

What do sociocultural anthropologists do?

Study social practice and patterns across cultures.

Methods

- Fieldwork/participant observation
- Communities
- Other qualitative and quantitative methods
- Contextual research
- Difference and power dynamics
- Multiple methods and triangulation

How can sociocultural anthropology contribute to adaptation research?

“All adaptation is local.”

Sources of vulnerability and adaptive capacity and opportunities for adaptation at multiple scales

Power dynamics

Fieldwork versus time and resource constraints of research projects

Example: Stakeholder engagement

Principles from the literature

Results from interviews with 'first generation' climate science integrators

- Be a good listener
- Understand and respect the people you work with
- Understand the decision-making context
- Be humble
- Maintain credibility in both the scientific and stakeholder communities
- Enjoy interacting with people
- Be curious/interested in a variety of things
- Be patient
- Reflect on what you are doing