Professional Benefits
III. ANTHROPOLOGY’S RELEVANCE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDY EXCHANGES

• Culture, as a shared value system
  • Emic/etic perspective
• Cultural Relativity
• Culture Shock and Reverse Culture Shock
  • Honey Moon Period, Crisis, and Adjustment
• Self-Reflection
IV. SOME WAYS ANTHROPOLOGY & INTERNATIONAL OFFICES CAN COLLABORATE

- Teaching Culture with Language/ Teaching Language with Culture
  - Explicit/implicitly
- Understand the values which CC is transmitting and also the values of the (Incoming) students' culture
- International Office as Neutral, Safe Space
- Encourage students to be anthropologists!
V. CONCLUSIONS

• Current Avenues of CCC Study Abroad:

1. Northern California Study Abroad Consortium (NCSAC)
   • Santa Rosa Junior College, Contra Costa District; San Mateo District; Los Rios District

2. Southern California Foothills Study Abroad Consortium in Partnership with American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS)
   • Antelope Valley College, Barstow Community College, Chaffey College, Citrus College, College of the Canyons, College of the Desert, Crafton Hills College, MiraCosta College, Mt. San Antonio College, Mt. San Jacinto College, Rio Hondo College, San Bernardino Valley College and Victor Valley College

3. Study Abroad Consortium of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association
   • MiraCosta College, Miramar College, Mesa College, San Diego City College, Grossmont College, Southwestern College, and Imperial Valley College

• Future?
  • (intra)National Exchanges? National Student Exchange (NSE)
VI. GRATITUDE

• Thank you for your attention!
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