Anthropology 2240 – Fall 2006
Week 10 Discussion Group Questions

Names of Participants in Your Group:

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of studying gender and human sexuality from the perspective of economics (a material approach)? What alternative 'analytical frames' can you imagine for the study of men's and women's roles in world societies?

2. Laura Klein suggests that inequality is inherent in state-level societies. Do you agree? Or, does the possibility of gender equality exist in state-level societies, especially where a democratic government holds governing power? What evidence do you draw on in either case?

3. The film ‘Asante Market Women’ depicts a society where women have opportunities and struggles. Acccount for the differences using a material approach or arguments from our materially-based lectures of the last few weeks.

4. Variations of the incest taboo appear to be universal. Argue first that the explanation for its universality is biological. Then, turn the argument around and make a cultural argument for the universality of incest.