S.A. 331-4 SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

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EVENING COURSE

COURSE CONTENT

An examination of current sociological and anthropological conceptions of the "family" with specific attention being paid to both its relationship to the wider social structure and its internal dynamics. Particular topics will include: relationship of the family to modernization, analysis of family, household and kinship patterns, ethnic and social class variations, women's roles, feminist critiques, alternative family patterns, violence and maleness in the household, and last but not least the much heralded "death" of the family.

REQUIRED READING

William J. Goode, The Family
Christopher Lasch, Haven in a Heartless World

A number of xerographed articles will be made available to students during the semester at a nominal cost.

ORGANIZATION

One four-hour seminar weekly.
Grading will be based on a mid-term assignment, term paper, and seminar participation.