Culture, Culture, Culture

Culture 1 - the universal human phenomenon that anthropology studies and analyzes in abstract terms, as a defining characteristic of the human condition (the commonalities of human experience)

Culture 2 - particular cultural phenomena, traits or patterns that anthropologists might focus on to explore cultural process (e.g. cultural narratives, symbol, ritual, kinship, etc.)

Culture 3 - the particular configurations of traits, ideas, values, behaviors that characterize specific human groups (e.g. Japanese culture vs. Finnish, academic culture vs. corporate). MIT OpenCourseWare http://ocw.mit.edu

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