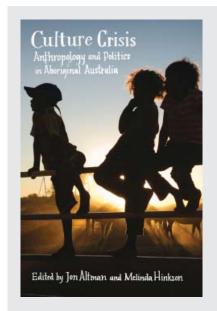


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## Anthropology and Politics in Aboriginal Australia

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Classification

Anthropology Sociology **Cultural Studies Aboriginal Studies**  In 2007 the Australian government declared that remote Aboriginal communities were in crisis and launched the Northern Territory Intervention. This dramatic move occurred against a backdrop of vigorous debate among policy makers, academics, commentators and Aboriginal people about the apparent failure of self-determination.

In Culture Crisis, leading anthropologists put these 'Culture Wars' under the microscope. They consider anthropology's legacy in informing and provoking policy change and public understanding of cultural difference. Contributors bring diverse perspectives to bear on the interpretations of current circumstances and policy prescriptions for the future.

An urgently needed dialogue on issues about which anthropologists are in passionate disagreement, Culture Crisis unflinchingly confronts the political and conceptual approaches that have failed remote Aboriginal communities.

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