

**Review****DENTAL ANTHROPOLOGY:  
AN OVERVIEW OF CURRENT APPLICATION AND TECHNIQUES**Marija EDINBOROUGH<sup>1</sup>

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**ABSTRACT:**

Dental anthropology, as a subfield of biological anthropology, is a study of dentitions of past and present populations. The aim of dental anthropology is to give answers to some significant questions in anthropology. Those questions are usually regarding diet, health, and biological relations of individuals and populations. To answer these as well as may other research questions, dental anthropologists study development, microstructures, eruption, number, size, morphology, modifications, wear, and tooth pathologies, using a range of micro- and macroscopic techniques. This text gives a brief review of techniques used in dental anthropology currently, and their application in anthropological and archaeological research.

**KEY WORDS:**

Dental anthropology; Teeth; Archaeology

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**SAŽETAK:**

Dentalna antropologija je subdisciplina biofizičke antropologije i bavi se istraživanjima zuba i vilica, kako drevnih, tako i savremenih populacija. Cilj dentalne antropologije je da odgovori na neka od važnih antropoloških pitanja o ishrani, zdravlju i biološkom srodstvu individua i populacija. Da bi odgovorili na ova, kao i ostala istraživačka pitanja, dentalni antropolozi izučavaju razvoj, strukture, tempo izbijanja, broj, veličinu i oblik, modifikacije, istrošenost, kao i patologije zuba uz pomoć niza makroskopskih i mikroskopskih metoda. Ovaj rad daje pregled osnovnih principa i tehnika dentalne antropologije, kao i njihove primene u savremenim antropološkim i arheološkim istraživanjima.

**KLJUČNE RIJEČI:**

Dentalna antropologija; Zubi; Arheologija.