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What kind of theory for anthropological demography?

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Abstract

This paper argues that demographic anthropology has, for most part, imported rather than exported theory. Yet, the discipline has the potential to generate important rethinking of population, culture, and their interaction. After discussing the state of the field and the challenges that must be faced in developing new theoretical approaches in demographic anthropology, the paper suggests a framework for research based on the related ideas of the "demographic conjuncture" and "construal."

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