



IN DISCUSSION WITH

## **GRÁINNE MCKEEVER**

## **THOMAS HYLLAND ERIKSEN**

FACTS.... Where is he from.... What is his field of study... What social issues influenced his work...

Why is his work of importance...

## NAME TWO OF ERIKSEN'S MOST FAMOUS WORKS

In his work Prof. Eriksen discusses the concept of belonging, stating that the criteria for belonging in certain cultures is to do with either KINSHIP (ancestry) or PLACE (living and working there). Discuss with your class, which attitude to belonging you think it prevalent in Irish society today...

## SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY



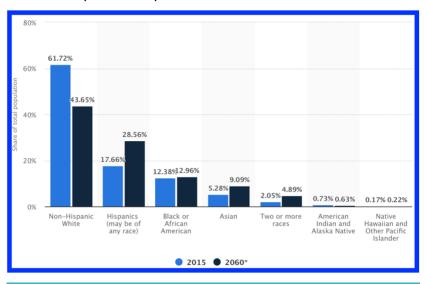
Explain your understanding of HETROGENEOUS & HOMOGENEOUS.

What elements of Irish culture give Irish people a unique identity? Eriksen observes "what makes people tick". What makes us tick?

Sámi people of Northern Norway



Below is a picture of Anders Breivik. He singled out Prof. Eriksen as a symbol of what he felt was wrong with the Norwegian society. Give a brief account of the 2011 attacks. Spike Lee is an African American film director, he notes that much of American culture has a basis in the African American community yet often this community feels socially excluded or left behind. Discuss with class!





PERCENTAGE POPULAITON CHART UNITED STATES. DO YOU THINK THAT CHANGES IN POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS OF A COUNTRY CHANGES THE CULTURE?

The travelling community in Ireland received formal recognition as an ethnic minority in 2017. Why is this important for the travelling community? Consider identity, assimilation, culture, globalization, and ostracization in your response...

Anthropologist are often seeking to find what makes us similar across various cultures, what we share as a common human experience. What do you think we are all concerned with regardless of class, gender, ethnicity or nationality?

Prof. Eriksen states, that we could each have lived 1000 different lives. Imagine how your life could be extremely different, what factors would affect that, and where might that path lead you? (eg. Refugee, Millionaire, Housewife in Norway)