



Levi-Strauss Today: An Introduction to Structural Anthropology

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Berg Publishers, 2004. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: No Dust Jacket. First Edition. Robert Deliege's book provides a concise overview of the monumental work of one of the greatest and most prolific thinkers of the 20th century. Claude Levi-Strauss has had a profound and lasting impact on the course of contemporary anthropology. One could further argue that he has spawned a discipline in and of itself, so widespread has the influence of structuralism been, from linguistics to philosophy to psychology. Of all living anthropologists, he is without doubt the one most written about. Beyond anthropology, he has had a formative influence on such thinkers as Jean-Paul Sartre, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Ernest Gellner, Jean Piaget, Paul Ricur and Vladimir Propp, to name but a few. But from myth and totemism through to the savage mind, Levi-Strauss has perhaps most shaped modern anthropology. Levi-Strauss Today first gives a general overview of the major themes that have marked structural anthropology. Deliege then takes a critical look at how structuralism first developed some fifty years ago and argues that historical distance now enables us to view it with objectivity. Addressing the relevance of structuralism to contemporary anthropology as well as its deficiencies as...



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