

Preface

“Anthropology” is the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures and societies, in both the present and past, including past human species. Social anthropology studies patterns of behaviour, while cultural anthropologystudies cultural meaning, including norms and values. Linguistic anthropologystudie show language influences social life. Biological or physical anthropologystudies the biological development of humans. Visual anthropology, which is usually considered to be a part of social anthropology, can mean both ethnographic film (where photography, film, and new media are used for study) as well as the study of "visuals", including art, visual images, cinema etc. Oxford Bibliographies describes visual anthropology as "the anthropological study of the visual and the visual study of the anthropological".¹

Ethnology (from the Greek: ἔθνος, ethnos meaning 'nation') is an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them (compare cultural, social, or sociocultural anthropology).²

In the present book, twelve typical literatures about Anthropology and Ethnology published on international authoritative journals were selected to introduce the worldwide newest progress, which contains reviews or original researches on Sabar males of Purulia, Loba Community of Lo-manthang, the Himalaya, ect. We hope this book can demonstrate advances in Anthropology and Ethnology as well as give references to the researchers, students and other related people.

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¹ From Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropology>

² From Wikipedia : <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnology>