

American Kinship



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American Kinship is the first attempt to deal systematically with kinship as a system of symbols and meanings, and not simply as a network of functionally interrelated familial roles. Schneider argues that the study of a highly differentiated society such as our own may be more revealing of the nature of kinship than the study of anthropologically more familiar, but less differentiated societies. He goes to the heart of the ideology of relations among relatives in America by locating the underlying features of the definition of kinship—nature vs. law, substance vs. code. One of the most significant features of American Kinship, then, is the explicit development of a theory of culture on which the analysis is based, a theory that has since proved valuable in the analysis of other cultures. For this Phoenix edition, Schneider has written a substantial new chapter, responding to his critics and recounting the changes in his thought since the book was first published in 1968.

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丫脑子不清楚。

也算kinship studies必读的书了，现在看是过时了。

Outdated

(真的好繁复 (亲属制度上讨论了美国亲属称谓背后的自然VS.文化机制，认为性交是家结合 (散漫的、持久的团聚) 的最重要象征，以此发现了美国文化中自然与文化二元对立的特点。建基于芝加哥中产阶级白人的样本，作者自己也认识到了很多问题，但是对亲属制度中文化一面的提出和对生物本质性的解构，以及作者后来对女性、性少数研究者的支持，都推动了社会性别、身体等新的研究方向的发展。田野材料也许过时，但是其用象征人类学方法证明“文化”是独立自主的一体、人类学因此有资格成为独立学科的理论史意义光芒永照。

施耐德这本书真的一点也不惊喜。一本书在不断的重复一些观点和材料。但是回到他写书的年代，他突破对于亲属的一种生物性认识，看到亲属关系的一种社会性和文化性，对亲属研究进行了某种程度的颠覆，这是他历史性的一个贡献。想要对比他的《A critique of kinship》来看，再做评论吧。

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