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Common concerns anthropology

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Common concerns anthropology is an experimental approach that identifies research questions not according to gaps in academic knowledge, but through understanding the concerns that people are grappling with in their everyday lives. The concerns include uncertainty, excessive competition, increasing pressure, and feelings of powerlessness. The concerns that reflect people's subjective experience of objective social contradictions. As immediate, unarticulated perceptions, concerns demand new language and methods through which to analyse them.

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