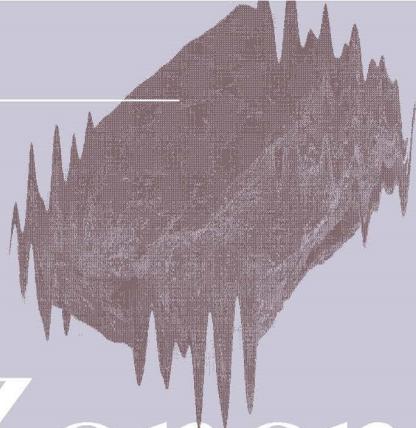
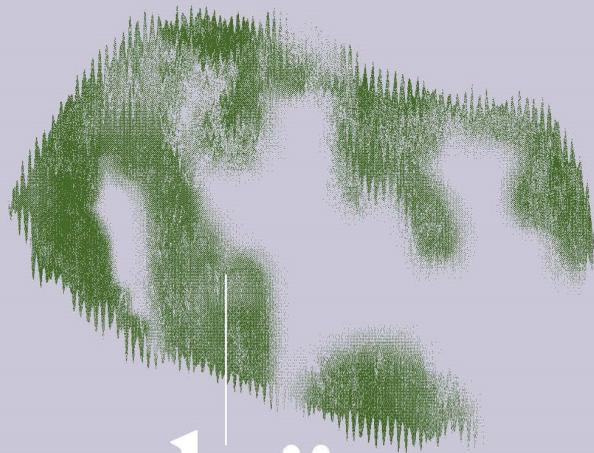


Welten



Zonen



Atmosphären

Seismographien
des Anthropozäns

DGSKA-Tagung 2021
27.9.-1.10.2021
Universität Bremen

27.9.
Montag

28.9.
Dienstag

29.9.
Mittwoch

30.9.
Donnerstag

1.10.
Freitag

9-10.30h

AGS

WS, Labs,
RT, Filme

MV

WS, Labs,
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11-12.30h

RGS

FID zu ZFE im
Open Access

DGSKA trifft
Goethe

MV

WS, Labs,
RT, Filme

DFG-
Gespräch

Zeitschriften,
Büchertische,
Book Launches

ZFE "Meet
the editors"

Mittagspause

Corona
diaries

Sociologus "Meet
the editors"

13.30-15h

Eröffnung

WS, Labs,
RT, Filme

WS, Labs,
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RT, Filme

WS, Labs,
RT, Filme

Keynote

Virtueller Empfang

Pause

15.30-17h

Plenar
"Anthropozän"

Plenar
"Welten"

Plenar
"Atmosphären"

Plenar
"Seismogshien"

Plenar
"Zonen"

Pause

Abkürzungen:

WS=Workshops

RT=Roundtables

MV=Mitgliederversammlung

19.30 oder 20h

Willkommen
in Bremen

Podium
Graeber

Podium
Post_Colonial

Party

27.9.
Monday

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

30.9.
Thursday

1.10.
Friday

9-10:00

AGS

WS, Labs,
RT, Films

Members
Assembly

WS, Labs,
RT, Films

WS, Labs,
RT, Films

11-12:30

RGS

FID on JSCA in
Open Access

GAA meets
Goethe

Members
Assembly

WS, Labs,
RT, Films

DFG Talk

Journals,
publishers, book
launches

JSCA "Meet
the editors"

Lunch break

Corona
diaries

Sociologus "Meet
the editors"

13:30-15:00

Opening

WS, Labs,
RT, Films

WS, Labs,
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RT, Films

WS, Labs,
RT, Films

Keynote

Virtual reception

Break

15:30-17:00

Plenary
"Anthropocene"

Plenary
"Worlds"

Plenary
"Atmospheres"

Plenary
"Seismographies"

Plenary
"Zones"

Break

Abbreviations:

WS=Workshops

RT=Roundtables

AGs+RGS= Working+Regional
groups

19:30 or 20:00

Welcome
to Bremen

Podium
Graeber

Podium
Post_Colonial

Party

Monday, Sep 27

01:30 PM - 03:00 PM

Keynote: Updating Late Industrial Ethnography

Plenary

Kim Fortun

University of California Irvine

"Late industrialism" points to both a historical period (since the mid-1980s) and an analytic framework that draws out ways environmental hazards, vulnerabilities and injustices are produced through tight coupling of historically sedimented socio-technical, political-economic, eco-atmospheric, cultural and discursive systems. It is about the soiled grounds upon which ethnographic figurations today are drawn. I began to puzzle through these couplings about a decade ago, concerned about what it meant to "Remember Bhopal" – 30 years after the historic gas leak tragedy in India; 30 years into the environmental justice movement. In this presentation, I'll share how the world and my framing ...

Monday, Sep 27

03:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Anthropology in the Anthropocene

Organised by Dorle Dracklé, Jan Oberg (University of Bremen) and Cristoph Antweiler (University of Bonn)

Plenary

Christoph Antweiler

Prof. Dr., Universität Bonn

Gísli Pálsson

Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, University of Iceland

Mona Bhan

Syracuse University

Werner Krauß

Dr.phil., University of Bremen

The Anthropocene or "Age of Man" / "Human Era" refers to the geohistorical phase in which humanity has become a decisive geological factor shaping our planet. Defining features include nothing less than the disappearance of species diversity, climate change and its impacts, the permanent transformation of soils and ocean resources, and as such survival on an endangered planet. The concept derives from Geoscience and has subsequently gained a life of its own in the Humanities, raising questions of fundamental anthropological significance. Debates on the Anthropocene undermine the power of dichotomies, such as local vs. global or nature vs. culture, and ...

Monday, Sep 27

03:30 PM - 03:50 PM

On Anthropocene Anthropology. Conceptual Issues and Disciplinary Options

A paper

Christoph Antweiler

Prof. Dr., Universität Bonn

Humans are making earth history. The Anthropocene is a fact-based concept as well as a fundamental metaphor of planetary crisis perception. The debate about the historical onset of the Anthropocene rises questions about the causal role of humans in long-term geospheric change. Although anthropogenic climate change is the paradigmatic case, Anthropocene is not synonymous with climate change. The synthetic and broad concept of the Anthropocene in the humanities and social sciences complements natural science concepts of the Anthropocene, but is not a substitute. As a phenomenon, Anthropocene becomes understandable only when geological concepts of deep time are understood. The inflation ...

Monday, Sep 27

03:50 PM - 04:10 PM

Critical Zones, Critical Times

A paper

Gísli Pálsson

Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, University of Iceland

With the realization late in the twentieth-century of escalating human impact on the earth, “ecological anthropology” became an established field of research. Human frames of reference, it was argued, were submerging the natural world, with culture taking the lead. The binary pair of the natural and the social was taken for granted. Now, with the almost universally accepted realization of a much profounder human impact, reaching far into the planetary crust and throughout the atmosphere, new frames and concepts seem to be called for problematizing nature-cultural once again. “Environmental anthropology” is one term taking off, indicating a complex and open ...

Monday, Sep 27

04:10 PM - 04:30 PM

The Anthropocene as practice

A paper

Werner Krauß

Dr.phil., University of Bremen

The emergence of the Anthropocene is closely linked to the rise of the earth system sciences, with climate change and other so-called tipping points at the center of the global research agenda. The “vast machine” of meteorological sciences has profoundly changed scientific practice. Global climate research has become interdisciplinary, project-based and team-oriented, with science increasingly shaping the political agenda. From early on, disciplines like anthropology were invited to explore the role of culture in the development of the Anthropocene. Simultaneously, the humanities had to find their place and their voice in the increasingly competitive field of science-based climate research. In ...

Monday, Sep 27

04:30 PM - 04:50 PM

Weather in the Time of Occupation

A paper

Mona Bhan

Syracuse University

Nation states rely on weather and climate to reinforce their state making and boundary making capacities. Indeed, it is weather's construction as a national asset or national emergency, or as a phenomenon that can be nationalized, that lends national borders their affective and physical legitimacy. While weather is constantly presented as a force in domestic politics and governance, its potency to shape geopolitics or cross-border politics is often willfully ignored. In other words, it is weather's purposeful erasure as a geopolitical agent that allows the myth of national borders to persist. My talk explores what it might mean to reclaim ...

Monday, Sep 27

07:30 PM - 09:00 PM

Welcome to Bremen

Virtual Get Together

Docks

Cordula Weisskoeppel

PD Dr., DGSKA/GAA-PR

Join in the Zoom app: Meeting ID: 978 1097 8665; Passcode: 528375 <https://uni-bremen.zoom.us/j/97810978665?pwd=c1NTWVlvaEFwYmh6VGRsNmduK250UT09> „Come together“ sangen schon die Beatles, und auch bei dieser digitalen DGSKA-Tagung wollen wir Euch herzlich begrüßen und am Abend zu einem informellen Empfang einladen. Videokonferenzen machen vieles möglich, zumindest von Wohnzimmer zu Wohnzimmer zu plaudern und auf diese Weise zu erfahren, was im Ethno-Institut in Köln oder Berlin gerade so läuft. Daher haben wir ein Talk-Format vorbereitet, in dem ihr von Raum zu Raum ziehen könnt. Dort wird es offene Gruppen geben, in denen ihr durch Zufall oder eigene Wahl andere Mitglieder oder Gäste treffen könnt, oder aber ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Is there an anthropology of the Middle East?

Organised by RG Naher und Mittlerer Osten und Nordafrika

Workshop

Katja Rieck

Dr., Orient-Institut Istanbul

Samuli Schielke

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

There was a time when anthropologies of the Middle East and North Africa were specialised in the study of rural and tribal regions (such as North Yemen and rural Morocco). And yet since then, the region has transformed in many ways, and is today on the leading edge of global processes and conflicts that contain multiple zones and fractures. In the past three decades, the focus of Middle East Anthropologies has consequently shifted from rural areas to major cities, from tribal groups to middle classes. Gender and Islam remain core themes, but they are now paralleled by equally important work ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Ethnologische Bildungsarbeit und Angewandte Ethnologie im Anthropozän (1 of 2)

Organised by AG Ethnologische Bildung und bfe

Workshop

Anita Galuschek

Dr., Q-PRINTS&SERVICE gGMBH | AG Ethnologische Bildung

Judith Riepe

bfe und Universität Tübingen

Nora Braun

Dr., bfe

Verena Schneeweiß

Commit e.V.

Discussants: Sabine Klocke-Daffa (Universität Tübingen) Das Anthropozän ist von globalen Krisen und Ungleichheiten geprägt. Menschen erschaffen eine Vielzahl lokaler Welten, Lebensweisen und Weltsichten, um sich in einer „erschütterten“ Welt zurechtzufinden. Gleichzeitig prägen die Effekte dieser Erschütterungen die Bilder, die sich Menschen von anderen Gesellschaften machen, und die Beziehungen zwischen Gesellschaften. Ethnolog*innen dokumentieren diese Prozesse des Welten- und Bilder-Machens nicht nur, sondern gestalten sie aktiv mit – freiberuflich, in Organisationen, staatlichen Einrichtungen und Unternehmen, als Gutachter*innen, Berater*innen und in Ethnologischer Bildungsarbeit. Der Workshop greift ein zentrales Anliegen der Tagung auf: Wie engagieren sich anwendungsorientiert arbeitende Ethnolog*innen für eine Welt, in der ein ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Entanglements in the more-than-human city: ethnographic challenges in the Anthropocene

Organised by AG Stadtethnologie

Workshop

Madlen Kobi

Dr., Institute for the History and Theory of Art and Architecture, Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana

Raul Acosta Garcia

Dr., Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Tilmann Heil

Dr., University of Cologne

The slowdown of human life during the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to public attention emerging constellations of life forms in cities around the world: wild boars exploring deeper areas of Berlin; macaques rebelling against a lack of tourism in Thailand; mountain goats roaming city streets in Wales. This epidemic aptly exemplifies the agentic powers of non-human elements, complementing examples of other-than-human forces in cities such as heat waves, floods, energy grids, urban animal populations, decaying infrastructures, toxic exposures, and cyborgs. The growing attention on the interactions between nature and culture in the discussions of the Anthropocene shapes contemporary approaches in ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Radicalization in the Anthropocene in Southeast Asia and Germany

Organised by RG Southeast Asia

Lab

Kristina Großmann
Prof., University of Bonn

Nicole Weydmann
Dr., University of Bonn

Environmental degradation, the Covid-19 pandemic, socio-political upheavals and economic struggles in the Anthropocene heighten a global sense of threat and precarity. To cope with incipient change and settle in these ruins of earlier certainties, people develop new types of cosmologies, narratives, living arrangements and social organization. Against the backdrop of a lack of convincing answers to the experience of fundamental (atmospheric) change, debates turn dogmatic and radical. "Radicalization" is – first – a general diagnosis: We see it as a sensory effect that seems to be directly related to evident contradictions in the Anthropocene; empirically, it expresses itself in demonstrative ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Wishful future-making in the Anthropocene: Anthropological perspectives on sustainable development, green growth and peace (1 of 2)

Workshop

Birgit Braeuchler
Associate Prof., University of Copenhagen

Michaela Haug
PD Dr, University of Cologne

Sabine Mannitz
Dr., Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

Facing global crises of poverty, political conflict and human environmental destruction in the Anthropocene, the desire for more sustainable ways of living is omnipresent. Many governments, corporations and international institutions have thus set themselves the goal of creating more just and equal, more secure, peaceful and "green" futures. Cases in point are inter alia the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the European Union's widely announced 2019 Green Deal and various national initiatives to promote peace and "green" growth. This workshop studies the proclaimed goals of such large-scale initiatives – including equal access to justice, human rights, "green" development and ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

In/visible effects of rhizomatous digitalization in economic margins and state administrations (1 of 2)

Workshop

Andrea Behrends

Prof. Dr., University of Bayreuth

Thomas Götzelmann

MLU Halle-Wittenberg / MPI for Social Anthropology

Timm Sureau

Dr., Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

When the Arabic numbers (actually Indian) reached Europe, a new system of management emerged. Double bookkeeping altered marketing, and together with statistics, it altered governance. A technology changed our way of living, of exchanging, thinking, interacting, finally contributing or enabling the rise of capitalism and colonialism, making then marginal countries such as the Netherlands a global power. The current digital transformation could be yet again such a key moment that reshapes our lives and global power balances. This digital change is pervasive and apperceived at our interfaces of digital devices, but includes also a rhizomatic change in the Deleuzian sense ...

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„Race, class, gender“: Achsen der Ungleichheit im Anthropozän

Workshop

Viola Thimm

PD Dr., University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology

In der Epoche des Anthropozän üben wir Macht über den gesamten Planeten aus. Aber wer genau ist das „wir“ dabei? Als Imagination erlaubt das Anthropozän „uns“ als Mitglieder einer Spezies zu verstehen, die „unseren“ Planeten verwandelt. Als materielles Phänomen jedoch teilt das Anthropozän „uns“ in unterschiedliche gesellschaftliche und soziale Gruppen – „weiße“ und BPoC (Black and People of Colour), Oberschicht und Arbeiter*innenklasse, Männer und Frauen, Cis-Menschen und Trans*, Staatsbürger*innen und Geflüchtete. Wie haben die wirkmächtigen Kategorien und Praktiken von race, class und gender die Art und Weise geprägt, in der „wir“ „unsere“ Umwelt repräsentieren, mit ihr in Beziehung stehen und ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Theorizing Migration and the Political Economy of Provisioning

Organised by AG Migration

Workshop

Daniele Karasz

Dr., University of Vienna, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Katrin Kremmel

Mag.a, University of Vienna

This panel aims to critically theorize the entanglements of citizenship, migration regimes and the political economy of provision arrangements in various regional and institutional settings. Migration regimes always produce categorizations that sort people into different groups of migrants and distinguish them from “non-migrants”. These categories are conferred with differing rights and obligations in relation to the access to welfare provisions. In Europe, it is a supranational asylum system that interacts with its national counterparts to produce a variety of legal categories, ranging from “asylum seeker”, “refugee” to “irregular or illegal immigrant”. In many countries of the so called Global South, ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Decentering Universities: Methoden, Räume und Herausforderungen kollaborativer Forschungen / Collaborative Research: Methods, Spaces, Challenges (1 of 2)

Hochschule dezentralisieren: Erfahrungen mit pluralen Wissensformen und Kollaborationen

Workshop

Christiane Falge

Prof. Dr., Hochschule für Gesundheit Bochum

Martina Grimmig

Dr., University of Bremen

Michael Schönhuth

Prof.Dr., University of Trier

Silke Betscher

Vertr.-Prof., Hochschule für Gesundheit Bochum

Chairs: Prof. Dr. Saskia Jünger Discussants: Prof. Dr. Christiane Falge
Decentering Universities: Methoden, Räume und Herausforderungen kollaborativer Forschungen. In Hochschulen rücken der Wissenstransfer zwischen Theorie und Praxis und die gesellschaftliche Relevanz von Forschung („3rd mission“) wieder stärker in den Fokus, mit ganz unterschiedlichen disziplinären Ansätzen wie dem Reallabor (Raumplanung), der Action Research (Sozialwissenschaften) oder der partizipativen Gesundheitsforschung (Public Health). In der Ethnologie reicht die Bandbreite kollaborativer Forschungsansätze von Formen des „für“ und „mit“ (ethnographic appraisal; action anthropology; community based research; transkulturelle Tandemforschung/dialogische Ethnographie) bis zu solchen der „Komplizenschaft“ (advocacy/ decolonial /complicity research). Die Projekte, Räume und Spannungsfelder solcher Kollaborationen in der ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Beyond politics: Civility, violence and "non-political" peace for Kashmir

A paper

Pascale Schild

Dr, SOAS University of London

In response to the shortcomings of state diplomacy, international NGOs—together with Kashmiri groups in Britain and Pakistani- and Indian-held Kashmir—seek to change the situation of Kashmiris' separation and exclusion from conflict resolution. Under the banner of "civilian peacebuilding", they aim to overcome the social and political divisions imposed by the Kashmir dispute by organizing collaborations and social exchange between civil society groups across the Line of Control. Adopting "civility" as an analytical lens, this contribution focuses on the politics of civil society peacebuilding that claims to take a "non-political" stance in the violent conflicts over territorial sovereignty in Kashmir. While ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Unlearning the academic habitus: Von der kollaborativen Forschung zum selbstorganisierten Communityprojekt

A paper

Annika Strauss

Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, IFAK e.V.

Als Medizinethnologin koordiniere ich die Umsetzung eines kollaborativen Präventionsprojekts im Gesundheitsbereich in einem multikulturellen Stadtteil im Ruhrgebiet. Die Wirkungsbereiche sind relativ klar abgegrenzt in die Förderer (Krankenkassen), Theoretiker und Ideengeber (Wissenschaftliche Beratung), Generierer und Träger von lokalem, kontextuellem Wissen (Stadtteilmforscher:innen), die Enabler (Projektkoordination) und die Praktiker (politische und lokale Stadtteilakteur:innen). In diese Arbeitsverteilung sind aus sozio-kulturellen Wertesystemen hervorgehende Hierarchien und Rollen eingeschrieben: die Höherbewertung von theoretischem, abstrahierbaren Wissen gegenüber praktischen, intuitiven und verkörperten Wissensformen und die Abgrenzung wissenschaftlicher gegenüber organisatorischer, sozio-interpretativer und emotionaler Arbeit. In meinem Vortrag möchte ich zeigen, wie selbstorganisierte, am Konzept des ‚kollaborativen Wissens‘ orientierte Projekte, in ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Ethnologische Bildung als kulturelle Bildung - Anschlussmöglichkeiten für die Ethnologie in einem vielseitigen Bildungsfeld

A paper

Martin Büdel

Dr., -

In Unkenntnis des Bildungsfeldes klingt der Begriff ‚kulturelle Bildung‘ zunächst eigenartig. Bildung ist doch immer Bildung zu Kultur - in all ihrer Vielfalt und Unbestimmtheit. Am Selbstverständnis einiger Vertreter:innen kultureller Bildung irritiert zudem, dass implizit oder explizit ein bestimmtes Verständnis von Kultur zum Tragen kommt: Kultur im Sinne von Kunst und Hochkultur, zu deren Ausübung und Rezeption Menschen befähigt werden sollen. Daneben gibt es aber Interesse an einem offeneren, prozessorientiert und performativ gedachten Kulturbegriff und Offenheit für neue Ideen in der Bildungspraxis. Dieser Bereich der kulturellen Bildung scheint anschlussfähig für ethnologische Bildungsarbeit zu sein, nicht zuletzt weil hier mit kreativen ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Is there an Anthropology of the Middle East – And Does it Matter?

A paper

Michelle Obeid

Dr, University of Manchester

It is now increasingly challenging to make a case for studying regions as contained units of analysis. Anthropologists of the ‘Middle East’ have grappled with stubborn orientalist representations as well as regionalist frameworks that have entrenched paradigms of exceptionalism and portrayed the Middle East as yet another regional ‘other’ to Euro-American centres. At the same time, anthropology has contested the self-evidence of connectivity and globalization that undermine the specificities of the regional and the local. Does it matter then if there is an anthropology of the Middle East? Rather than pinning down what such an anthropology is or looks like, ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Molecular economies: urban cattle in the postcolonial city

A paper

Maan Barua

Dr, University of Cambridge

This paper is an attempt to rethink 'the economic' in urban political economy. It works against two tendencies prevalent in the latter: that ecology and economy are ontologically separate realms; and that capital becomes all-pervasive, subsuming all other modes of urban production. Drawing on ethnographic and archival work on cattle and urban dairies in New Delhi, India, I show how certain forms of urban economic organisation can escape capitalist organisation, not as atavistic remains of the past but as loci of innovation and creativity. These modes of economic organisation not only entail human labour but the metabolic activities and other-than-human ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Grenzen normativer Zweigeschlechterordnung provinzialisieren – trans* Erzählungen über An_er_kennung, Zugehörigkeit und (Dis)Identifikation

A paper

Marek Sancho Höhne

M.A./ Phd candidate, European University Viadrina

Die Biologisierung und Naturalisierung normativer Zweigeschlechterordnung ist eng verwoben mit Rassialisierung von Geschlecht und Sexualität im System der Unterdrückung und Gewalt des Kolonialismus (Maria Lugones 2007). Als solche ist die normative Zweigeschlechterordnung eine zentrale Machtachse in aktuellen Fragen der Ungleichheit. Vergeschlechtlichung und Diskurse rund um trans* Leben und Verkörperungen sind daran anschließend eingebunden in Fragen von Zugehörigkeit, Zeitlichkeit und Raum und trans* Körper immer den intersektionalen Verhandlungen um Pathologisierung, Normalisierung und Othering innerhalb der Zweigeschlechterordnung ausgesetzt. In meinem Beitrag zeige ich auf – basierend auf meiner (auto)ethnographischen Forschung zu trans* Leben in Deutschland - wie in dominanten (heteronormativ zweigeschlechtlichen) Diskursen ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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More-Than-Human Worldmaking (1 of 2)

Film screening

Mike Poltorak

Dr, University of Kent

Simone Pfeifer

Dr., Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

The session will start at 9:00am. After a short welcome and introduction everyone will watch the film individually. Click on the title below to access the film. After viewing the film there will be a live Q&A with the filmmaker starting at 10:15am. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the film before or if you want to watch it later. The film will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the film and additional information, click on the film title below. Moderation: Simone ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Catering for asylum. Refugees labelling and the everyday politics of provisions in Italy.

A paper

Caterina Borelli

Dr., Università Ca' Foscari

Beyond the general distinction between “legal” and “irregular/illegal” migrants, Italian state institutions and non-governmental actors resort to a variety of labels in order to establish at which exact point of the migratory path a person is, and what they are intitled to, or excluded from, in the host society. Such labels partly mirror those utilized at the European level, and partly are the expression of the specific socio-political Italian scenario. Not only are the bureaucratic apparatus and the official reception system organized along these distinction lines that cross the macro-category of “migrant”; the responses given by civil society to the ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Making time (matter) in Digital India: Nesting temporalities and the economy of aspiration

A paper

Sri Balasubramanian

University of Leipzig

This paper characterizes the temporal experience of inhabiting and contributing to a digitizing rural India following large-scale projects in the last decade. Moving beyond common academic tropes of uncertainty, patience, anticipation, and suspensions on digital transformations in the Global South, I focus on the orchestration of diverse temporalities, material facets and the agentive efforts at play. Through an ethnography of digital kiosks in the state of Jharkhand, I show how rural entrepreneurs actualize the project that rhizomatically branches from policy papers to remote village improvisations and negotiate its temporal contradictions. Entrepreneurs reconcile the systemic, expedited time in digital India with ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Hopes and dreams: Youth activities in NGOs in post-conflict countries

A paper

Lucas Steinbach

University of Kent

Samantha Ruppel

PRIF/HSEK

Male youths in the age group between 16 and 25 are often described as the main actors of criminal and political violence and are seen as potentially dangerous 'subjects' in conflicts. While some literature and research on youth in conflict tends to be overly negative and focuses on the dangers posed by youth, we argue that these descriptions do not reflect the actual reality: Young adults are crucial to sustainable peacebuilding and therefore must be included in conflict transformation processes, something that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) already do in their work. This paper focuses on the potential of youth and the ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Intersektionale Diskriminierungen in lsbt* Kontexten – eine kollaborative Ethnographie

A paper

Lee Eisold

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

„We should be a community that is connected. Community that respects“, beschreibt eine*r meiner Co-Forschenden das utopische Ideal einer queeren Community: Ein regenbogen-bunter Zusammenschluss von Menschen, die ihre Sexualität und/oder ihr Geschlecht außerhalb der gesellschaftlichen Cis-Heteronormativität verorten, die respektvoll miteinander umgehen, und alle willkommen heißen. Doch wer ist dieses in lsbt* Kontexten imaginierte „wir“? Auch in lsbt* Szenen und Räumen gelten u.a. rassistische, klassistische, sexistische, bodyistische und heteronormativistische Normen, denen Menschen entsprechen müssen, und Kategorien, in die sie eingeordnet werden. Jene, die Normen nicht erfüllen und/oder sich Kategorien widersetzen, erfahren Diskriminierungen. Wie können diese intersektionalen Verflechtungen verschiedener Diskriminierungsebenen mit lsbt* ...

Tuesday, Sep 28

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Reallabor als Babel. Zum Umgang mit unterschiedlichen Logiken, Diskursräumen und Sprachen in der Stadtentwicklung

A paper

Bianca Herlo

Dr., Berlin University of the Arts/Weizenbaum Institute

Robert Barbarino

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Sandra Huning

Dr., Technische Universität Dortmund

In diesem Beitrag reflektieren wir Erfahrungen aus dem transdisziplinären Verbundprojekt INTERPART. Das Projekt ging in 2 Reallaboren der Frage nach, wie sich interkulturelle Räume der Partizipation und des Dialogs in der Stadtentwicklung erweitern lassen. Im Reallabor trafen Perspektiven, Interessen, und Erfahrungen von unterschiedlichen Stadtnutzer*innen und Vertreter*innen von Institutionen aufeinander. Diese erzeugten nicht nur komplexe Aushandlungsprozesse mit Blick auf Mehrsprachigkeit und Interkultur, sondern machten auch einen Übersetzungsbedarf zwischen Fach- und Alltagssprache sichtbar. Anhand der Gestaltungsprinzipien, Vorgehensweisen und Erfahrungen aus INTERPART nähern wir uns Fragen des Umgangs mit Ko-Produktion von transformativem Wissen in unterschiedlichen diskursiven Räumen der Stadtentwicklung: Wie lässt sich Teilhabe ...

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Microbes, Mosquitoes, and Multispecies Safety in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

A paper

Luísa Reis Castro

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Southern California

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, vector of viruses such as Zika, dengue, and chikungunya, is being released in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The World Mosquito Program (WMP) infected *A. aegypti* with a bacterium called Wolbachia that can reduce the mosquito's capacity to transmit viruses. This paper examines releases of these modified mosquitoes in Rio, a city marked by escalating violent conflicts and a constant sense of insecurity for those who live there. How did experiences of the city shape the ways in which the WMP project was implemented, explained, and understood? I analyze how WMP technicians would explain the "safety" of ...

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Studying the Middle East beyond exceptionalism – but where to?

A paper

Daniele Cantini

Dr., Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

The notion that the Middle East is an exceptional place, that needs to be studied in its specificity, has proven pervasive. Normally linked to the persistence of authoritarian rule, such notion is sometimes linked to a negative view of Islam as a major force in shaping societies of the region, imposing itself on all aspects of life. Anthropologists, particularly in recent years, have often questioned Middle East's exceptionalism, emphasized the region interconnectedness as well as its insertions into the world-system; Islam, whose pervasiveness is hard to miss, is now analyzed in its diversity, less a disciplining and more an unsettling ...

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Of us and them: migrant-citizen-residents and non-migrant-citizen-residents in post-Partition Calcutta

A paper

Subhasri Ghosh

DR, ASUTOSH COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Against the backdrop of 1947 Partition of British India and princely states that created the two nations of India and Pakistan and the concomitant cross-border migration, this paper would seek to look beyond the binary of migrants/non-migrants to interrogate how power relations played out between migrants-citizen-residents and non-migrant-citizen-residents with regard to access to resources and how this translated into fractured social space within a given territorial limit. Rather than concentrating on pre-fixed notions of conflict between refugees/migrants and the host community, the paper would concentrate on the tussle between residents of post-Partition Calcutta, who professed multiple identities along several markers. ...

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Stadtrundgänge als Ethnologische Bildung

A paper

Verena Schneeweiß

Commit e.V.

Wie spiegeln sich post/koloniale Spuren und Globalisierung im Stadtraum wider? Wo werden Zusammenhänge von Handel und Kapitalismus, Rassismus und (Zwangs-)Migration sichtbar? Wie gehen wir mit diesen Spuren um und wie können wir diese in Bildungsarbeit aufgreifen? Das Format der Stadtrundgänge verbindet stadthnologische Ansätze mit Bildungsarbeit und kann Aspekte von Wahrnehmung, Emotion und Körperlichkeit berücksichtigen (vgl. sensory / embodied ethnography). Es geht darum, Vielfalt, Perspektivenwechsel, Machtkritik, Mehrstimmigkeit und Ambivalenzen aufzuzeigen, subalterne, marginalisierte Stimmen einzubinden sowie die Aushandlung von Narrativen und Erinnerungsräumen. Dabei wird mit dem Erfahrungswissen aller Beteiligten sich gemeinsam wandelnd die Stadt erschlossen. Wenn diese Spuren und Zusammenhänge im Anthropozän ...

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Vermittlung kollaborativer Forschungspraxis in der Lehre zwischen Anspruch und Realität

A paper

Lara Hansen
University Hamburg

Kollaboratives Forschens hat in den Ethnologien Tradition und wird im Kontext einer 3rd Mission an Hochschulen als zentrale Grundhaltung gefordert. Damit befindet sich die methodologische/epistemologische Ausbildung im Spannungsfeld von Anspruch und Realität. Der Beitrag thematisiert grundlegende Aspekte der Vermittlung einer kollaborativen Forschungspraxis im Lichte struktureller Herausforderungen im Hochschulkontext: qualitative /ethische Anforderungen einer solchen Wissensproduktion stehen oft fehlender bspw. rassismuskritischer Reflexion, Leistungspunktfokussierung und Semesterlaufzeiten entgegen. Dieser Beitrag plädiert für die grundlegende Verankerung einer umfassenden Vermittlung kollaborativer Forschungspraxis im Zentrum aktueller Methodenlehre. Die Überlegungen beruhen auf dem Kolloquium Engaged Anthropology? Grenzgänge an der Schnittstelle zwischen Engagement, Wissensproduktion und institutionellen Setzungen im Wintersemester ...

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Arboreal Atmospheres: "Phantom Pains" and the Transformation of Tashkent's Urban Natures

A paper

Nikolaos Olma
Dr., Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

In Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, thousands of large deciduous trees are felled annually by poachers, who harvest wood to provide the local furniture industry with raw material, and by the local authorities, who seek to eliminate parts of the city associated with its Russian heritage. The main target of both offensives are oriental plane trees (*Platanus orientalis*), a hardwood species that for historical reasons is seen as a synecdoche for Tsarist- and Soviet-era Tashkent. Felled oriental plane trees are occasionally replaced by blue spruce trees (*Picea pungens*), a coniferous evergreen species, which, despite the authorities' efforts, has failed to ...

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Seeing companies like a company: the statistical production of complex corporate structures in Germany

A paper

Felicitas Sommer
Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Administrative data is not only a product of state bureaucracy processes but basic material for aggregated knowledge about society. I investigate, how private companies outpace the state in controlling, using and analyzing its own data. The state's entrusted publishing platform for statutory publications of annual financial statements (*Bundesanzeiger*) was privatized in 2006. One of its sources, the digitized trade register, is crawled, copied, and analyzed by private commercial publishers of business information and financial company entanglements data. The Federal Statistical Office on the other hand buys data about German corporations from one of these. 'Seeing like a state' and 'seeing ...

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Dreams of peace and prosperity - Peacebuilding in a former Khmer Rouge village in Cambodia

A paper

Sina Emde

PhD, Australian National University (affiliated)

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), also known as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, with the assistance of a number of Cambodian NGOs, mostly funded internationally, initiated outreach interventions into many areas of Cambodia since 2007. In this paper I discuss the work of one of these NGOs in a former Khmer Rouge village in Cambodia. Almost all men during the civil war and the period of Democratic Kampuchea were Khmer Rouge soldiers, some voluntarily, others scripted. Despite these subjectivities as "implicated subjects" (Rothberg2019) or "Mittläufer", many of the villagers welcomed outside interventions in peacebuilding. In this paper ...

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In Search of the Rural in the Syrian Revolution: rethinking anthropological narratives of radical politics

A paper

Veronica Ferreri

Dr, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

In 2013 a Syrian rural community involved in the 2011 revolution was expelled from its home during a ruthless counterinsurgency campaign led by the al-Assad regime and its allies. The expulsion was followed by a perilous journey across informal borders to reach Lebanon where it created a camp and a school. The school soon became the centre of its social life through the provision of education and the nurturing of social relations with Syrian and Lebanese communities as well as humanitarian agencies. Transforming the school into a political space was a continuation of the community's rural forms of governance characterizing ...

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Contested mobilities of humans and non-humans: The case of COVID-19 in urban India

A paper

Pablo Holwitt

PhD, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the intricate interactions and transgressions between human and non-human entities that are highlighted in the concept of the Anthropocene. Attempts to control this globally virulent pandemic especially target densely populated urban environments where human bodies act as transmitters of viruses and create hotspots of infections. This paper looks at these measures of containment through the lens of mobility studies, Actor-Network-Theory and anthropological concepts of the body. It understands viruses as mobile actors that violate the biomedical concept of the human body as an autonomous entity that is isolated from its environment. While the virus violates ...

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Koordination eines Landesprogramms mit dem Fokus auf BNE und Schule aus ethnologischer Perspektive

A paper

Jennifer Kappmeier-Klenk
NUA NRW/ BNE-Agentur

Das Konzept der Bildung für nachhaltige Entwicklung (BNE) als programmatischer Ansatz will Zukunftsfähigkeit sowohl auf individueller als auch auf institutioneller Ebene befördern. Dabei steht – mindestens seit der Formulierung der Agenda 2030 seitens der Vereinten Nationen im Jahr 2015 – die Vermittlung der 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) im Fokus. Zunehmend wird versucht, das Thema BNE in der Bundesrepublik als großes Querschnittsthema anhand verschiedener Projekte auf Bundes- und Landesebene einzubinden. In NRW ist eines davon das Landesprogramm „Schule der Zukunft“. In meinem Vortrag möchte ich dieses nicht nur vorstellen, sondern besonders meine Rolle als Ethnologin dort in der Landeskoordination des ...

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Zwischen Benennung und Reproduktion von Gewalt – Sprache als ambivalentes Instrument in der ethnologischen Forschung

A paper

Alicka Machurich
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Im Diskurs über Rassismus sind wir der Problematik ausgesetzt, über den Themenkomplex und die damit verbundene Ungleichheit und Machtstruktur zu sprechen, während unsere Sprache gleichzeitig als Gewalt und Reproduktion ebendieser Prozesse verstanden werden kann. Ich möchte der Frage nachgehen, wie wir als Ethnolog:innen mit unserer Sprache hantieren können und müssen und wie wir damit Wirklichkeit schaffen. Konkret gefasst setze ich mich mit dem Rassismus gegen Sinti:ze und Rom:nja auseinander, der in Deutschland eine besondere Rolle einnimmt. Jahrzehntlang wurde der Holocaust an der Minderheit geleugnet. Nur langsam kann für diesen Rassismus Bewusstsein geschaffen werden. Bereits im Sprechen darüber muss man sich ...

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Making ends meet: Comparing 'ordinary' provisioning processes in European cities

A paper

Claire Bullen
Post-doctoral researcher, Universität Tübingen

In my contribution I explore the politics and practices of urban provisioning efforts of 'ordinary' urban dwellers in two cities: Marseille and Liverpool. The material I draw upon was generated during ethnographic fieldwork undertaken in the early 2010s. In particular, I direct my attention to the social relations and everyday struggles of two women: a French national in her 70s living in social housing in Marseille and a Tibetan 'failed asylum seeker' living in Liverpool. While these two women's social positions within their respective cities could seem very distinct, certain commonalities can be observed including a degree of income deprivation, ...

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“Dream, start more, move fast”: Social entrepreneurship, sustainable development and imagined futures in Vietnam

A paper

Esther Horat

Dr., University of Zurich

In recent years, social entrepreneurship has become increasingly popular in Vietnam, especially among young people in urban areas. At the same time, Vietnam is one of the first countries that has codified social entrepreneurship into law and encourages its people to become “pioneers of the good” or “future innovators”. While social entrepreneurs establish enterprises based on their perception of societal problems, they often pitch their ideas to panels that measure them against internationally-agreed development goals, e.g., UN Sustainable Development Goals. While their effort is well-intended, the targeted communities’ ideas of what should change or not change and how to imagine ...

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Algorithmic in/visibility: Managerial and courier uncertainty in a Berlin food-delivery app

A paper

Bronwyn Frey

PhD Candidate, University of Toronto

The invisibility of “the algorithm” in labour platforms like Uber, Deliveroo, etc. is a challenge for researchers and food delivery workers alike. Accounts of app-based labour often rightly emphasize the information asymmetries and attendant exploitation that workers encounter in these configurations. However, platform labour managers experience their own set of digital in/visibilities. Focussing solely on aspects of domination risks conflating idealized visions of algorithmic management with their actual execution and obscures the construction of multiple algorithmic practices. I examine how couriers and management at an app-based food delivery company in Berlin try to make visible particular invisibilities in order to ...

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The Splendors and Miseries of an Academic Ghetto: The Anthropology of the Middle East and the Subverting of Theory

A paper

Aymon Kreil

Prof. Dr., Ghent University

The outlines of research areas are always partly arbitrary. The category of Middle East is a late outcome of Eurocentric perspectives, and its boundaries differ widely depending on the authors. Moreover, it brings to the fore features that are common to some places within the ‘Middle East’ but obscures shared issues that may exist with locations outside its realm. Therefore, the main asset of the anthropology of the Middle East is not the consistency of its object of inquiry but the existence of networks of specialists sharing knowledge about it, under the umbrella of area studies. Their interdisciplinarity makes anthropologists ...

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Fiscal Flight: Taxation, Investment and Citizenship in Austria

A paper

Andreas Streinzer

Dr., University of St. Gallen

Searching for capital to be registered on its territory, Austria provides a context to think critically about citizenship, wealth, and migration. In recent years, prestigious "citizenship-by-investment" agencies have specialised in easing access to citizenship by investing more than 2 Mio Euro in Austria. In an age of ever more selective asylum systems, non-resident investors seem to enjoy differential access to European passports, without language skills, residence, or any of the criteria applying for "other migrants". Such – and similar schemes in several European countries – provides a possibility to critically rethink notions of territory and the subject when thinking about ...

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Ist die Ethnologie reif für Open Access? Wege in die Transformation zu einer offeneren Wissenschaft

Organised by FID SKA

Roundtable

Marc Lange

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / FID Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie

Matthias Harbeck

FID SKA / UB der HU Berlin

Discussants: Gabriele Alex (Uni Tübingen, Red. ZfE); Dorle Dracklé (Uni Bremen, Vorstand DGSKA); Ehler Voss (Uni Bremen, Red. Curare); Alexis von Poser (Ethnologisches Museum Berlin, Red. ZfE) Die Transformation zu Open Access macht auch vor der Ethnologie nicht halt. Verlage bieten zunehmend entsprechende Publikationsmodelle an, Forschungsförderer fordern die Veröffentlichung der Forschungsergebnisse in Open Access-Zeitschriften und - Monographien. Erhöhte Sichtbarkeit und einfacher Zugriff auf die Inhalte sind gewichtige Argumente für einen Umstieg. Durch Zweitveröffentlichungsrechte und Retrodigitalisierung können auch Forschungsergebnisse zurückliegender Jahre niedrigschwellig verfügbar gemacht werden. Dennoch hat eine strategische fachliche Auseinandersetzung mit Open Access bisher nicht stattgefunden. Es sind eher die Infrastruktureinrichtungen und ...

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GAA meets Goethe: Wie viel Ethnologie geht in die Kulturpolitik?

Ein Gespräch mit Carola Lenz, Präsidentin des Goethe-Institutes

Talk

Carola Lenz

Prof., Goethe-Institut

Jens Adam

Dr., University of Bremen

Michi Knecht

Prof. Dr., IfEK

Seit November 2020 ist die Afrika-Ethnologin Carola Lenz Präsidentin des Goethe-Institutes. Wir nehmen diese Berufung zum Anlass, um über Schnittmengen und Berührungspunkte zwischen Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie und (auswärtiger) Kulturpolitik zu diskutieren: Welche Erfahrungen und Kompetenzen einer Ethnologin sind im kulturpolitischen Feld aktivierbar? Welchen Niederschlag finden postkoloniale Kritiken in der Themensetzung, der Programmarbeit und den Kooperationsformen des Goethe-Instituts? Lässt sich auf die gegenwärtige globale Welle von nationalistischen Populismen und Autoritarismen mit den Mitteln der Kulturpolitik reagieren? Besitzen Ethnolog_innen einen spezifischen Blick auf aktuelle außenpolitische Krisen und Konstellationen, auf die kulturpolitische Akteure eventuell zurückgreifen können? Und welche Berufsmöglichkeiten bietet Kulturpolitik für ...

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ZfE | JSCA: Meet the editors

Organised by the editorial team of ZfE | JSCA

Meet the new editorial team of the Zeitschrift für Ethnologie | Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology. We present our vision of the journal, new formats and media, and our strategy to go Open Access. Also, we talk about publishing reviews, articles, Special Issues or Special Sections of our journal. Take the chance to ask your questions and to comment on everything we plan for the ZfE | JSCA. We are looking forward to meet you. Editors: Gabriele Alex, Universität Tübingen Alexis von Poser, Ethnologisches Museum und Museum für Asiatische Kunst der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin, SPK

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Buchpräsentation: Digitalisierung ethnologischer Sammlungen

Book Launch

Oliver Lueb

Ph.D., Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum (RJM)

Zur Publikation: Hans Peter Hahn / Oliver Lueb / Katja Müller / Karoline Noack (Hg.): Digitalisierung ethnologischer Sammlungen. Perspektiven aus Theorie und Praxis Der auch im Open Access erscheinende Sammelband basiert auf den Vorträgen der von der AG Museum und AG Materielle Kultur gemeinsam ausgerichteten Zwischentagung im September 2020, s. Bericht der Tagung in DGSKA-Mitteilungen Nr. 54 / Mai 2021, S. 41–46 (<https://www.dgska.de/dgska/mitteilungen-pdf-archiv/>). Der Band erweitert die Perspektiven um Beiträge aus Institutionen und von Projekten aus und mit Ländern des Globalen Südens: „Die Digitalisierung ethnologischer Sammlungen ist ein wichtiger Schritt für eine ‚Öffnung der Inventare‘. Mit ihren neuen Möglichkeiten bietet ...

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Utopian and Dystopian Futures of Water Worlds – Mediterranean Crises and the Making of Liminal Infrastructures

A Virtual Ethnographic Gallery Walk - Organised by RG Mediterranean

Lab

Christoph Lange

University of Cologne

Gerhild Perl

Dr., University of Bern / University of Trier

Lene Faust

Dr., University of Bern

The Lab proposed by the Mediterranean DGSKA regional research group addresses the multitude of contemporary and historical crises across the Mediterranean and asks to what extent they are resources to envision utopian and dystopian futures. For generations of scholars, the Mediterranean has been a contested and productive anthropological laboratory and the subject of recurring attempts of remapping and rethinking. In accordance with these recent attempts and in line with the conference's main theme, the proposed Lab focuses on the chronic instability and volatility of the Mediterranean as a water world that connects and disconnects, inspires and frightens its human and ...

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Challenging Collections: New Relationalities, Old Inequalities in the Anthropocene? (1 of 2)

Workshop

Barbara Göbel

Prof. Dr., Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz

Hansjörg Dilger

Prof. Dr., Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin

Chair: Stephanie Schütze (Freie Universität Berlin) Discussant: Lars-Christian Koch (Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz) Collections and collecting institutions are the result of complex intertwined histories that reflect economic globalization, colonial and imperialist expansion, and the geopolitics of knowledge production. Current debates on the access to collections and the ownership of objects modify profoundly the (self-)perception of museums, libraries, and archives, thereby producing new openings to the multiplicity of the collections' 'more-than-human' connections as well as creating new uncertainties. In addition, digital transformation is fostering unprecedented dynamics of re-circulation, re-appropriation and re-signification of objects, which expose alternative epistemologies and object-ontologies and simultaneously create new inequalities, ...

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Open up your Anthropological Research – Open Access individuell und kollaborativ umsetzen

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Lab

Marc Lange

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / FID Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie

Open Access, der freie Zugang zu wissenschaftlicher Literatur, hat seit den frühen 2000er Jahren die Publikationstraditionen der Wissenschaftsdisziplinen nach und nach erschüttert. Wird Open Access zwar seit einigen Jahren auch in den Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften breit thematisiert sowie zunehmend gefordert und gefördert, so ist in der Ethnologie eine entsprechende und übergreifende Diskussion bisher abwesend. Dies gilt häufig auch für die Auseinandersetzung seitens der einzelnen Wissenschaftler*innen, steht Open Access doch letztendlich in Konkurrenz zu vielen anderen wissenschaftlichen Aufgaben und ist teils mit Bedenken verbunden. Allerdings bestehen zahlreiche Fördermöglichkeiten für Open Access bei Publikationsvorhaben sowie Möglichkeiten für die Verfügbarmachung nicht freier, aber ...

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Authoritarianism and Digitalization: Practices, Entanglements, Paradoxes

Roundtable

Nurhak Polat

Dr., Bremen Universität

In times of political upheaval, humanitarian crises, and natural disasters, anthropocenic realities and authoritarian imaginaries have become inextricably entangled. Digital technologies, practices, and spaces have a crucial impact on this process. As currently illustrated by various events, they facilitate new scenarios and struggles for planetary futures, freedoms, and democracy. At the same time, they simultaneously enhance the ongoing fluid transitions and coevalness between democratic and authoritarian forms and practices - in both liberal-democratic and illiberal-authoritarian regimes. New scales, infrastructures and zones seem to be emerging in which these forms and practices currently unfold and are contested. From the social and ...

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Towards a multimodal urban anthropology

Workshop

Ignacio Farías

Tomás Criado

Dr., HU Berlin

Discussant: Indrawan Prabaharyaka (Humboldt University) More-than-human approaches in urban anthropology have significantly contributed to rethinking the plurality of modes of knowledge, the assemblages and the kinds of actors that constitute our cities. But what do these conceptual interventions do to our ethnographic modes of inquiry? This workshop starts from the assumption that beyond a change in conceptual repertoires, decentering the all-too-human object of urban anthropology might require a multimodal transformation of our ethnographic practices, in at least two ways: Firstly, since the 'observation' of more-than-human entanglements requires more than taking part in social situations, what are the conditions in which we ...

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The Bolsonaro government's response to the pandemic and the paradox of digitally-mediated authoritarian populism in Brazil

A paper

Leticia Cesarino

Associate Professor, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina

This paper tackles a paradoxical dimension of digitally-mediated authoritarian populism through an analysis of Jair Bolsonaro's response to the covid-19 pandemic in Brazil. In this case, authoritarianism lies less in direct coercion under an overt state of exception suspending democratic rules and institutions than in indirect approaches that prevent the latter from properly functioning. This procedure mirrors the one Erik Conway and Naomi Oreskes described for the "merchants of doubt" in science, and, as such, might manifest a broader pattern of destabilization of expert systems in the Anthropocene. As such, it cuts across post-truth and alt-sciences, hybrid war, processes of ...

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Graphic Ethnography and Experiments in Urban Anthropology

A paper

Andrew Gilbert

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Toronto Mississauga

Larisa Kurtovic

Associate Professor, UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

In this presentation, we draw upon our graphic ethnography project to explore the affordances of sequential art for urban anthropology. Our research investigates an unprecedented victory by industrial workers in the northern Bosnian city of Tuzla, who occupied and preserved their privatized and bankrupted factory and were able to restart production. We propose that the graphic medium offers unique ethnographic potential for capturing and communicating the openly experimental and collaborative nature of the workers struggle, offering important insights for an urban anthropology "understood as operating within an open system, as an open system, and as the study and production of ...

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In the shadow of fair trade?

A paper

Valerie Nur

Uni Bayreuth

For decades, artisans from Niger have catered to international tourists. With the increasing political uncertainty, tourism collapsed, and many have lost their customer base. Online retail opportunities seem to be an attractive way to reach international customers once again. However, global economic inequalities and political marginalization extend into the digital world: International trade in artisanal products from the global South is dominated by big fair-trade companies, based in and acting from the global North. When going online, artisans are facing demands for social, ecological, and economic sustainability. Furthermore, international fair-trade standards are Western standards, based on Western ideas of fair ...

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Transcultural Reciprocal Teaching-Learning Collaborations: Offline and Online Zones

A paper

Ingo Rohrer

Dr., Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Judith Schlehe

Prof. Dr., University of Freiburg

Decentralized, collaborative knowledge production and communication are the basis of the long-term collaboration between the Institute for Sociocultural Anthropology, Freiburg, and the Department of Anthropology at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. Since 2004, students and doctoral students from Germany and Indonesia have been given the opportunity to gain practical experience with mutual research and the negotiation of positionalities, while getting to know the opportunities and difficulties of joint research. In German-Indonesian tandems and teams in Freiburg and various Indonesian locations, they were able to gain new experiences with methodological approaches, the organization of cooperation, forms of representation, technical devices and, ...

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Moving the Indonesian capital: Environmental impact and effects on livelihoods and future-making practices of East Kalimantan's Dayak

A paper

David Meschede

Cologne University

When Indonesian president Joko Widodo in August 2019 announced his plan to move the republic's administrative capital from Jakarta to the East Kalimantan province, concerns were immediately raised by activists and media about the negative environmental impact on the province's already hard-pressed forest areas. Countering these, the government insists that the new capital will not cause environmental destruction, instead touting the new, "green" capital as contributing to the sustainability and revitalization of existing forest areas. Little light has been shed on the capital move's effect on the people of East Kalimantan, including the indigenous Dayaks in more rural parts of ...

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Zur Entwicklung von Weiterbildungsmodulen für Fachkräfte der Erziehung und Sozialen Arbeit

A paper

Gabriel Scheidecker

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Giang Thierbach

Freie Universität

Hoang Anh Nguyen

SFB Affective Societies Freie Universität Berlin

Im Rahmen des sozial- und kulturanthropologischen Forschungsprojekts „Gefühlsbildungen im vietnamesischen Berlin II: Das institutionelle Feld der Erziehungshilfe“ entwickeln wir Weiterbildungsmodule für Fachkräfte der Erziehung und Sozialen Arbeit. Die multimodal angelegten Module sollen auf der Grundlage von Texten und audiovisuellen Materialien sowohl digital als auch analog nutzbar sein. Ihr Ziel ist es, Erkenntnisse aus der anthropologischen und kulturpsychologischen Forschung zur Diversität von Kindheit und Erziehung zu vermitteln. Ausgangspunkt für diese Arbeit war unsere Forschungserfahrung im Feld der Erziehungshilfe und Kinderbetreuung, wonach Fachkräfte häufig einen Orientierungsbedarf im Umgang mit sozialer und kultureller Diversität bekundeten. Dies ist vor dem Hintergrund zu sehen, dass ...

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Wishful future-making in the Anthropocene: Anthropological perspectives on sustainable development, green growth and peace (2 of 2)

Workshop

Birgit Braeuchler

Associate Prof., University of Copenhagen

Michaela Haug

PD Dr, University of Cologne

Sabine Mannitz

Dr., Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

Facing global crises of poverty, political conflict and human environmental destruction in the Anthropocene, the desire for more sustainable ways of living is omnipresent. Many governments, corporations and international institutions have thus set themselves the goal of creating more just and equal, more secure, peaceful and “green” futures. Cases in point are inter alia the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the European Union’s widely announced 2019 Green Deal and various national initiatives to promote peace and “green” growth. This workshop studies the proclaimed goals of such large-scale initiatives – including equal access to justice, human rights, “green” development and security ...

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Decentering Universities: Collaborative Research - Methods, Spaces, Challenges (2 of 2)

Transnational collaborative research: spaces – biases – challenges.

Workshop

Christiane Falge

Prof. Dr., Hochschule für Gesundheit Bochum

Martina Grimmig

Dr., University of Bremen

Michael Schönhuth

Prof.Dr., University of Trier

Silke Betscher

Vertr.-Prof., Hochschule für Gesundheit Bochum

Chair: Martina Grimmig, University Bremen
Discussant: Michael Schönhuth, University of Trier
Language: English
In anthropology, collaborative research approaches range from forms of "for" and "with" (ethnographic appraisal; action anthropology; community based research; transcultural tandem research/dialogical ethnography) to those of "complicity" (advocacy/ decolonial /complicity research). The projects, spaces, and tensions of such collaborations in current research are the focus of this double panel. In the afternoon session we focus on power asymmetries in knowledge production in Global North-Global South collaborations. Examples range from university-university constellations, to a triateral multisited project under the conditions of the current pandemic to opportunities of research at eye-level ...

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In/visible effects of rhizomatous digitalization in economic margins and state administrations (2 of 2)

Workshop

Andrea Behrends

Prof. Dr., University of Bayreuth

Thomas Götzelmann

MLU Halle-Wittenberg / MPI for Social Anthropology

Timm Sureau

Dr., Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

When the Arabic numbers (actually Indian) reached Europe, a new system of management emerged. Double bookkeeping altered marketing, and together with statistics, it altered governance. A technology changed our way of living, of exchanging, thinking, interacting, finally contributing or enabling the rise of capitalism and colonialism, making then marginal countries such as the Netherlands a global power. The current digital transformation could be yet again such a key moment that reshapes our lives and global power balances. This digital change is pervasive and apperceived at our interfaces of digital devices, but includes also a rhizomatic change in the Deleuzian sense ...

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Ethnologische Bildungsarbeit und Angewandte Ethnologie im Anthropozän (2 of 2)

Organised by AG Ethnologische Bildung und bfe

Workshop

Anita Galuschek

Dr., Q-PRINTS&SERVICE gGMBH | AG Ethnologische Bildung

Judith Riepe

bfe und Universität Tübingen

Nora Braun

Dr., bfe

Verena Schneeweiß

Commit e.V.

Discussants: Antony Pattathu (Universität Tübingen) Das Anthropozän ist von globalen Krisen und Ungleichheiten geprägt. Menschen erschaffen eine Vielzahl lokaler Welten, Lebensweisen und Weltsichten, um sich in einer „erschütterten“ Welt zurechtzufinden. Gleichzeitig prägen die Effekte dieser Erschütterungen die Bilder, die sich Menschen von anderen Gesellschaften machen, und die Beziehungen zwischen Gesellschaften. Ethnolog*innen dokumentieren diese Prozesse des Welten- und Bilder-Machens nicht nur, sondern gestalten sie aktiv mit – freiberuflich, in Organisationen, staatlichen Einrichtungen und Unternehmen, als Gutachter*innen, Berater*innen und in Ethnologischer Bildungsarbeit. Der Workshop greift ein zentrales Anliegen der Tagung auf: Wie engagieren sich anwendungsorientiert arbeitende Ethnolog*innen für eine Welt, in der ein ...

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Debating David Graeber's legacy for economic anthropology

Organised by AG Wirtschaftsethnologie

Lab

Katharina Bodirsky

Dr., Universität Konstanz

Discussant: Tobias Köllner (Universität Witten/Herdecke) This lab does not include presentations. Instead, we will jointly discuss Graeber's work starting out from the texts listed below. Participants in the lab are asked to familiarize with these readings beforehand. In this lab, we wish to discuss the legacy of David Graeber's work for economic anthropology, highlighting both contribution and controversy. The death of David Graeber came as a big shock to the anthropological community. Apart from the personal tragedy, Graeber was one of the best known anthropologists alive, a "public intellectual" in the tradition of Margaret Mead, known far beyond the boundaries of the ...

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Zones and Movements

Film screening

Dorle Dracklé

Prof.Dr., University of Bremen

Raúl O. Paz-Pastrana

Filmmaker, Andar Films Inc

The session will start at 1:30pm. After a short welcome and introduction everyone will watch the film individually. Click on the title below to access the film. After viewing the film there will be a live Q&A with the filmmaker starting at 2:50 pm. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the film before or if you want to watch it later. The film will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the film and additional information, click on the film title below. ...

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Deep mapping the Mediterranean

A paper

Laura Lo Presti

Ph.D, University of Padova

As the keynote speaker and critical map guide of the Virtual Ethnographic Gallery Walk within the Dystopian and Utopian Futures of Water Worlds' Lab, I will wander, walk, cross, drift, stay, pause on, listening to a deep map of the Mediterranean Sea. Fractured by migrant crises, extroverted borders and obtruding practices of immobilisation, the spatial imagination of the Mediterranean Sea is indeed symptomatic of the formation of a pseudo-cartographic and multi-stratigraphic mantle where land politics and water stubbornness are superimposed and on which humans and non-humans move and stand still, live and die, appear and vanish as haunting presences – ...

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Feeling Through Things: Ethnographic Explorations of Affect and Colonialism with Maasai Objects

A paper

Jonas Bens

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Laibor Moko

Mr, Freie Universität Berlin

The Maasai collection of the Ethnologisches Museum Berlin consists of about 590 objects which came into the museum's possession during colonial times. In our research, we focus on the complex affective dynamics that emerge when these objects (re-)enter the political realm. Through an ethnographic research design, complemented with methods of visual anthropology and photo elicitation interviews, we investigate the emotional meanings these objects have for Maasai communities in northern Tanzania – and what this reveals about indigenous concepts of property and materiality. One of our findings is that colonialism does not appear to be felt as something of the past, ...

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Beating the Pandemic? Positioning on the Corona Debate among Hooligans.

A paper

Stefan Wellgraf

PD Dr., Humboldt University Berlin

In accounts of the protests against the Corona-related restrictions hooligans are often singled out as a prominent frontline group. In the context of ethnographic research on East German Hooligans their forms of protest participation as well their internal negotiations on the Corona issue are reconstructed and discussed in relation to authoritarian structures and digital communication formats. The resulting picture contradicts the dominant media view on many points: Hooligans participated in the protests at a very early stage, but soon rarely appeared there in an organized form. Indigital hooligan forums strongly divergent opinions are held on questions of the virus threat, ...

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Learning from outside: grasping and representing multiplicities. The case of pedestrianized Times Square

A paper

Santiago Orrego

Humboldt University

This talk is divided into two parts. The first one presents the highlights of a multi-situated and multimodal ethnography of Times Square in New York City and its processes of pedestrianization from 2009 to 2017. But more than just telling the story of how that location was assembled, the idea was to try to translate the particularities of a multiple spatiality, as well as the resources and situations involved in its production, somehow, into epistemological devices and multimodal artifacts that could enrich the way we make ethnography of public spaces. The intention of experimenting with multimodal methods was to design ...

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The future-making of electronic waste in Bolivia

A paper

Juliane Müller

Lecturer Professor, University of Barcelona

This paper addresses the discrepancy between the present-day reuse and repair economies of outdated electronic equipment in La Paz (Bolivia) and the projection of future electronic waste by local and international experts. How can anthropology respond to this mismatch between present value and envisioned waste, considering local understandings and practices, but also social and ecological injustices on different scales?

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Fishy aliens in the Med Sea - The afterlife of Suez Canal from a more-than-human perspective

A paper

Karin Ahlberg
Phd, Oslo University

This presentation outlines my new research project that explores marine species mobilities through the Suez Canal: i.e. Lessepsian migration. So far, 300+ species have settled in the Mediterranean. Newcomers have affected local ecosystem, damaged fishing and tourist industries, and poisoning fish consumers. With the 2015 widening of the Suez Canal and global warming, Lessepsian populations have proliferated significantly. Despite its massive impact on human and natural socialities, no systematic social science research exists on the phenomenon. This anthropological project explores the afterlife of the free passageway between two seas enabled by the Canal. Ethnographic research will explore vernacular and scientific ...

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Authoritarianism, religious ultraconservatism and digital imaginaries in Peru

A paper

Eduardo Muro Ampuero
M.A., Universität Bonn

Authoritarian practices and discourses can take a myriad of forms. When examining the contemporary Latin American context, we see that these practices and discourses have a close relationship with a specific type of religiosity (for instance, Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil and Jeanine Áñez in Bolivia). Something that Habermas calls "post-secular society". In the case of several Latin American countries this has manifested itself through the gradual growth of Evangelicals-Neopentecostals, in alliance with conservative catholic groups, and their relationship with the political arena -whether as social movements or political parties (both with moral-based authoritarian tendencies). This relationship, accompanied by a particular ...

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Shared Soundscapes: Everyday archiving and its potential for the democratization of collections

A paper

Gisela Elvira Canepa Koch
Full Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Ingrid Kummels
Prof. Dr., Lateinamerika-Institut, FU Berlin

Everyday archiving is often carried out with a mobile phone, via internet surfing activities and social media engagement motivated by gathering a large follower community. This contribution looks into such practices at their intersection with the sound and dance repositories concerning Peruvian communities of the Northern Coast and Central Rainforest. First, the diverging provenances, forms of archiving and circulation of institutional research archives as well as of private collections of anthropologists are scrutinized. Second, the access which everyday archiving offers to historical sound recordings and dance images is examined in view of archival intersections or "shared soundscapes". Amateur curators engage ...

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Equal Partners despite unequal structural conditions? Collaborative Research in an EU funded Horizon 2020 project

A paper

Fekadu Adugna Tufa

student, Addis Ababa University

Markus Rudolf

Senior Researcher, Bicc

Simone Christ

Dr., BICC

This presentation reflects on the experiences of collaboration between partners and its ethical challenges due to unequal power balances within the TRAFIG project. TRAFIG, Transnational Figurations of Displacement, is an EC-funded Horizon 2020 research and innovation project. 12 partner organisations from Asia, Africa, and Europe investigate long-lasting displacement situations at multiple sites and analyse options to improve displaced people's lives. In TRAFIG, the different partners are supposed to work as equal partners in the project. However, collaborative research between these partners is complicated by unequal power balances due to structural conditions. Not only funding is provided by the European Union, ...

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Analytische und kollaborative Autoethnographie im Rahmen des Monitorings von Bildung für Nachhaltige Entwicklung (BNE)

A paper

Janne Von Seggern

Freie University, Berlin

Mandy Singer-Brodowski

Dr., FU Berlin

Im BNE-Monitoring beobachten wir nicht nur den Umsetzungsprozess von BNE in Deutschland, sondern unterstützen im Rahmen einer qualitativen Teilstudie die für die strukturelle Umsetzung von BNE verantwortlichen, bildungspolitischen Akteur*innen. Mit einer solchen wissenschaftlichen Unterstützung gehen vielfältige Herausforderungen einher, wie die Aushandlung von Nähe und Distanz zum Forschungsfeld und seinen Akteur*innen. Um dieser Herausforderung zu begegnen, zielen wir auf einen (Forschungs-)Ansatz zur Professionalisierung reflexiver Praktiken in der Planung, Durchführung und Analyse transformativer Nachhaltigkeitsforschung an der Schnittstelle von Wissenschaft und Bildungspolitik ab. In diesem Beitrag wollen wir unsere Ergänzung eines Monitoring Vorhabens um einen "Reflexive Turn" diskutieren: Mit der Methode der analytischen ...

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Digital entrepreneurship and social change: an anthropological approach to the influence of digital technology on the resilience and creativity of you

A paper

Oumar Abdelbanat

How does digitisation influence the entrepreneurial activities of chadian women? , Doctorant à l'Université de Bayreuth (Allemagne)

In Chad, youth and women are the majority, but they constitute the most disadvantaged segment of the population living in a context of poverty and unequal distribution of resources. Far from living in a wait-and-see attitude and resignation, there are nevertheless youth and women who work in artisanal entrepreneurship to earn their daily bread by making the most of information and communication technologies. This capacity for resilience in a context of precariousness is the cornerstone of this anthropological research. Based on an empirical approach, it allows to highlight the social changes induced by digital technology for artisans working in the ...

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Where the Wild Flowers Grow: The Suez Canal, Botanical Seafarers and the waters of the Mediterranean.

A paper

Nefissa Naguib

Professor, University of Oslo

The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 put the Mediterranean in direct contact with with Indian Ocean. Aside from people, fishes, and cargoes, huge quantities of ballast containing fauna and flora were carried through. This paper is curious about ballast afterlives around the Mediterranean and beyond. If we follow and watch them closely, we can learn much from their wild transgressions.

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Climate Change, environmental movements and transformations of rural space in Colombia

A paper

Martin Gubsch

HSFK

There is a global ecological movement and a global concern for a green and sustainable future. However, international propositions can quickly become vague when confronted with local reality. There are important differences in ecological and cultural circumstances that impact how programs can be implemented. In answer to the developmental approach of neo-extractivism, ecological movements in Colombia have started to use democratic instruments to claim the right to determine the way their territories are being used. Within these movements, however, there is no consensus about the way nature can be preserved while being able to survive economically. The specific expressions and ...

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Resisting Transnational Repression: The Digital Security Practices of Exiled Activists from Authoritarian Contexts

A paper

Marcus Michaelsen

PhD, VUB, LSTS Research Group

Transnational civil society and advocacy networks play an important role in exposing rights violations under authoritarian rule. In these networks, exiled and diaspora activists act as essential bridge figures, supporting counterparts in their country of origin, raising international awareness and leveraging external pressure on repressive regimes. Digital media have helped these activists to mobilize across borders for human rights and political change. Yet the reliance on digital technologies creates multiple points of exposure that state actors exploit for surveillance, malware attacks, online harassment and disinformation campaigns in the attempt to silence and punish dissent from abroad. Research has shed light ...

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ARCHIVAL ENTANGLEMENTS: MULTIMODAL RESEARCH, TEACHING, LEARNING IN URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY

A paper

Aylin Tschoepe

Dr., University of Basel

As a site of selective public or private memory, a collection of evidence in material and immaterial form shaped by various power dynamics, and a metaphor for holding data, the archive is central to the mediated production and understanding of archival bodies as agents and mnemonic devices. Archives offer a lens to grapple with questions of temporality, materiality, technological possibilities, and accessibility to different ways of knowing. I understand bodies and spaces as archives, not least through cultural practices of memorizing and forgetting, categorization, valuation and visibility. I am drawn to the archive in its complexity of objecthood and agency ...

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Fluid zones of connection: hydro-scales, cartographic rule and place in north Cyprus

A paper

Ezgi Özdemir

PhD candidate, Central European University

Short abstract: This paper takes at its centre, the politically contested Turkey-north Cyprus water pipeline that was built in the early 2010s and became operationalized in and is now pumping clean water to northern territories since 2016. It explores how, in a politically liminal territory in the Eastern Mediterranean, a liminal infrastructure like the pipeline disrupts, consolidates, and at times contradicts already established material, representational, and political connections and disconnections over the island and beyond. Long abstract: A hybrid space of transnational and geopolitical networks, Cyprus is a space of contention in the Eastern Mediterranean region, both geologically and geopolitically— ...

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Confronting Power Asymmetry in Knowledge Production: Lessons from Intercultural Collaborative Research

A paper

Jonathan Ngeh
Dr, University of Cologne

Michaela Pelican
Prof. Dr., University of Cologne

Over the past decades, anthropologists have increasingly become aware that scientific knowledge is socially constructed and is implicated in a system of power relations that privileges the dominant perspective and silences marginalised voices. In response, they have developed more inclusive approaches that acknowledge the perspectives of the people under study. Paradoxically, the research process remains hierarchical, and collaborations continue to take place within established structures that systematically disadvantage historically marginalised people. We take this problem as the starting point of our inquiry. Our aim is to critique the conventional approach to intercultural collaboration in knowledge production and to explore ways ...

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Ethnologische Expertise im Asylverfahren in Deutschland

A paper

Judith Riepe
bfe und Universität Tübingen

Der Beitrag widmet sich der Frage, auf welche Weise Personen, die im Bereich des Asyl- und Aufenthaltsrechts hauptberuflich oder ehrenamtlich tätig sind, auf „ethnologisches Wissen“ zurückgreifen und es einsetzen und welche Chancen und Herausforderungen sich dabei erkennen lassen. Ich beziehe mich hierbei auf Erkenntnisse aus meiner Promotionsforschung, die sich der Glaubhaftigkeitsbeurteilung im Asylklageverfahren in Deutschland widmet, sowie auf meine ehrenamtliche und professionelle Tätigkeit im Rahmen der Refugee Law Clinic Tübingen (seit April 2017). Ein zentrales Thema in der Forschung wie auch in der praktischen Tätigkeit sind Missverständnisse zwischen den am Asylverfahren beteiligten Akteur*innen u.a. aufgrund der Schwierigkeit, die Lebensrealitäten der ...

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How Energy is Communicated: Narratives of Energy Transitions and Inertias in one African Digital World

A paper

Giorgio Brocco
Freie Universität Berlin

The discovery of relevant reserves of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in south-eastern Tanzania has strengthened the Tanzanian government's purpose of turning the nation from being one impoverished aid-dependent political area into an economically powerful Middle-Income Country (MIC) by 2025. Besides dominant national political narratives about the relevance of powering the nation, diverging and oppositional discourses are articulated and spread in national and international digital worlds. Through the critical discourse analysis of ideas and narratives about LNG discovery and use, energy transitions, and the development of natural resource extractions in Tanzania, my analysis focuses on how energy transition is described, imagined, ...

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Water spirits in Algeria

A paper

Tamara Turner

Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Human Development

With the Mediterranean lapping at its shores, Algeria is no stranger to the wealth and precarity of water worlds. Yet, less apparent is its richness of spectral water histories through the intertwined relations of numerous water spirits. Some of the earliest colonial documentation in Algeria (e.g., Andrews 1903) noted the prevalence of water spirits—of rivers, lakes, and seas—and routine rituals conducted particularly within the heterogeneous sub-Saharan communities of Algeria who were violently brought north via the trans-Saharan slave trade. Indeed, such rituals, such as the *Dīwān* of *Sīdī Bilāl* in the west and the *neshra* ritual in the east, functioned ...

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Marine Conservation in Vanuatu: Local Ideas and Practices connected to 'Sustainability' and 'Resilience'

A paper

Arno Pascht

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

In Pacific island states, marine conservation measures are particularly intended to achieve a sustainable management of resources and resilience to climate change. In Vanuatu, a number of policies, projects, and marine protected areas, especially for coasts, have been and are implemented by external actors like international and national governmental and non-governmental organisations. Additionally to the few officially registered marine protected areas, several 'community based conservation areas' exist on Vanuatu's main island Efate, where villagers implement and maintain rules for fishing and collecting shellfish. In the village of Siviri, inhabitants and chiefs have established such an area with the intention to ...

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Doing urban anthropology with a dog. Reflections upon ethnography and knowledge production in context of a more-than-human research entanglement.

A paper

Elisabeth Luggauer

MA, University Graz/University Würzburg

This paper reflects upon multimodal ethnographic modes of being in a field of urban contact zones (Haraway 2008) or urban assemblages (Farias 2011) between humans and street dogs in Podgorica (Montenegro) as a multispecies research entanglement of a human and the dog Ferdinand. It points out how through the grounding ethnographic technique of jointly claiming urban space as a „humandog collective“ (Hodgetts 2018) 1. the presence of the mixed-breed dog reveals urban discourses and politics about street dogs and owned dogs as well as about cleanliness and dirt, 2. Ferdinand's spatial practices make contact zones/assemblages between humans and street dogs ...

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The limits and fragility of caring: Reframing documentation work in cultural heritage

A paper

Quoc-Tan Tran

University of Hamburg

Abstract: Drawing on fieldwork vignettes and more than 20 semi-structured interviews conducted with LAM (libraries, archives, and museums) professionals working directly with collections management systems, this contribution aims to reveal the infrastructural qualities hidden away in everyday functioning of institutional memory work. The museum's day-to-day functioning requires mutual support of constituent socio-technical components, IT systems, and subsystems, primarily located in the back end. While institutions cannot possibly care for everything, care(ful) approaches to documentation – on a material and technical levels – mean keeping the informational fabric from shredding away. On an organizational ecological level, care(ful) approaches to digital infrastructure ...

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Ermenautica Saperi in Rotta

A paper

Andrea Buchetti

Master degree, Sapienza University of Rome

Jasmine Iozzelli

Phd, University of Torino

Ermenautica-Saperi in Rotta is a project born from the ideas of students, researchers and professors of anthropology at the University of Rome La Sapienza. It aims to investigate the seas - starting, specifically, from the Mediterranean, aboard a sailing boat – as ethnographic fields, that is, as places inhabited and lived by different actors of which it seems essential to deepen the history, imaginaries, practices. How can we think of the sea? As a limit of atavistic fears, a horizon of individual freedom, a space of accumulation of capitalism. But also as a place of radical interdependence and a laboratory ...

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Digitisation against climate change – Necessities and potential of energy transitions as digital transitions of the energy sector

A paper

Katja Müller

PD Dr., IASS / MLU Halle

To mitigate climate change and to keep global warming well below 2°C we need to reduce energy-induced greenhouse gas emissions worldwide by more than 70% until 2050, which equals an increase of renewable energy in the electricity mix from 25% in 2017 to 86% in 2050. To do so, energy resources need to diversify, but will also decentralise, which requires a digitisation of the producing units in order to keep the system running. At the same time, we need to look for efficiency of digitisation and avoid rebound effects as digital technology through its own electricity requirements reduces the efficiency ...

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Towards Democratising the Production of Knowledge: Collaboratively Researching Sensitive Collections from Namibia

A paper

Julia Binter

Dr. des., Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

In 2019, seven research partners from Namibia visited the Ethnologisches Museum Berlin to investigate the over 1400 objects which had been collected before, during, and after the German colonisation of Namibia. Whereas the research team in Berlin envisaged the collaborative research to focus on the collections which were associated with the genocide against the Ovaherero and Nama (1914-1918), our research partners brought to bear their own, specific interests in the collections and challenged us to broaden our scope of thinking and sensing with things. They not only drew our attention to the early collections, often acquired by missionaries through trade, ...

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“Nothing grows here, there’s only the smell of death.” Contaminated landscapes and toxic soil in activist representations of the Rif war, Morocco

A paper

Martin Zillinger

Prof. Dr., University of Cologne

Nina Ter Laan

Dr., University of Cologne

This paper focuses on contemporary activist media representations of the Rif War (1921-1927), Morocco. It specifically investigates tropes on toxic sedimentations in the region’s soil and landscape, caused by the poisonous gases, used in the 1920s, by the Spanish colonial forces to suppress the Berber Riffian fight for independence (Balfour 2002, de Boer 2019). Since decades several activist movements are urging the Spanish government to look into this painful shared history and to release the Spanish Army archives, as well as freedom of investigation of the effects of chemical warfare (Azouzzi 2019). This contribution discusses how activist media address toxicity ...

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Worlding / Welten. Anthropology and more-than-human worldmaking

Organised by Daniel and Ursula Münster (University of Oslo, NO)

Plenary

Daniel Münster

Associate Professor, University of Oslo

Eben Kirksey

Associate Professor, Deakin University

Heather Anne Swanson

Associate Professor, Aarhus University

Uli Beisel

Free University Berlin

Ursula Münster

Associate Professor, University of Oslo

In the era of global warming and pandemic disease, the anthropology of emergent futures turns to multispecies worlds or better and for worse. Capitalist ruins, aftermaths of toxicity and scientific advances implicate human and other-than-human bodies and selves. The notion of worlding reconceives the world as ontologically multiple (Escobar), propositional and processual (Haraway), constituted through the unity of matter and meaning (Barad). Speculative worldings of digitally and chemically enhanced/ altered people, mutants, invasive species, simplified animals, hacked plants and other emergent lifeforms inform utopian and apocalyptic narratives alike. Conceived under the impression of a viral pandemic, news of extinction events, ...

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Beyond Universities – Ethnolog*innen und Kulturwissenschaftler*innen an Hochschulen für angewandte Wissenschaften

Roundtable

Magdalena Stülb

Prof. Dr., Hochschule Koblenz

Discussants: Hansjörg Dilger (FU Berlin, Institut für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie,); Margot Körber-Weik (Hochschule Nürtingen-Geislingen, ehem. Vorsitzende der Lakof) Thema dieses Round Tables soll das Berufsfeld HAW-Professur für Ethnolog*innen und Kulturwissenschaftler*innen sein, dessen Attraktivität für Postdocs und die Position von HAWs innerhalb des Berufsverbandes DGSKA. Anlass für diese Round Table Diskussion ist die auffallende Diskrepanz zwischen Hochschulen und Universitäten in Bezug auf die Berufsperspektiven. Während an Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften ein zunehmender Mangel an qualifizierten Professor*innen konstatiert wird und Instrumente zur Behebung entwickelt werden, wie bspw. Landesprogramme zur Nachqualifizierung oder Tandem-Professuren, ist die Uni-Professur hart umkämpft und bewerben sich exzellente Absolvent*innen über ...

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Let's talk about the #WissZeitVG. #IchbinHanna #IchbinReyhan

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Judith Albrecht
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On David Graeber's Work: Potentialities for a Radical Leftist Anthropology

Roundtable

Andreas Wittel
Nottingham University

Patrick Neveling
Bournemouth University

With David Graeber's early passing in summer 2020, social anthropology lost one of its global figureheads. David Graeber was certainly one of the most productive anthropologists of the twenty first century. Most importantly, he reinvigorated the discipline as an academic stronghold for activism, partisanship and anti-capitalism at a time of global crisis. His books, publications, and activism made classical anthropological themes and theories accessible to a global public in search of alternatives to the dire straits of contemporary capitalism. Within the discipline, David Graeber's anthropology offered a way out of the blind alleys of the 1990s globalisation debates that lingered ...

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AG Familie im Feld

Meeting

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Zur Aufarbeitung des Kolonialismus im transatlantischen Raum

Organised by RG Afroamerika and RG Afrika

Workshop

Michaela Pelican

Prof. Dr., University of Cologne

Discussant: Tilmann Heil (University of Cologne) Dieser gemeinsame Workshop beschäftigt sich mit sozialen Bewegungen und aktuellen Debatten zur Aufarbeitung des Kolonialismus im transatlantischen Raum. Er bringt verschiedene regionale, historische und politische Perspektiven zusammen und diskutiert diese anhand von Beispielen aus Afrika, der Karibik, den USA sowie afro-diasporischer Communities in Europa. Die Aufarbeitung von (kolonialem) Unrecht und heutigen Folgen umfasst eine Vielzahl von Akteur*innen, Institutionen, Aktionsformen und Zielsetzungen, die regional und global vernetzt sind. Diese beziehen sich beispielsweise auf die historische Tiefe der strukturellen globalen Ungleichheiten und Abhängigkeiten, die der transatlantische Versklavungshandel, die wechselnden Kolonialherrschaften und der globale Kapitalismus in den Regionen ...

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Cementing Change? Anthropological Perspectives on Concrete and House Transformations (1 of 2)

Workshop

Rosalie Stolz

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Concrete is on the rise and cement, 'world's most used material, after water' (Archambault 2018), is leaving imprints on the built landscape around the world. As such it is a firm part of what is called the Anthropocene. Since concrete, associated with modernity and aspirations as it appears to be (Forty 2016), is prevalent in transformations of houses and the build landscape world-wide, it is a suitable starting point to 'seismographically' trace changes in local life worlds more widely. The proposed panel aims to engage with house transformations with a focus on the changing materiality of mainly vernacular houses and ...

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Anticipated futures and the good life in the context of new constellations in Oceania

Organised by RG Ozeanien

Lab

Desiree Hetzel

LMU München

Ivo Syndicus

Royal Veterinary College, University of London

Over the past years, Oceania constitutes a contact zone for new constellations between different actors, entities and ideas. Some of these create global attention, such as narratives about catastrophic prospects of climate change or the geopolitical tug-of-war over strategic (militarized) control, diplomatic influence, and economic access to the region's resources. Other aspects of more regional attention concern challenges of urbanisation, new ways of working through labour migration, fresh large-scale resource exploitation projects and new forms of land use and agricultural production. The way narratives and media coverage about these constellations circulate often paint the Pacific as passively experiencing these issues ...

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Selling the Anthropocene

Workshop

Eva Riedke

Dr, Universität Konstanz

Hanno Mögenburg

University of Konstanz

Discussant: Björn Herold
The Anthropocene is understood as a novel geological epoch in which humans are now the dominant earth-shaping force; an epoch catalyzed by colonialism, industrialism and capitalism, and closely tied to the dawn of an apocalyptic future. These phenomena leave traces on a planetary scale, and likewise, in many peoples' daily lives. We observe a growing consciousness for its devastating effects as well as attempts to counter, lessen, or enclose these effects, e.g. by imagining green energy futures. This panel is concerned with how the Anthropocene is being translated, marketed, commodified and 'sold'. We invite contributions to explore how ...

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Indigene Akteure im Anthropozän

Organised by RG Indigenes Nordamerika

Workshop

Markus Lindner

Dr., Goethe-Universität

Michelle Thompson

University of Freiburg

Meist wird das Anthropozän nur mit negativen Eigenschaften in Zusammenhang gebracht; es zerstört und kontaminiert. Dieser Aspekt des Zeitalters ist mit der andauernden Kolonialgeschichte Nordamerikas unvergleichlich verknüpft. Obwohl indigene Nationen von den negativen Auswirkungen besonders betroffen waren und noch sind, sind und waren sie auch aktiv an der Entstehung neuer „Zonen“ oder der Anpassung an diese beteiligt. Kooperationsprojekte zur Energiegewinnung, Schutz von natürlichen Ressourcen und der Kampf darum, innovative und nachhaltige Wirtschaftssysteme sind heute "seismographisch" relevante Merkmale des Anthropozäns – auch in einem positiven Sinn. Der Workshop beschäftigt sich mit den Beiträgen, die die indigene Bevölkerung (Nord)Amerikas im negativen, aber ...

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Atmospheres of in/security and suspicion

Roundtable

Dorothea Schulz

Prof., University of Münster

Patrick Desplat

Dr., University of Göttingen

Discussant: Souleymane Diallo (University of Münster)
A significant feature of our time is that any sort of mobilization works importantly through the generation of feelings of fear, distrust, and suspicion. Closely related are two interlinked dynamics. Firstly, expanding transnational networks of illicit activity and organized crime, manifest in transnational jihadist networks, local paramilitary structures or cyber-criminal networks. They especially overshadow settings torn apart by recurrent episodes of civil strife, thus fuelling already existing practices of distrust and suspicion. Secondly, transnational military infrastructures, states and privatized modes of surveillance claim to contain illicit activities through new "securitizing" technologies, yet foster new regimes ...

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Queer Intimacies: Configurations of Gender and Sexuality in the Digital Anthropocene

Organised by AG Gender & Sexualities/ Queer Anthropology

Workshop

Claudia Liebelt

Prof. Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Max Schnepf

Freie Universität Berlin

Discussant: Susanna Paasonen (University of Turku) Intimacy has become a key notion in the study of gender and sexuality, including in social and cultural anthropology. Recent studies on transactional sex and promiscuous intimacies succeeded in queering the notion's heteronormative epistemologies. Far from being a private matter, intimacy constitutes a sphere of neoliberal and imperial governance. Changing technical infrastructures such as social media, online gaming, dating apps and sexbots produce new forms of mediated intimacies, facilitating the emergence of novel sexual and porn cultures. The digital Anthropocene highlights how our ways of being in the world and relating to intimate others are ...

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Politics and Poetics of the Pristine

Workshop

Desirée Kumpf

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Hanna Nieber

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Contemporaneously with the destructive human impact on earth, imaginaries of a pristine wilderness suggest a primordial state of wholeness and possibilities for planetary healing. The pristine is imagined as a realm beyond human intervention, but human labour is required to construct, maintain, and shelter it. Taking responsibility in the Anthropocene, here, is linked to nurture and care for the pristine, both conceptually and in terms of concrete projects. As such, the pristine becomes both a marker of loss and a driver of restoration. Nurture and care for the pristine is an active involvement, producing naturecultures in which "culture" is modified. ...

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Oceanic Engineering: The taming and crafting of marine environments

Workshop

Boris Wille

Dr., MLU Halle/Wittenberg

The workshop addresses the interface between marine ecology and maritime technology: the techniques that enable the appropriation and reconfiguration of marine environments to the needs of humans. For centuries, oceans have been subject to human acquisition and reshaping, including activities like land reclamation, dredging of river deltas, harbour basins and shipping lanes, building of canals and passages, exploitation of resources (e.g. fish, oil, gas or sand), and nowadays the construction of submarine optical fibres, pipelines and tidal power plants, as well as marine monitoring systems. Recent initiatives even engineer nature with the help of nature, as for instance, coral farming ...

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“Why are you online that late?” Positionality and digital ethnography of a male for-male escorting platform

A paper

Kostia Lennes

“Why are you online that late?” Positionality and digital ethnography of a male for-male escorting platform, Université Libre de Bruxelles

This paper draws on an on-going ethnographic study on escort boys and their male clients in Paris. Escorting is an activity where first encounters with clients take place online, through profile descriptions, chats, photo sharing, etc. While there is a growing body of literature focusing on the move from traditional physical places of sex work to Internet sex work, much less attention has been paid to these online spaces as social spaces where initial contacts between escorts and clients (and the ethnographer I was) take place. The website I used to contact my informants and to carry out online observation ...

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Recharging for tomorrow: Ambiguities of Norway’s green battery future

A paper

Anna-Sophie Hobi

PhD Candidate, NMBU

Lithium-ion batteries are sold as a green techno-salvation that both satisfy a ‘climate-saving’ ambition and corporate interests. Ethnographic research on Norwegian battery industries highlights the ambiguity of sustainable energy futures based on technology reliant on natural resource extraction, energy consumption and (natural) space. The effects of global warming and the climate crisis are devastating: While climate policies aim at mitigating these, they are at the same time threatening Norway’s oil and gas exports, revenues, workplaces and the linked to it public services and the Norwegian welfare state. For some, the solution seems simple: ‘the future needs high-quality, green batteries’, a ...

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Rupture and erasure: Ethnographic absence and new constellations in Oceania

A paper

Michelle Rooney

Dr., Australian National University

The world is experiencing rupture caused by COVID-19. Anthropologists’ ethnographic practices often place them at the frontiers of understanding the impacts of rupture on Oceanic societies. The arriving anthropologist, grounded in local context, produces fine grained ethnographic accounts of the societies they study. COVID-19 has also ruptured the Western “ethnographic experience” because of the closure of borders. What knowledge is being erased as part of this rupture? With a focus on my personal and research experiences in Papua New Guinea, I consider two issues related to rupture and erasure in my ethnographic practice. First, I look at travel to attend ...

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Ugly Beauty and Grey Zones – How pristine worlds trap subatomic realms and anthropological arguments alike

A paper

Anne Dippel

PhD, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena

Based on long-term ethnographic research amongst physicists at CERN, I am investigating, how scientific experimental systems resonate with anthropological concepts developed in/with ethnography. Research is embedded in contemporary zeitgeist and its ontologies – especially when it comes to imagined pristine worlds in a more-than-human anthropocene. Long abstract In a “world of many worlds” (De La Cadena/Blaser 2018) “pristine” (Law/Lien 2018) naturecultures unveil various cosmological imaginaries naturalized and culturally charged at the same time. In this talk I analyze ethnographic data collected at the antimatter-factory of CERN, where pristine particles are caught in experimental traps. The example allows me to reflect ...

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Klimaschutz und Ressourcennutzung: Ein indigenes CO2-Einsparungsprojekt an Kanadas Pazifikküste

A paper

Saskia Brill

M.A., Ludwig Maximilians Universität/RCC

Das Great Bear Carbon Project der Coastal First Nations an der kanadischen Pazifikküste will nachhaltiges lokales Wirtschaften und globalen Klimaschutz vereinen. Dabei spielt Land- und Ressourcennutzung auf Grundlage indigener Werte und traditionellen Wissens eine zentrale Rolle. Der Zustand der Atmosphäre ist spätestens seit der Einführung des Emissionsrechtehandels mit dem Kyoto Protokoll 1995 zum Symbol und Gradmesser des Anthropozäns geworden. Wie einige indigene Gruppen in Nordamerika und weltweit, hat sich der Verband der Coastal First Nations an Kanadas Pazifikküste ab etwa 2010 dazu entschlossen, die ökonomischen Möglichkeiten des Emissionsrechtehandels für ihre Gemeinden zu nutzen und haben ein CO2-Einsparungsprojekt gegründet: Das Great ...

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From aspirational compromise to suburban bliss: feeling otherwise in a Mozambican suburb

A paper

Julie Soleil Archambault

Associate Professor, Concordia University

The rapidly expanding Mozambican suburb of Inhapossa is very much the product of urban precarity. Indeed, most people only end up there after having exhausted other options. For many, it was the only place where they could buy land and build their own houses. Striking, however, is how residents have, in recent years, discursively and materially constructed the suburb as an idyllic urban place in the making, so much so that Inhapossa has become one of the most coveted neighbourhoods in the area. This paper examines how local land struggles have created new opportunities for people from very different backgrounds ...

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Challenging Collections: New Relationalities, Old Inequalities in the Anthropocene? (2 of 2)

Workshop

Barbara Göbel

Prof. Dr., Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz

Hansjörg Dilger

Prof. Dr., Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin

Chair: Stephanie Schütze (Freie Universität Berlin) Discussant: Alexis von Poser (Ethnologisches Museum Berlin) Collections and collecting institutions are the result of complex intertwined histories that reflect economic globalization, colonial and imperialist expansion, and the geopolitics of knowledge production. Current debates on the access to collections and the ownership of objects modify profoundly the (self-)perception of museums, libraries, and archives, thereby producing new openings to the multiplicity of the collections' 'more-than-human' connections as well as creating new uncertainties. In addition, digital transformation is fostering unprecedented dynamics of re-circulation, re-appropriation and re-signification of objects, which expose alternative epistemologies and object-ontologies and simultaneously create new ...

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Seismographies: Experiments in Visual Anthropology (1 of 2)

Film screening

Anton Nikolotov

Vicarious Labor Power: Experience of Impotentiality to Actualize Value by Central Asian Traders in Russia, Max Planck Institute

Florian Grundmueller

Johannes Sjöberg

University of Manchester

Linda Paganelli

Viadrina University

Michaela Schaeuble

Prof. Dr., Bern University

The session will start at 1:30pm. After a short welcome and introduction everyone will watch the films individually. Click on the titles below to access the films. After viewing the films there will be a live Q&A with the filmmakers starting at 2:15pm. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the films before or if you want to watch them later. The films will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the films and additional information, click on the film titles below. Moderation:

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Reorientating Provenance: Identifying Te Arawa Māori works cross-institutionally as a decolonising approach to collections research

A paper

Elizabeth Cory-Pearce

Dr, UCL Honorary Research Associate

When Te Arawa Māori began developing tourism industries in Rotorua, Aotearoa-New Zealand, in the 1870s, they entered into the intertwined histories of economic globalisation, imperialist expansion and knowledge production that this panel seeks to investigate. Through this interaction Arawa works went into global circulation, and many were acquired by museums. Their preservation in collections means at least partial identification of a 'globally dispersed Arawa oeuvre' is in theory possible. Combining ethnography in Rotorua with research on collections worldwide, my paper presents my efforts to identify works in overseas museums as Arawa. Enormous goodwill currently exists in Europe towards reconnecting collections ...

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After the house? Building belonging in a transnational Mexican community

A paper

Julia Pauli

Prof., Universität Hamburg

Migrant housebuilding often appears as an endless process. Aspirations are never completely fulfilled, stimulating the need for new remittances, and leading to never ending migration. Although this observation is true for many kin-based homemaking projects in migratory contexts like Mexico, this view, however, ignores that some remittance houses turn into ruins. Additionally, not all households equally and continuously participate in housebuilding. Building on long-term ethnographic fieldwork in the transnational community of Pueblo Nuevo, Mexico, I argue that it is necessary to understand variations in migratory housebuilding through their differing temporalities and future-makings. At the beginning of the migration process, the ...

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Das Eagle Spirit Energy Project: eine Antwort der kanadischen First Nations auf den Bau von Pipelines von Alberta an die Pazifikküste

A paper

Nina Reuther

Dr., Independent Researcher

Die gängige Auffassung, Indigene Nordamerikas stellen sich generell gegen groß angelegte Investitionen zur kommerziellen Entwicklung ihrer Territorien, ist eine weitverbreitete Illusion bzgl. der gegenwärtigen, komplexen Situation der Ureinwohner Nordamerikas. Allein in Kanada profitieren ca. 150 First Nations von Einkünften durch Öl- und Gasförderung. Allerdings trägt diese Realität zur Spaltung vieler indigener Gemeinden in verschiedene Interessengruppen bei: ein weingefächertes Spektrum von z.T. radikalen grassroots-Positionen bis hin zu einer immer stärker werdenden, indigenen Unternehmer-Lobby, wie z.B. die 2013 durch Calvin Helin (Lax-Kwalaams First Nation, B.C.) gegründete „Egale Spirit Energy Holding LTD“ und deren Pipeline Projekt. Dieses Projekt wird jedoch bei weitem nicht ...

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Mobility Disjunctures: Producing Imaginaries of Pristine Pasts in Guatemalan Conservation and Containment

A paper

Julia Morris

Dr., University of North Carolina Wilmington

Across Western liberal states, new regimes of labor and mobility control are forming that attempt to manage the northern movement of people from the global south. By combining financing development projects with explicit forms of border enforcement (including border personnel training and new securitisation technologies), western governments attempt to encourage non-western publics (invariably the Black and brown poor) to stay in local regions, rather than seek better livelihoods elsewhere. With reference to U.S. conservation development projects in Guatemala, this paper explores the merging of conservation and migration governance regimes in the formation of resource frontiers centered on the extraction and ...

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The Marketization of Infectious Disease and Global Catastrophe

A paper

Jenna Randolph

Doctoral Student, University of Bologna

The last decade has seen an emerging alliance between innovative finance and the rising threat of infectious, and particularly zoonotic, disease outbreaks with cases of H1N1 influenza, Ebola, Zika, and now SARS-CoV-2. In June 2017, the World Bank launched specialized pandemic bonds through the Pandemic Emergency Financing (PEF) Facility to channel surge funding to developing countries facing an outbreak and minimize the resulting health and economic consequences. Senegal has experienced a history of crises including natural disasters, prolonged droughts, endemic malaria, deforestation and desertification. Research suggests that climactic challenges in sub-Saharan Africa are closely linked to political and economic repercussions ...

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Remixing Bodies in Pornographic Deepfake Online Communities

A paper

Mia Lunding Christensen

The Danish Board of Technology

In 2018 deepfakes - videos created with AI-tools that swaps faces - gained popularity online. Amateur tech-enthusiasts in online communities started using the tools to forge pornographic videos depicting celebrities in sexual scenes. In 2020 this is the most widespread use of the technology. Sexualized audience engagement with celebrity is nothing new, as fans have sexualized celebrities in fanfiction and photoshopped photography before. However, deepfaking moved the fantasy into moving pictures offering new, fleshy, and visually believable scenarios of morphed and remixed celebrity and porn performer bodies. This article contributes the first ethnographically based research into how pornographic deepfakes are ...

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Challenging the Jacobsen Collection. Bilateral engagement with partners from the Pacific Northwest Coast and the impact of a changing environment

A paper

Viola König

Prof. Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

When Nuxalk Chief Tom Henry alias Ya-Coutlas from Bella Coola, B.C. met with Franz Boas at Berlin in 1885, they started the very first cooperation between representatives of the donor's and the appropriator's societies. Given an enormous volume of about 7.000 objects of a diverse provenance collected by Adrian und Filip Jacobsen in the 1880ies, the ambitions of consultation were necessarily divers, as were the representatives of the groups coming from the Northwest Coast of Washington State and British Columbia up to Alaska's Far North, in order to study their ancestor's legacy in German museums: Elders, Chiefs, artists, museum curators, ...

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Transnationale Verflechtungen: Postkoloniale Familiengeschichten zwischen Togo und Deutschland

A paper

Ursula Logossou

Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Im aktuellen Diskurs steht der öffentliche Bereich im Vordergrund der Aufarbeitung der kolonialen Vergangenheit. Den Schwerpunkt meiner Promotionsforschung bildet dagegen der private familiäre Bereich. Als exemplarisch sehe ich hierfür die transnationale Verflochtenheit familiärer Beziehungen zwischen Togo und Deutschland an. Diese transnationalen Familiengeschichten sind eng verknüpft mit der Etablierung kolonialer Herrschaft in Togo. Ihre Kontinuitäten, geprägt durch asymmetrische Beziehungen und Brüche, wirken bis heute fort. In der methodologisch als multisited ethnography angelegten Studie gehe ich der Frage nach, wie Nachfahr*innen deutscher Kolonisierender der postmemory-Generation (Hirsch 1997:22) in Togo und in Deutschland Erinnerungen an die koloniale Vergangenheit konstruieren. Gleichzeitig ist von ...

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Solarenergie auf Pueblo Reservationen - Ein Beispiel aus New Mexico

A paper

Catharina Wallwaey

Solarenergie auf Pueblo Reservationen - Ein Beispiel aus New Mexico, Goethe-University Frankfurt

Das Picuris Pueblo hat auf den steigenden Energiebedarf reagiert und einen Solarpark gebaut. Mit diesem Energiegewinnungsprojekt verändern sie aktiv ihre Umwelt, versuchen jedoch die negativen Auswirkungen möglichst gering zu halten. Die stammeseigene Anlage reduziert bestehende Energiekosten und soll künftig zur ausschließlichen Nutzung von Solarenergie führen. Während meiner Master-Feldforschung zeigte sich deutlich, dass viele Pueblos erneuerbare Energie bevorzugen. Jedoch ist die Umsetzung komplex und voller Hürden. Die Stämme stoßen auf strukturelle Barrieren. Der Bau von Solarpaneelen für einzelne Haushalte scheint einfacher umsetzbar. Wichtig scheint die Unterstützungsbereitschaft des lokalen Energieversorgers, was zur Zeit meiner Forschung eine ungewöhnliche Haltung darstellte. Während andere Pueblos ...

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Concretizing dwell: housing aesthetics and materialities among middle classes in Buenos Aires (Argentina)

A paper

Maria Florencia Blanco Esmoris

Prof., Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social

Title: Concretizing dwell: housing aesthetics and materialities among middle classes in Buenos Aires (Argentina)
During my ethnographic fieldwork conducted between 2015-2019 with middle-class families in Haedo (Morón, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina) I noticed how the urban-residential landscape was shaped by a diversity of dwellings characterized by exposed bricks and gable roofs, or with rustic stones and cement and, more recently, a proliferation of facades with a gray and geometric concrete finish. These constructions appeared in the scenery as specific aesthetic choices which had an echo in their interior of the dwelling. In this context and in the words of ...

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Not Just a Gay-Date App. Meanings and Appropriations of Grindr Among Argentinean Gay Men

A paper

Maximiliano Marentes

Dr., Universidad Nacional de San Martín

[PANEL: Queer Intimacies: Configurations of Gender and Sexuality in the Digital Anthropocene] Abstract: Among Argentinean gay men, dating app Grindr is experienced as a sign of hipersexualization. In this communication I analyze how these guys appropriate this App, and the meaning they give to it. First, it could be seen as a gate of homosocialization that produces sexual encounters, friendship and re-encounters with former partenaires. Second, it is referred as a market that introduces its own code and grammar in erotic-affective bonds. Third, opposed to love and monogamy, it could mean infidelity and a device for non-monogamous arrangements. Fourth, it ...

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Litigating for Gutpela Sindaun: Ethical Factional Competition around a Prospective Copper-Gold Mine in Papua New Guinea

A paper

Willem Church

University of Lucerne

Wafi-Golpu is a prospective copper-gold mine in Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea. The mine's anticipated presence, and the disbursement of employment, royalties, and contracts that will come with it, has gone hand-in-hand with legal (and sometimes physical) conflict between various parties, each seeking to be recognized as customary landowners of the to-be-mined land. By taking seriously peoples' perspectives on the futures they seek to craft through such conflict, this presentation aims to merge two distinct streams of thought in anthropology. The first, the anthropology of ethics, is broadly interested in how people, through quotidian practice, inherently fashion themselves as ...

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Purifying intertwined selves: Mindfulness and Anthropocene politics

A paper

Arne Harms

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Contemporary climate activists increasingly embrace mindfulness practices. Hailing from spiritual traditions, these practices are added to a repertoire of unconventional strategies employed both, as activists claim, to be the change they want to see in the world and to foster resilience necessary to thrive during drawn-out struggles on an overheating planet. Among activists, mindfulness is pitched as a tool and a stance gaining access to an inner sense of calm or to an untainted self. Drawing on ethnographic research, this paper demonstrates how in mindfulness trainings offered to climate activists (understood broadly) attempts at purification are reconciled with notions of ...

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Mining capitalism and its future-makers (ethnographic notes from New Caledonia)

A paper

Marta Gentilucci

Phd in Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Milano-Bicocca

Moving beyond the problematic paradigm "active-agents-vs-passive-victims", this paper consider Pacific Islanders as cosmopolitans, "a particular cultural condition, one rarely attributed to native people at all" (Thomas, 2010, p.3). Cosmopolitanism not only means having the possibility and freedom to cross geographical boundaries, but also knowing how to "ride" the global forces rather than being just "recipients" of them. The economic and political processes taking place in Oceania show that there is no longer only a centripetal force that "indigenises" what comes from outside (Sahlins). But there is also a centrifugal one, in some respects much more powerful. In this direction, the ...

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Earth System / World Order: Sovereignty and Economy in Planetary Geopolitics

A paper

Cameron Hu

Dr., Konrad Lorenz Institute

Stefan Schäfer

Dr., Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies

Carl Schmitt proposed in 1950 that modern subjects found their lives split across a "doubled world": a worldwide system of political sovereignty figured in the territorial nation-state, and a worldwide system of trade spatialized as global economy. We consider how this doubling is at once amplified and undone as Euro-American institutions consolidate "planetary environment" as a third dimension of global-scale geopolitical rule. We ask: how does an ascendent Earth System Science shape longstanding North Atlantic projects to order the world? How does the conceptual figure of the planetary torque the epistemic and material relationship of sovereignty and economy, as states ...

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Transatlantic Aphasia – Wie dem transatlantischen Handel mit versklavten Menschen in Nigeria (nicht) gedacht wird

A paper

Julia Binter

Dr. des., Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Das Nigerdelta im heutigen Nigeria war vom 16. bis 19. Jahrhundert eines der Zentren des transatlantischen Handels mit versklavten Menschen. Nicht nur europäische Kaufleute, sondern auch afrikanische Eliten zogen daraus Profit und schufen im Austausch mit einer sich globalisierenden Welt neue, transkulturelle Lebensstile. Heute erinnern nicht nur importierte Häuser im viktorianischen Stil und Erbstücke prominenter Kaufmannsfamilien, sondern auch Museen wie das Nanna Living History Museum in Koko und die Old Residency und das Calabar Slave History Museum in Old Calabar an die Zeit des transatlantischen Handels. Lokale Kritiker:innen bemängeln jedoch die agency, die dabei den afrikanischen Eliten beigemessen wird. Während ...

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The Afterlives of Gold Artefacts from Southeast Asia

A paper

Mai Lin Tjoa-Bonatz

SMB

Gold artefacts from Southeast Asia, known as the fabled Land of Gold (Suvarnabhumi), serve as powerful agents of historic narratives but also of art market mechanisms and illicit trade. I will explore some of the aspects of how these cultural goods are traded and negotiated among diverging parties and their interests. I will address sacred heirlooms for some actors, commodities or aesthetically appealing works of art for others, the pride of private collectors and displayed in museums. Re-assessing them from provenance research and their collection history provides insights into the ways in which different key agents such as looter, dealer, ...

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Emerging Resistance Patterns in New Caledonia and Fiji: how individuals can reject or re- signify Western narratives

A paper

Claudia Ledderucci

Emerging Resistance Patterns in New Caledonia and Fiji: how individuals can reject or re- signify Western narratives, Univerdità di Torino

Federica Grassi

University of Turin

When we think of climate change in the Pacific region, we usually imagine catastrophic scenarios of disruption. Because of these portraits painted by the Western media, Pacific communities are depicted as victims to be displaced. We argue that this rhetoric is misleading for two main reasons: the first one draws on island studies; the second one concerns indigenous agency. Using the island studies paradigm, islands and islanders are regionally interconnected and rely on affinity-based networks. Therefore, islanders imagine and construct their environments and futures every day. Moreover, the developmental discourse is recognized and re-signified in a more familiar way. Our ...

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Queering Identities and Relationships: Dating-Apps, Courtship and Mobilized Intimacies

A paper

Andrea Newerla

Dr., Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Current research on dating apps focuses mainly on questions concerning the emergence of romantic, monogamous, heterosexual relationships. In this paper, I would like to present research results collected in the context of qualitative research, which asks more fundamentally about different forms of intimate relationships that result from mobile dating contacts. The aim is to show which ambivalences subjects are exposed to in times of mobile dating and mobilized intimacies. Dating apps allow multiple access to many people and more options to create closeness with these people. In scientific analysis, mobilized intimacy and liquidity of boundaries of both relationships and identities

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Indigener Tourismus. Neue Perspektiven für nachhaltigen Tourismus im Anthropozän

A paper

Sarah Mund

University of Cologne

Die historische Entwicklung und heutige Ausrichtung der Tourismusindustrie in Nordamerika ist stark von kolonialen Einstellungen geprägt, was in der Ausbeutung indigener Kultur und natürlicher Ressourcen deutlich wird. Gleichzeitig muss die Tourismusindustrie im Kontext des Anthropozäns betrachtet werden, da Tourismus sowohl von anthropogenem Wandel betroffen ist, als auch aktiv zu diesem beiträgt. Während sich ethnologische Forschung oft auf die negativen Auswirkungen von Tourismus konzentriert, wird den positiven Aspekten häufig wenig Beachtung geschenkt. Während meiner Masterforschung in British Columbia, Kanada traf ich auf die Heiltsuk Nation, die Tourismusentwicklung als einen Weg sah, ihre Ressourcen vor weiterer Ausbeutung zu bewahren und eine kulturell, ...

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The ontology and materiality of houses in rural Andean Bolivia

A paper

Jonathan Alderman

Dr, Ludwig Maximilians Universität

In rural Andean Bolivia, personhood is defined by intersubjective reciprocal relations with nonhuman beings. This paper examines the role of the house as a living being and a conduit between its inhabitants and local place deities. Houses traditionally made from adobe materially connect their inhabitants with a sacred landscape and rituals performed at their construction create the house as a living being in its own right. For the Kallawayas, an indigenous Andean Bolivian nation, the house is an assemblage of energy with its inhabitants and the landscape, a fractal representation of the homologous structure of the rural Andean community, the ...

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Negotiating Towards (a More) Sustainable Education – ‘Āina-Based Education in Hawai‘i

A paper

Janne Von Seggern
Freie University, Berlin

The Pacific Islands States are most threatened by natural disasters worldwide and its people already adapt fundamentally to climatic changes. Prevailing adaptations to climatic changes in the Pacific are also based on local and Indigenous knowledge. But how do constitutive Indigenous knowledge systems on Climate Change adaptation and mitigation relate to international approaches to ‘educate’ all people on this topic? For example, the UNESCO program ESD: Towards achieving the SDGs should enable all future generations to apply solution-oriented action for sustainability. Then again, recent anthropological research constitutes how knowledge about climate change is adapted in situational concepts that contextually differ ...

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A bumpy Ride towards the Future: The Agency of Vehicles, Persons, and Institutions in Tonga

A paper

Norbert Pötzsch
Georg-August-University Göttingen

Within the last decade, the Kingdom of Tonga has become fractured by changes that fundamentally reshape its society. Public discourse concerns unfinished political efforts for democratization, direct effects of climate change, and the country's economic system. Previous scholarship, however, paid little to no attention to where these issues intersect: the vast increase of individual traffic. In Tonga, a recent proliferation of motor vehicles creates an array of "new" phenomena: The number of daily traffic jams and their according noise pollution (both of which were previously literally unheard of) are yet increasing, and so are crashes and traffic fatalities. What seems ...

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Of fledgling raspberries and failing public health: Translating the Anthropocene in Europe's semi-periphery

A paper

Andre Thiemann
Dr, Riga Stradins University

Since late socialism, conventional raspberry farming for export has been lucrative for south-west Serbian small farmers, but regional competitors caught up and squeezed profits. Anthropogenic climate change has further exhausted local multi-species relations, while organic food production is no real alternative due to unmet labor needs, limited agronomic support and commodity chains. The case study shadows a household of two middle-aged brothers ailing from a genetic disease that causes kidney failure, affects hearing, sight and bone density, who need to make firewood and manage the complex cycle of raspberry cultivation for a living. Already having troubles to find pickers because ...

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"Chinese Pacific?" We need a decolonial epistemology to see it coming.

A paper

Rodolfo Maggio

Dr, University of Turin

Researching the future of Sino-Pacific relations requires the integration of indigenous perspectives on China, a conscious detachment from "China threat" discourses, and a research focus on the articulation between processes of knowledge production, circulation, and power. If we cannot think of a "Chinese Pacific" we cannot see it coming. Arguably, one reason why research on the "Chinese Pacific" is not explicitly on the agenda is perhaps that it is still more acceptable to think of the region as Washington's mare nostrum rather than a site of new Sino-Pacific relations. That is suggested by the way the debate about the Chinese ...

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The Anthropocene and the Postcolonial

Plenary

Amade M'charek

Prof., University of Amsterdam

Ariella Aïsha Azoulay

Prof., Brown University

George Mahashe

University of Cape Town

Helen Verran

Prof., Charles Darwin University

Katharina Schramm

Prof. Dr., Universität Bayreuth

Michi Knecht

Prof. Dr., IfEK

In this roundtable we seek to address the deep-cutting relations between colonial violence (against people, naturecultures, objects, knowledge) and the current moment of existential crisis. In public discourse, genealogies and continuities between, for example, colonial exploitation and contemporary forms of inequality and discrimination are often obscured by amnesia (the failure and inability to remember) and aphasia (the refusal to speak about and the active unwillingness to politically address such pasts and their present reverberations). In this plenary, we explore the potential of theory-led ethnography and an expanded ethnographic tool kit to unravel these invisibilized connections. What new languages, images, research ...

Wednesday, Sep 29

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Economic Anthropology Meet-up

Docks

Katharina Bodirsky

Dr., Universität Konstanz

Stefan Leins

Prof. Dr., Universität Konstanz

Tobias Köllner

Dr. habil., Universität Witten/Herdecke

Dock - this is our format for socializing and networking during the late afternoon break, mainly organized by GAA-working or -regional groups. Just join their offer and have a look what's up. This dock is organized by the GAA working group economic anthropology. Mailadressen der Ansprechpartner fürs Mailing: katharina.bodirsky@uni-konstanz.de Stefan.Leins@uni-konstanz.de tobias.koellner@uni-wh.de

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AG Migration: informelles Netzwerken

Docks

Daniele Karasz

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Katrin Kremmel

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Mediterranean Futures

Docks

Christoph Lange

University of Cologne

Gerhild Perl

Dr., University of Bern / University of Trier

Lene Faust

Dr., University of Bern

We would like to invite everyone interested in research and future anthropological perspectives in/of/from the Mediterranean to a small get-together with the RG Mediterranean. There will also be the opportunity to visit and talk about the idea and background of the Virtual Ethnographic Gallery Walk of our Lab »Utopian and Dystopian Futures«. Dock - this is our format for socializing and networking during the late afternoon break, mainly organized by GAA-working or -regional groups. Just join their offer and have a look what's up. Mailadressen der Ansprechpartner fürs Mailing: c.lange@uni-koeln.de lene.faust@anthro.unibe.ch gerhild.perl@anthro.unibe.ch

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Austausch über aktuelle Projekte zu Nordamerika

Docks

Markus Lindner

Dr., Goethe-Universität

Michelle Thompson

University of Freiburg

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Podium PostColonial: "un-documented: Unlearning Imperial Plunder" (2019, Ariella Aïsha Azoulay)

Film, Comment and Talk. Organised by Michi Knecht (University of Bremen) and Katharina Schramm (University of Bayreuth)

Film screening

Amade M'charek

Prof., University of Amsterdam

Ariella Aïsha Azoulay

Prof., Brown University

George Mahashe

University of Cape Town

Helen Verran

Prof., Charles Darwin University

Ethnographic museums appear like graveyards to some: Filled with things that have been extracted from their previous relationships and connections and now stand in the museum as "dead objects," isolated from any social life. That objects appropriated under colonial conditions would die was a thesis proposed in the anti-colonial film essay "Les statues meurent aussi" (1953) by Chris Marker and Alain Resnais. Up until 1963, the film was not allowed to be shown in France because of its critique of imperialism and colonialism. Ariella Aïsha Azoulay's 2019 film essay "undocumented: Imperial Plunder" responds to Marker's and Resnais' film with a ...

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Zona: Post-industrial landscapes and possible futures (1 of 2)

Workshop

Asta Vonderau

Prof. Dr., Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Tobias Holzlehner

Dr., Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Processes of deindustrialization have created zones of structural changes as well as veiled pockets of technological devolution. Exhausted infrastructure, industrial ruins and scarred landscapes are the symptoms of a failed attempt to create a smooth surface for the mobility of technology and capital. The myth of modernity internalized technological progress as a teleological process and consequently ignored the fact that this progression was inherently accompanied by ruptures, seismic faults and relapses. Traces of a new toxicity run through these landscapes: from the (post) industrial alchemy of methamphetamine kitchens in the American hinterland, to the sarcophagus of Chernobyl's Block 4, and ...

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Biochemical Afterlives: Industrial metabolisms and more-than-human health (1 of 2)

Organised by AG Medical Anthropology

Workshop

Claudia Lang

PD, University Leipzig

Janina Kehr

Univ-Prof. Dr., University of Vienna

Sandra Calkins

Chair: Daniel Münster (University of Oslo) Discussant: Tomás Sánchez Criado (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) The rise of industrial chemistry has brought about far-reaching transformations of daily lives, industries, economies and landscapes. Its technologies and substances have inadvertently remade biological, nutritive and chemical relations at both planetary and intimate scales. Toxic substances, atmospheres and residues can intensify long-standing economic, racial, gender, geographic and species inequalities. This prompts a rethinking of what constitutes health, wellbeing, illness and care today and for whom. Our panel addresses the often unreckoned afterlives of modernist promises in agriculture, medicine, urbanism or other domains and their effect on more-than-human ...

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Presenting Online. Anthropological Approaches to Digital Curating (1 of 2)

Organised by AG Medien(anthropologie) and AG Visuelle Anthropologie

Workshop

Andreas Ackermann

Prof. Dr., University Koblenz-Landau

Anja Dreschke

Dr. des., Institut für Medien- und Kulturwissenschaft, Heinrich Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Discussant: Cora Bender (Universität Siegen) A side effect of the global pandemic is a significant increase of various kinds of digital curating projects, relating to ethnographic research and anthropological themes more broadly. Due to the measurements for social distancing many institutions like museums or festivals as well as research projects and individual researchers decide to go online and present exhibitions, talks and films on the Internet. Whereas in many cases the switch to online formats may be just a virtue of necessity, the panel seeks to explore the structural changes and new possibilities of digital forms of presentation in relation to ...

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Making Sense of a Pandemic: Religion and COVID-19 (1 of 2)

Workshop

Natalie Lang

Dr., Max Weber Kolleg, Universität Erfurt

Philipp Zehmisch

Dr., South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

Debates on the notion of the Anthropocene associate this era with anthropogenic environmental degradation, natural catastrophes and climate change. Explanations of these phenomena vary across the globe, blaming a wide range of factors, from devastating effects of global capitalism to the aftermath of colonialism, leading to an unequal world order, and to millenarian or apocalyptic notions of "Mother Earth" taking revenge on humanity. The recent COVID-19 pandemic added another dimension to global perceptions and interpretations of the Anthropocene. Several religious or spiritual leaders have interpreted the pandemic as a punishment for humanity's failure to conform to moral principles. This panel ...

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Seismographien der Anthropologie – Debatten um Kolonialismus und Rassismus, Salvage Anthropology, Kulturgüterschutz und Dekolonisierung (1 of 2)

Organised by AG Fachgeschichte and AG Museum

Workshop

Karoline Noack

Prof. Dr., Bonn University

Katja Geisenhainer

Dr., Institut für Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie Wien

Oliver Lueb

Ph.D., Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum (RJM)

Peter Rohrbacher

Dr., Austrian Academy of Sciences

AG Fachgeschichte und AG Museum Die „erste Globalisierung“ im 16. Jh. ging einher mit Faszination für das Fremde, aber auch mit ökonomischen Interessen. Reziproker Tausch wie auch Raub mündeten in einer „Passion, Dinge zu sammeln“ (Helms 1996), die die Eroberungs- und Handelsreisen des 17. und 18. Jh. mitprägte. Erste völkerkundliche Lehrveranstaltungen bedienten sich „Kuriösitätenkabinetten“ und Reiseberichten. Diskutiert wurde u.a. über Kategorisierungen der Menschheit, kulturelle Besonderheiten und universalhistorische Entwürfe. Die Ethnologie etablierte sich im Spannungsfeld diverser Fächer und zwischen Museum und Universität als akademische Disziplin. Während Kolonialmächte massiv in Strukturen anderer Regionen eingriffen, führten sie die vermeintliche Degeneration ihrer eigenen Gesellschaft ...

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Economy as Atmosphere (1 of 2)

Workshop

Stefan Leins

Prof. Dr., Universität Konstanz

Tyler Zoanni

Dr, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

“The economy” is one of the decisive entities of the contemporary world. We have seen this most recently with the COVID-19 pandemic, where decisions about quarantines and re-openings are being made with an eye to the health of the economy as much as the health of the population. More generally, the economy today is a naturalized, quasi-living thing whose stability and growth are to be sought at all costs. Here, however, there is a paradox: as a kind of shared environment, the economy’s well-being is seen as central to collective well-being. Yet it is built from histories of violent and ...

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Digitalität in der ethnografischen Praxis. Kommunikationsmedien, Forschungsdaten, Software (1 of 2)

Workshop

Elisabeth Huber

Dr., University of Bremen

Ingo Rohrer

Dr., Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Sabine Imeri

Dr., Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Wolfgang Kraus

ao. Univ.-Prof. Dr., University of Vienna

Digitale Technologien und neue rechtliche Rahmungen bergen erhebliches Veränderungspotenzial für die ethnologische Forschung. Zum einen werden – nicht erst unter Pandemiebedingungen – technologische Neuerungen und Formen digitalen Arbeitens und digitaler Kommunikation mehr oder weniger umstandslos in die ethnografische Praxis integriert, etwa wenn Ethnolog*innen bestehendes Material durch Rückfragen per Chat ergänzen, sich Forschungspartner*innen per Videobotschaft melden oder Social-Media-Plattformen forschend beobachtet werden. Zum anderen werden unter den Bedingungen zunehmender Digitalität die Erweiterungen disziplinärer Reflexivität der letzten Jahrzehnte – veränderte Forscher*innenpositionen, Verständnisse von Autor*innenschaft und Autorisierung, kollaborative Zugänge – neu herausgefordert, etwa in den Debatten um den Umgang mit (sensiblen) Forschungsdaten, der dauerhaften ...

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Navigating the Changing World: Generational Relations as Resource and Challenge in Times of Crises (1 of 2)

Organised by AG Psychological Anthropology

Workshop

Edda Willamowski

Freie Universität Berlin

Victoria Kumala Sakti

Dr, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Chair: Julia Vorhölder (MPI for Social Anthropology) Notions of the everyday or the 'taken-for-granted' have become profoundly challenged through the Covid-19 pandemic. People around the world experienced varying degrees of lockdowns and isolation combined with a rising sense of political and economic crisis. For many, the pandemic became a time for reflection and reevaluation of the relationships joining or separating people from one another. Who and what do I turn to for help in the face of crisis and uncertainty? With whom do I connect, disconnect or reconnect? What kind of interactions and relations do I consider 'risky'? Who or what ...

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Towards a Concept of Justice for the Anthropocene (1 of 2)

Workshop

Julia Eckert

Prof. Dr, University of Bern

Olaf Zenker

Prof.Dr., Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

What is justice in an entangled world shaped, contaminated and ruined by assemblages of human projects, technological systems and non-human dynamics? Matters of justice – i.e. issues related to the moral legitimacy, fairness and rightness of idea(l)s, attitudes, practices and the distribution of resources as experienced and imagined by actors in daily life – have for a long time been at the heart of the anthropological project. However, justice has recently been somewhat eclipsed within political and legal anthropology by a prominent focus on rights and culture (Cowan, Dembour & Wilson 2001) and human rights (e.g. Goodale & Merry 2007). ...

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Living-on Together: Ageing with HIV and intergenerational care ethics in Indonesia

A paper

Teuku Ferdiansyah Thajib

Dr., KUNCI Study Forum & Collective

My paper is based on a preliminary study on how intergenerational care ethics are formed around practices and experiences of ageing with HIV in Indonesia. HIV among older Indonesians has been under-recognised to date, mainly due to the politics of invisibility that has been persistently subjecting the overall population of PLWH to moral stigma. In this study, I engage with a set of intellectual and public concerns regarding the history and politics of care in later-life living with HIV in Indonesia and their dynamic entanglements with issues of intergenerational justice. As a case study, I will focus on the formations ...

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Material Atmospheric of Finance

A paper

Andrea Muehlebach

Material Atmospheric of Finance, Universität Bremen

This paper tracks the atmospheric of the economy via its infrastructural materialities; particularly through its attempted encompassment of urban water infrastructures. As infrastructures are increasingly financialized, they function not primarily as vehicles for the circulation of goods or vital substances like water, but as channels for the extraction of present and future returns on investment. Contemporary financialized urban infrastructures, in short, make vital substances flow, but they are also the means through which finance attempt to encompass the substances and futures of urban life. Encompassment, however, is always already partial in that it is generative of a landscape of contested ...

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Vulnerabilität und Kontextabhängigkeit - Herausforderungen des Forschungsdatenmanagements in der ethnografischen Forschung mit jungen Geflüchteten

A paper

Michi Fujii

Universität zu Köln

Nadia Kutscher

Prof. Dr., Universität zu Köln

Die mittlerweile etablierte Aufforderung zum Forschungsdatenmanagement (Reh et al. 2020) birgt gerade für ethnografische Daten spezifische Herausforderungen, die erst allmählich thematisiert werden (Imeri 2017). Insbesondere in der ethnografischen Forschung mit jungen Geflüchteten zeigt sich, dass weit verbreitete, i.d.R. im Kontext quantitativer Daten entwickelte standardisierte Anforderungen die Forschungsrealität verfehlen. Die Verletzlichkeit von Kindern und Jugendlichen (Kondo 2008) und die Abhängigkeit von Geflüchteten innerhalb der sog. Aufnahmegesellschaft (Unger 2018) erfordern – neben den schon unabhängig davon bestehenden Herausforderungen für die Anonymisierung und nachnutzungsbezogene Aufbereitung ethnografisch gewonnener Daten bzw. deren Abwägung – die Reflexion der Forschungsbeziehung und des Umgangs mit den in diesem ...

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Marxist Muslims. An Activist Ethics of Social Justice, Equality, and Liberation

A paper

Sophia Hornbacher-Schönleber

Dr, University of Cambridge

My paper deals with the ethnographic case of Marxist Muslim activists in Java, Indonesia, who engage in solidarity with peasants affected by agrarian conflicts. This merging of traditions is unlikely, given their antagonistic history in Indonesia. Rather than employing a merely strategic combination, my interlocutors genuinely aim to create a synthesis of Marxism and Islam through ethical and intellectual work. The recent anthropological turn towards ethics and morality has tended to focus on individual moral subjects and self-cultivation rather than issues of social responsibility and justice. My paper in contrast brings together anthropological perspectives on ethics and politics, and argues ...

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Doing Provenienzforschung: Wissenschaftler*innen & Institutionen im Spannungsfeld gesellschaftlicher Diskurse

A paper

Gesa Grimme

LMU München

Nicht zuletzt durch den wachsenden Druck einer kritischen Öffentlichkeit haben Museumsverantwortliche und politische Entscheidungsträger*innen die Notwendigkeit einer verstärkten Auseinandersetzung mit den Hinterlassenschaften des Kolonialismus in Museen erkannt. In den vergangenen Jahren formierte sich hierzu der Forschungsbereich der Provenienzforschung zu Objekten aus kolonialen Kontexten. In diesem wird eine wesentliche Möglichkeit gesehen, die kolonialen Hintergründe von Sammlungsbeständen zu adressieren. Worin das Potential der Forschungen zu einer Dekolonialisierung musealer Strukturen besteht und welche Rahmenbedingungen für dessen Aktivierung notwendig sind, bleibt jedoch bisher unklar. In meinen Promotionsvorhaben werden daher die Zusammenhänge, in denen Provenienzforschung "gemacht" wird, ethnografisch untersucht und historisch verortet. Anhand der Frage, ...

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Rewilding post-war landscapes of northeast Germany: more-than-human archives and animal geographies

A paper

Michael Overton

More-than-human Archives of Post-Military Landscapes in Germany and Poland, University of Cambridge

Post-military conservation landscapes are often over-looked productive spaces to engage with “more-than-human” archives which are diversely compiled here from ecological and ethnographic archival sources. More-than-human archives can inform new narratives of space foregrounding the lives and experiences of animals and other nonhumans, which in turn offer up novel ethical possibilities challenging anthropocentrism. First, this paper provides examples of how human histories are written into post-military conservation landscapes from textual, photographic, and interview sources. I then comment on the perceptions, assumptions and determinations of risk and opportunity which lead to certain post-military management actions and not others. Second, research from the life sciences ...

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Endemic toxicities and the residues of extraction

A paper

Noemi Tousignant

University College London

This talk is about how to think about toxicity as an aftereffect of extraction without necessarily establishing causal links between global extractive relations and local toxic presences. I draw on the case study of aflatoxins, metabolic by-products of soil fungi, as these are excreted on peanuts farmed in Senegal. That these peanuts were, for more than a century, grown for export into imperial then global markets has shaped how aflatoxins have been investigated and controlled, or not, as (potential) carcinogens. Yet the endemicity of aflatoxins – how they emerge and metabolize among proximate eco-social relations – also matters for how ...

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Pandemic affects: COVID-19, (inter)religious practice, and aspirations for a new (urban) ecology

A paper

Dominik Mattes

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

The current COVID-19 pandemic impacts religious practice as profoundly as religion shapes people's response to the pandemic. Drawing on recent surveys by one of Berlin's largest interreligious initiatives as well as in-depth interviews with members of various religious communities in the city, this paper attends to multiple affective and emotional facets of this mutuality. How do individual believers and religious groups with distinct political positions within Berlin's highly diverse religious landscape affectively respond to the challenges the pandemic poses to their belief and hitherto unquestioned ethical certainties? How do they struggle with lockdown-related restrictions on religious gatherings and routines? Which ...

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More-Than-Human Worldmaking (2 of 2)

Film screening

Felix Remter
TUM and KSH

Frank Müller
Dr., IfEK, Universität Bremen

Luna Golino
Uni Bremen

Magnus Døvigen
Master's degree, University of Tromsø

Miriam Remter
Dr., LMU München

The session will start at 9:00am. INTI WASI and extracts of Beewildered Companions will be screened (you can watch Beewildered Companions in full length before or after). After the screenings there will be a live Q&A with the filmmakers, which will start at 09:50 am. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the films before or if you want to watch them later. The films will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the films and additional information, click on the film titles ...

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The flip side of debt: mortgaged housing as assets in Zagreb

A paper

Marek Mikuš
Dr., Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Anthropologists of household debt have so far paid relatively little attention to its connections with the other side of the balance sheet – assets and property. Meanwhile, a prominent line of argument in the multidisciplinary literature on financialization has been that mounting housing debt in particular reflects the fact that people increasingly embrace and benefit from expanded possibilities of investing in housing as a financial asset, as well as the house price inflation of recent decades. As other anthropologists and critical scholars, I suggest that close empirical engagement with experiences and thinking of actual mortgagors in post-credit boom Zagreb, Croatia, ...

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Legal loopholes and institutional solutions to overcome inequality alongside the açai value chain.

A paper

Paula Veloz
Legal loopholes and institutional solutions to overcome inequality alongside the açai value chain., None/ Independent

Based upon a case study in Brazil, Pará, this paper aims to assess pertinent cultural, political, institutional, and economic factors that shape the açai production chain. Focused on the regulatory architecture that determines the accesses and uses of açai in the significant context of the Amazonian Land Issue, it aims to contribute to the Environmental Anthropology discussion underlying the agency of the subjects of land use and tenure policies in Amazonia. Inspired by the Commons Pool Resources approach, it intends to shed light on the network of institutional actors involved in the açai production chain within a broad transnational space. ...

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A German protestant response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

A paper

Charlotte Spingler

Despite the second lockdown since mid-December 2020, German protestant church services are still open while adhering to strict hygiene guidelines. Since online services are not possible to many elderly church members, many churches have shifted to novel forms of ritual practices. Often, only a small number of churchgoers can actively participate in the services and interactions are limited. No further in-person meetings (e.g. prayer/youth-groups) are allowed. These restrictions lead to challenges for many who perceive the church not only as a fellowship, but rather the congregation as close friends, allies or even family. Many feel a deep sense of bereavement ...

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„Auf vorgerücktem Posten auf Deutschlands fernster Kolonie“: Neue Erkenntnisse zur Sammlerin, Ethnographin und Kolonialpropagandistin Antonie Brandeis

A paper

Godwin Kornes

Dr., Museum Natur und Mensch /Städtische Museen Freiburg

Die Stifertafel im Foyer des Museums Natur und Mensch in Freiburg gedenkt bis heute Eugen Brandeis, der 1900/01 als Landeshauptmann der Marshallinseln eine umfangreiche Sammlung ethnographischer Objekte stiftete. Bereits damals war jedoch bekannt, dass die Sammlung durch seine ihn begleitende Ehefrau, Antonie Brandeis (1868-1945), Tochter der sansibarischen Prinzessin Emily Salme Ruete, zusammengetragen wurde. Basierend auf neuen Erkenntnissen zur Provenienz der Sammlung ist es erstmals möglich, die sehr fragmentarisch überlieferte Biographie von Antonie Brandeis im Zusammenhang mit den verschiedenen und widersprüchlichen Rollen zu rekonstruieren, die sie als Sammlerin, Ethnographin und Kolonialpropagandistin innehatte. Dabei ergibt sich das Bild einer Frau, die innerhalb ...

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“Life is peaceful there”: the many unforeseen afterlives of former Soviet army barracks around Berlin, Germany

A paper

Joachim Otto Habeck

Prof. Dr., Universität Hamburg

Stephan Dudeck

Dr., European Universit St Petersburg

cross the eastern part of Germany, there are numerous former military sites of the Red Army. Areas that previously were not shown on maps for civilians' use have become “re-appropriated” by LARPer, geo-cachers, ravers and other subcultures. These areas have become playing grounds in manifold ways that emulate and simultaneously transcend the phantasies of those who initially constructed and lived at these sites. The existence of such liminal spaces may be short-lived, however: regional authorities are rather interested in mopping up the debris of former barracks and shooting ranges. The toxicity of ammunition and other left-overs serve as an argument ...

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On unstable ground? Intergenerational relations, the building of community and emerging in/securities in Zapotec Los Angeles

A paper

Franziska Bedorf

Freie Universität Berlin

For the roughly six million Mexican migrants living in the U.S. without legal documentation, everyday life has been shaped by constant insecurity already before the COVID-19 pandemic. Among other things, people's opportunities of gaining access to social protection are extremely limited. This includes support in the case of illness, unemployment and retirement as well as access to education and housing. Based on fieldwork on a community of indigenous Mexican migrants in L.A., I seek to explore how its members manage to build a safety net that provides some kind of support in situations of crisis, such as the ongoing pandemic, ...

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Daten im strikten Sinne des Wortes: Die Archivierung und Nachnutzung (auto-)ethnografischen Forschungsmaterials am Beispiel der Curare Corona-Tagebuch

A paper

Ehler Voss

Dr., University of Siegen

Katrin Amelang

Dr., Universität Bremen

In der derzeitigen Verhandlung der technischen, rechtlichen und forschungsethischen Herausforderungen der Langzeitarchivierung und Nachnutzung ethnografischer Forschungsdaten wird diskutiert, wie solche heterogenen Daten für eine potentielle Nutzung durch Dritte zugänglich gemacht und aufbereitet werden könnten und sollten. Jenseits allgemeiner Nutzungsszenarien bleibt die Nützlichkeit solchen Materials für zukünftige Forschungen jedoch eher unklar (Imeri 2018: 226). Vor diesem Hintergrund wird unser Beitrag die von uns mitherausgegebenen „Curare Corona Diaries“ (2020) aus der Perspektive der Archivierung und Nachnutzung ethnografischer Forschungsdaten vorstellen, nach der Art der vorhandenen Daten fragen und das Potential ihrer Nutzung diskutieren. Unser Nachdenken über das Material basiert auf unserem Umgang mit ...

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Bodies as sensors, bodies as sensing: Exploring enactments of biochemical exposure in a biomonitoring study and in daily lives

A paper

Nolwenn Bühler

Dr, University of Lausanne

Biochemicals permeate human bodies and blur their ontological boundaries by recalling their deep interconnectedness with other species and their environment. Their circulation is invisible and yet they operate in the depth of biologies and may affect health. How is biochemical exposure made visible? How does it come to matter? I want to tackle these questions by exploring enactments of biochemical exposure in two different settings in Switzerland. The first is a biomonitoring study part of a prospective population cohort on the exposome. The study aims at making visible exposure by collecting large sets of data and biological samples. Enacting statistical ...

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"Atmospheres of Pressure" in Pipeline, Nairobi – Outlining a New Research Paradigm

A paper

Mario Schmidt
Universität zu Köln

Building upon 14 months of fieldwork in Nairobi, this paper focuses on pressure as an atmospheric instead of poverty as a quantifiable phenomenon. In Pipeline, a high-rise tenement settlement with one of the highest population densities of sub-Saharan Africa (150,000 per km²), inhabitants report sleeplessness and ulcers, are trapped in debts, switch of their phones, avoid talking to their spouses and contemplate suicide. The effort people put in place is, however, not one of "hustling" through an uncertain present characterized by poverty, but of persevering through a rift between a bleak present and an aspired future. As eternal apprentices of ...

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Justice for Indigenous People in the 21st century? Contemporary political developments in Mexico

A paper

Antje Gunsenheimer
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In view of 2021 as the 500-year-memorial of the conquest of Mexico and willing to profile his own government, the current Mexican president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, has launched an agenda called "plan of justice" for indigenous people in order to solve enduring conflicts between the state, private investors and indigenous communities; finally also in order to harmonize the cohabitation of original and colonial settlers. At the example of the Plan de Justicia del Pueblo Yaqui (Sonora, Mexico, 2019 - 2021), the contribution discusses three aspects which emerge of the process: 1. The understanding of 'justice' by the different actors, ...

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Going online or going nowhere? The digital future of film festivals.

A paper

Andreas Ackermann
Prof. Dr., University Koblenz-Landau

Presentation as part of the Workshop: Presenting Online. Anthropological Approaches to Digital Curating AG Medien(Ethnologie) & AG Visuelle Anthropologie Short abstract: This presentation will discuss the pros and cons of having documentary film festivals online, using the example of the "Two Rivers Festival. Cross-Cultural Documentary Cinema Koblenz". Abstract: The Koblenz ethnographic film festival has existed since 2016, since 2020 under the name 2Rivers. In spring 2020, the decision had to be made either to organize an online version or not to have a festival at all. The option to go online had different results on various levels. The transfer to ...

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Care and mutualism within the Egyptian diaspora in Italy at the time of COVID-19

A paper

Marta Scaglioni

Dr, University of Milano-Bicocca

In Spring 2020, Milan and its region, Lombardy, were hit very hard by the SARS COVID-19 pandemic. The "Lombardian model of welfare," marked by a «homegrown variety of neoliberalism suffused with elements of conservative Catholic social doctrine» (Muelenbach 2012: 15) struggled hard with the spread of the virus and with the consequent socio-economic crisis, which took a heavy toll on migrants. As a reaction, the Egyptian community in Milan has organized charity associations providing essential aid targeting all people in need, regardless of their faith. Currently, Egyptian women, whose employment rate is traditionally very low, play an important role in ...

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Hermann von Iherings (1850-1930) Anthropologie der "indigenen Rassen"

A paper

Erik Petschelies

Dr, University of São Paulo

Im 19. Jahrhundert wurden die Botocudo, ein im Südosten Brasiliens lebendes indigenes Volk, deren Volksname vom Gebrauch der Lippenteller abstammt, als Symbol für Exotik und Primitivität gekennzeichnet. Die Botocudo erregten sowohl die Sensationslust der Massen wie auch das Interesse der Wissenschaft. So diente, zum Beispiel, der Schädel eines jungen Botocudo für den prominente Anatom Johann Friedrich Blumenbach (1752- 1840) als anthropologisches Verbindungsglied zwischen Orang-Utan und Mensch. In Brasilien war die Wahrnehmung der Botocudo mit einer sprachlich-ethnographischen Diskussion verbunden, die die indigene Völker Brasiliens in zwei Gruppen einteilte, nämlich Tupi und Jê sprechende. Die ersten wurden als friedliche und kollaborative Völker ...

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Magnetic Power of Strangeness: Coal mines, War Victims, and Waste Dumps

A paper

Daniel Sosna

Dr., Czech Academy of Sciences

Strangeness sticks to places like a chewing gum into a sole of one's sneakers during a summer day. Landscapes are not just passive witnesses of material transformations, social practices, or entanglements. Rubble of post-industrial landscapes seems to invite new engagements that perpetuate certain classificatory logic. Building upon my ethnographic research of wastescapes in Bohemia, I examine a history of an industrial landscape from 19th century coal mining till current recultivation. After their abandonment, the mines became part of a liminal demarcation zone at the end of the World War II. It served as a place for killing and burial of ...

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Faith as an exception. Greek Orthodox experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic

A paper

Angeliki Mitropoulou

Dr, Panteion University

For better or for worse, those devoted to the Greek Orthodox religion have been expecting a pandemic; they have been expecting a divine sign that would call for penance of a world which has gone off the righteous path. Furthermore, it seems they were expecting the subsequent measures limiting their worship, regarding them as either reasonable measures to control the transmission of the Coronavirus or as measures that are bio-politically enforced by the global powers that be. What they did not anticipate was the public, institutional attack on the decision of the Greek Orthodox hierarchy to refuse the closure of ...

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Die Digitalisierung von Sprachaufnahmen indigener Stimmen Mesoamerikas – Möglichkeiten und Probleme gemeinsamer Bearbeitung und Nutzung immateriellen

A paper

Harry Thomass

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Verschiedene Ethnolog*innen und Linguist*innen aus dem deutschsprachigen Raum haben ihr Forschungsmaterial zu indigenen Sprachen Mesoamerikas auf analogen Medien gespeichert. In einem Projekt wird dieses Audio- und Videomaterial aus 40 Jahren Forschung (ca. 1960 – 2000, ca. 300 Std.) in digitaler Form gesichert, mit Metadaten versehen und für weitergehende Forschung in voraussichtlich zwei Repositorien zugänglich gemacht. In virtuellen und Präsenz-Workshops werden die Digitalisate in enger Zusammenarbeit mit indigenen Muttersprachler*innen aufbereitet. Der Vortrag diskutiert die in dieser Zusammenarbeit auftretenden konkreten Probleme und deren mögliche Lösungen: Wer sind die indigenen Repräsentanten, die über juristische Fragen entscheiden sollen? Wer leistet die aufwendige Arbeit der ...

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Grammars of Justice in the Shipping Industry: Labour Standards and Technocratic Procedures during Onboard Inspections

A paper

Luisa Piart

Dr., Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

In my current research project I investigate the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) that has been ratified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 2006. The MLC encompasses new labour standards protecting seafarers and their contribution to maritime trade. Seafarers in the shipping industry are employed on a contingent basis and suffer from major labour rights abuses. The MLC addresses these pressing issues and promotes social justice which is the cornerstone of the ILO since its foundation in 1919. This paper responds to the call of the workshop organizers by treating justice as “one of the regimes capable ...

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National Vision: How Management Consultants Write African Futures

A paper

Tyler Zoanni

Dr, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Africa is the future. Or so one hears from pundits and policy-makers who speak of the advent of an "African century," with the continent home to widespread prosperity, the world's largest economy, most of the world's largest cities, and a population roughly the size of Asia's. Yet what exactly is that future, and how will Africa get there? Many countries in sub-Saharan Africa today have settled on national "Vision" plans. These Vision plans contain recommendations about how their respective countries can harness massive population growth and achieve widespread social betterment. Generally, these plans make creating a middle-income economy key to ...

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Toxic legacies of war ...and how to care for them?

A paper

Sven Bergmann

Dr., German Maritime Museum

2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (usually known as TNT) is a substance that was first produced by German chemists in the late 19th century. By WWI, TNT was already the most commonly used explosive and was still produced on an even larger scale during WWII. As remnants of the naval war, numerous wrecks and dumped munitions sites still lie in the sea, and with them hundreds of thousands of tons of TNT. Little is known about how TNT – a proven carcinogen – diffuses in the sea and poses a threat to surrounding ecosystems or the marine food web. Following recent studies in anthropology ...

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Inhabiting the Anthropocene: Biophilic dwelling in a toxic townscape

A paper

Tabea Rohner

MA, University of Zurich

The modernist project of achieving socio-technological progress through industrialisation and careful planning – and its failure – are epitomised in the numerous single-industry towns located in the former Soviet space. Once flagships of socialist modernity, these towns have become known to an international public as problematic vestiges of the past, characterised by crumbling infrastructures, socio-economic precarity and environmental pollution. In this presentation, I conceive of single-industry towns as Anthropocene places in three related ways: as contributors to anthropogenic bio-geophysical change of the Earth through industrial activities; as sites of vulnerability to such change; and as habitable places for humans and ...

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Zwischen Anerkennung, Nutzbarmachung und Paternalismus: Die ethnomedizinischen Forschungen von Lotte Schomerus-Gernböck in Madagaskar ab den 1960er Jahren

A paper

Gabriele Habinger

Dr., Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna

Lotte Gernböck (1927–2009, verh. Schomerus) war eine der ersten AbsolventInnen des Studiums der Völkerkunde an der Universität Wien, die sich Ende der 1950er Jahre der noch jungen Ethnomedizin zuwandte. Erste programmatische Arbeiten in dieser neuen Sub-Disziplin wurden ab Mitte der 1950er Jahre vom Wiener Arzt und Ethnologen Erich Drobec publiziert, der hier der Interdisziplinarität hohe Bedeutung zumaß. Auch Gernböck vertrat diesen Anspruch. Ihre erste ethnomedizinische Feldforschung in Madagaskar wurde von einem Pharma-Unternehmen unterstützt, für das sie 65 Kilo Heilpflanzen mitbrachte, die in der Folge hinsichtlich pharmakologischer Auswertbarkeit überprüft wurden (Gernböck 1961). Sie arbeitete auch eng mit dem „International Committee on ...

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The Museum of Data

A paper

Antonia Walford

Dr, UCL

Haidy Geismar

Professor, UCL

joel Gethin Lewis

University of the Arts, London (UAL)

In this presentation, we explore a collaborative project - the Museum of Data, which draws on museum practices - , recognition, appropriation, materiality, conservation, ownership, curation, classification - to develop a form of reflexive practice that interrogates the representational and revelatory politics that may be understood to "speak for the social" in terms of (data) objects. In so doing, we critique some of the representational practices that under-pin the particular ways in which the social is made visible, arguing instead for a perspective on data objects inspired by the ways in which objects are entangled explicitly within practices of classification and ...

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The [anthro]metronom Lab – Bearing witness to Slow Violence’s Atmospheres (1 of 2)

Lab

Teuku Ferdiansyah Thajib

Dr., KUNCI Study Forum & Collective

Thomas Stodulka

Prof Dr, FU Berlin

This lab explores possibilities and challenges of representing the effects of slow violence on environmental, more-than-human, and personal atmospheres. According to Rob Nixon (2011) "slow violence" and its consequences are invisible at first sight, sometimes even difficult to detect after long-term analytical scrutiny. The lab invites scholars, activists, and artists to showcase their works, understand them as seismographies of slow violence, and share their reflections on questions such as, What makes it so difficult to represent the effects of slow violence on material and immaterial atmospheres? Can transdisciplinary collaborations open up new pathways of understanding and communicating the affective dimensions ...

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Implications of the Anthropocene for research and museum practice / Implikationen des Anthropozäns für Forschung und Praxis an Museen

Workshop

Barbara Plankensteiner

Prof. Dr., MARKK (Museum am Rothenbaum)

Johanna Wild

Dr., Museum am Rothenbaum

The Anthropocene has established itself as a theoretical and social discourse and is increasingly finding its way as an exhibition topic into the practical work of museums. However, the implications of this topic are more far-reaching, especially for ethnographic and cultural studies museums. They concern the thematic programming of exhibitions, the way complex contexts are presented, but also the handling of museum objects in terms of content and conservation as well as curatorial methods. Museums are institutions that conduct research and (re)present and thereby always are involved in socio-political contexts. Especially when it comes to presenting different conceptions of the ...

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Multiple Formen des Seins und alternative Welten im Zeitalter des Anthropozäns: Perspektiven aus den Amerikas (1 of 2)

Organised by RG Mesoamerika and RG Südamerika

Workshop

Antje Gunsenheimer

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Stefanie Schien

Universität Marburg / Museum Natur und Mensch Freiburg

Der gemeinsame Workshop der Regionalgruppen Mesoamerika und Südamerika befasst sich mit sozialen Bewegungen und Weltenentwürfen sowie den multiplen Formen des Seins in den Amerikas, die sich vor dem Hintergrund des Anthropozäns entwickeln, wiederbeleben, entfalten, in Beziehung zu anderen setzen und auch wieder verschwinden. Der Fokus liegt hierbei auf den Strategien im Umgang mit den allgegenwertigen Folgeerscheinungen von Kolonialismus und Kapitalismus als Vehikel und Motoren hegemonialer Weltaneignung und Kosmographien. Wie manifestieren sich diese strategischen Vorgehen einerseits im Versuch sich den Effekten des Anthropozäns, wie Klimawandel, politischen Konflikten, Verödung oder Pandemien, durch beispielweise Flucht, Migration und Isolierung zu entziehen? Wie äußern sich ...

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Not About the Anthropocene: A Political Ontology of Life Projects

A paper

Mario Blaser

Dr., Memorial University

The Anthropocene is a 'Big Story' that conjures big responses. From the management of Earth Systems to dismantling capitalism and to the careful composition of the 'common world,' proposed responses involve nothing less than 'the world.' While in one end the image might be of a well-integrated, self-coherent and promethean Spaceship Earth; and in the other of a messy, contradictory, and symbiotic pile of planetary compost, both images submit to the big, the planetary, the whole. And being big, these narratives seek to interpellate everyone with a sense of urgency emanating from the shared dramatic backdrop of extinction. In this ...

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Ethische und interpersonelle Konsequenzen von Onlineforschung

A paper

Natascha Bregy

University of Hamburg

Anhand zweier Teile einer multi-sited ethnography – remote vor der Covid-19 Pandemie und online im Verlauf von Covid-19 – zeige ich im direkten Vergleich Schwierigkeiten und Konsequenzen von Onlineforschung auf. Die Akquise von Interviewpartnern über Social Media und die Datenerhebung online warf u.a. Fragen des Umgangs mit Technologie und Datenschutz auf. Durch die Anonymität im Internet wirken Social Media Plattformen bis zu einem gewissen Grad als Blackbox, was die Kontextualisierung von Daten erschwert. Gleichzeitig können Aussagen direkte Konsequenzen für die gesamte Community hervorbringen, welche diese wiederum oft ungebremst erreichen. Der Faktor der Anonymität hat zudem die persönlichen Beziehungen entpersonalisiert, was zu ...

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reCLAIM: a curated web application

A paper

Larissa-Diana Fuhrmann

JGU MAINZ

Simone Pfeifer

Dr., Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

reCLAIM is a curated web application, presenting artists and their works opposing various forms of political violence. The website serves as a virtual collection to bring into relation the artists and their work, themes of the different artworks and the writing of the initiators. reCLAIM offers a space to analyse and apprehend these works as part of resistive and activist artistic practices but also relate them to wider configurations of knowledge production about political violence. In this presentation we will introduce the virtual collection and our collaborative research as part of the project and show the different layers of the ...

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Converging Crises amidst Atmospheric Fragility: Impact Investing and Kinship Calculations in Dakar, Senegal

A paper

Chelsie Yount-Andre

University of Bologna

In Dakar, economic connections founded on kinship and clientelist relations make up an invisible yet pressing context in which all family relations and economic endeavors take place. If informal exchange makes up an atmosphere of economic relations, for Senegalese, the macroeconomy functions more like a hole in the ozone: palpable due to its failure to protect. Even positive reports of the country's (pre-Covid) economic growth were met with suspicion by Dakarais who lamented that political elites would certainly "eat" the fruits of GDP growth. Citizens' critiques of the government's incapacity to manage overlapping health, economic, and climate crises find echo ...

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On the deep surface I swim like a fish catching the mirrors of the stars – Performance

A paper

Jeanne Rohleder Sonja Keßner

On the deep surface I swim like a fish catching the mirrors of the stars – Performance, FU Berlin

The Performance Collective Owdnegrin explores the possibilities of artistic research, art and anthropology to address the effects of slow violence using the example of sexualized violence during childhood. The public discourse around that topic often addresses the traumatic experiences itself, while the long-term consequences remain hidden from society's consciousness. Missing practices to communicate and interact with affected persons and the overwhelming brutality of the topic itself often lead to re-traumatizing situations that perpetuate the experienced violence on a social level. Victim and single perpetrator narratives do not reveal the structural and institutional conditions in which personal experiences are embedded and ...

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Data, Post-Extraction, and Energy Cultures on Ireland's Peat Bogs

A paper

Patrick Bresnihan

Dr, Maynooth University

Patrick Brodie

Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill University

In 2018, Bord na Móna (BnM), the Irish semi-state body responsible for peatlands, announced plans to phase out industrial extraction of peat as part of Ireland's low carbon transition. Around 20% of the surface of Ireland is covered in bogs, a unique habitat that has been industrially harvested for carbon fuel since the 1950s, leaving behind thousands of hectares of post-extractive cutaway landscapes. Obligated to deliver a "just transition" for 2000 workers and their communities, BnM has now embarked on a "brown to green" strategy, focussing on the development of large-scale renewable energy, the attraction of foreign direct investment in ...

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Tinkering immunity: healthcare at the interface of antibiotics and resistant microbial lifetimes

A paper

Ayse Nalan Azak

Tinkering immunity: healthcare at the interface of antibiotics and resistant microbial lifetimes, University of Oslo

Antibiotics cure bacterial infections by eradicating bacteria. When they do so, they do not discriminate against vital bacteria that we host in our bodies for a healthy immune system. Moreover, every encounter between antibiotics and microbes is an opportunity for microbial life to develop resistance to our shrinking antibiotic resources. With the consumption of these once seemingly silver bullet antibiotic solutions, the human gut microbiota becomes a fragile home to antibiotic resistant bacteria, compromising immunity and health. This paper explores the biosocial manifestations of immunity in an environment where multiple human and more-than-human lifetimes collide. What happens when the afterlives ...

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Somatic Nationalism In COVID Times: Infodemic And New Forms Of Online Religious Boundary Making In India

A paper

Sanam Roohi

Dr., Centre for Modern Indian Studies

This paper focusses on the first and second wave of the pandemic in India and the overtly different narratives built around it by the Hindu right. In the first wave, coinciding with the world's stringent lockdown, members of Tablighi Jamaat were found to be infected in Delhi. The Hindu right invoked somatic nationalist ideals of a healthy Hindu body and deployed the metaphors of war to fight the virus wherein each of these metaphors converged within the Muslim body, pathologized as the virus weakening India from within. In the second wave, which coincided with the super-spreader Kumbh Mela, the right's ...

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Prolegomena to an Anthropology of Justice

A paper

David Loher

University of Bern

This contribution is a response to the panel's observation that the focus on justice has disappeared in political and legal anthropology in recent years. It argues that this retirement is an effect of a general reluctance to morally ground the anthropological project. But is it possible at all to build an anthropology of justice without a normative idea of justice, given the premise of the impossibility of an outsider's position in contemporary world society – even for the anthropologist? To discuss this question, the paper takes inspiration from the analogical question with regard to the epistemological foundation of anthropological observation. ...

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Teacher-mothers and mother-teachers: distance, tensions and possibilities in young refugees' changing family support networks

A paper

Lucy Hunt

University of Oxford

There is a growing body of research on the changing nature of family dynamics during both forced and voluntary migration; including how parents' identities and roles shift, and how they adapt their parenting practices to manage challenges such as vicarious trauma and cultural continuity (e.g. Bek-Pederson & Montgomery, 2006; Sarikoudi & Apostolidou, 2020). While observing similar practices, this doctoral study also found that refugee youth find new parental figures - namely teachers in educational spaces - who may become alternative (female) figures of authority and possibility, and offer conflicting advice to their own families. Based on eight months of ethnographic ...

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Economy as Atmosphere (2 of 2)

Workshop

Stefan Leins

Prof. Dr., Universität Konstanz

Tyler Zoanni

Dr, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

"The economy" is one of the decisive entities of the contemporary world. We have seen this most recently with the COVID-19 pandemic, where decisions about quarantines and re-openings are being made with an eye to the health of the economy as much as the health of the population. More generally, the economy today is a naturalized, quasi-living thing whose stability and growth are to be sought at all costs. Here, however, there is a paradox: as a kind of shared environment, the economy's well-being is seen as central to collective well-being. Yet it is built from histories of violent and ...

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Towards a Concept of Justice for the Anthropocene (2 of 2)

Workshop

Julia Eckert

Prof. Dr, University of Bern

Olaf Zenker

Prof.Dr., Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

What is justice in an entangled world shaped, contaminated and ruined by assemblages of human projects, technological systems and non-human dynamics? Matters of justice – i.e. issues related to the moral legitimacy, fairness and rightness of idea(l)s, attitudes, practices and the distribution of resources as experienced and imagined by actors in daily life – have for a long time been at the heart of the anthropological project. However, justice has recently been somewhat eclipsed within political and legal anthropology by a prominent focus on rights and culture (Cowan, Dembour & Wilson 2001) and human rights (e.g. Goodale & Merry 2007). ...

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Zona: Post-industrial landscapes and possible futures (2 of 2)

Workshop

Asta Vonderau

Prof. Dr., Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Tobias Holzlehner

Dr., Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Processes of deindustrialization have created zones of structural changes as well as veiled pockets of technological devolution. Exhausted infrastructure, industrial ruins and scarred landscapes are the symptoms of a failed attempt to create a smooth surface for the mobility of technology and capital. The myth of modernity internalized technological progress as a teleological process and consequently ignored the fact that this progression was inherently accompanied by ruptures, seismic faults and relapses. Traces of a new toxicity run through these landscapes: from the (post) industrial alchemy of methamphetamine kitchens in the American hinterland, to the sarcophagus of Chernobyl's Block 4, and ...

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Seismographien der Anthropologie – Debatten um Kolonialismus und Rassismus, Salvage Anthropology, Kulturgüterschutz und Dekolonisierung (2 of 2)

Organised by AG Fachgeschichte and AG Museum

Workshop

Karoline Noack

Prof. Dr., Bonn University

Katja Geisenhainer

Dr., Institut für Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie Wien

Oliver Lueb

Ph.D., Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum (RJM)

Peter Rohrbacher

Dr., Austrian Academy of Sciences

AG Fachgeschichte und AG Museum Die „erste Globalisierung“ im 16. Jh. ging einher mit Faszination für das Fremde, aber auch mit ökonomischen Interessen. Reziproker Tausch wie auch Raub mündeten in einer „Passion, Dinge zu sammeln“ (Helms 1996), die die Eroberungs- und Handelsreisen des 17. und 18. Jh. mitprägte. Erste völkerkundliche Lehrveranstaltungen bedienten sich „Kuriostätenkabinetten“ und Reiseberichten. Diskutiert wurde u.a. über Kategorisierungen der Menschheit, kulturelle Besonderheiten und universalhistorische Entwürfe. Die Ethnologie etablierte sich im Spannungsfeld diverser Fächer und zwischen Museum und Universität als akademische Disziplin. Während Kolonialmächte massiv in Strukturen anderer Regionen eingriffen, führten sie die vermeintliche Degeneration ihrer eigenen Gesellschaft ...

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Presenting Online. Anthropological Approaches to Digital Curating (2 of 2)

Organised by AG Medien(anthropologie) and AG Visuelle Anthropologie

Workshop

Andreas Ackermann

Prof. Dr., University Koblenz-Landau

Anja Dreschke

Dr. des., Institut für Medien- und Kulturwissenschaft, Heinrich Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Discussant: Cora Bender (Universität Siegen) A side effect of the global pandemic is a significant increase of various kinds of digital curating projects, relating to ethnographic research and anthropological themes more broadly. Due to the measurements for social distancing many institutions like museums or festivals as well as research projects and individual researchers decide to go online and present exhibitions, talks and films on the Internet. Whereas in many cases the switch to online formats may be just a virtue of necessity, the panel seeks to explore the structural changes and new possibilities of digital forms of presentation in relation to ...

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Making Sense of a Pandemic: Religion and COVID-19 (2 of 2)

Workshop

Natalie Lang

Dr., Max Weber Kolleg, Universität Erfurt

Philipp Zehmisch

Dr., South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

Debates on the notion of the Anthropocene associate this era with anthropogenic environmental degradation, natural catastrophes and climate change. Explanations of these phenomena vary across the globe, blaming a wide range of factors, from devastating effects of global capitalism to the aftermath of colonialism, leading to an unequal world order, and to millenarian or apocalyptic notions of "Mother Earth" taking revenge on humanity. The recent COVID-19 pandemic added another dimension to global perceptions and interpretations of the Anthropocene. Several religious or spiritual leaders have interpreted the pandemic as a punishment for humanity's failure to conform to moral principles. This panel ...

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Navigating the Changing World: Generational Relations as Resource and Challenge in Times of Crises (2 of 2)

Organised by AG Psychological Anthropology

Workshop

Edda Willamowski

Freie Universität Berlin

Victoria Kumala Sakti

Dr, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Chair: Victoria Sakti (MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity) Notions of the everyday or the 'taken-for-granted' have become profoundly challenged through the Covid-19 pandemic. People around the world experienced varying degrees of lock-downs and isolation combined with a rising sense of political and economic crisis. For many, the pandemic became a time for reflection and reevaluation of the relationships joining or separating people from one another. Who and what do I turn to for help in the face of crisis and uncertainty? With whom do I connect, disconnect or reconnect? What kind of interactions and relations do I ...

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Biochemical Afterlives: Industrial metabolisms and more-than-human health (2 of 2)

Organised by AG Medical Anthropology

Workshop

Claudia Lang

PD, University Leipzig

Janina Kehr

Univ.-Prof. Dr., University of Vienna

Sandra Calkins

Chair: Daniel Münster (University of Oslo) Discussant: Tomás Sánchez Criado (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) The rise of industrial chemistry has brought about far-reaching transformations of daily lives, industries, economies and landscapes. Its technologies and substances have inadvertently remade biological, nutritive and chemical relations at both planetary and intimate scales. Toxic substances, atmospheres and residues can intensify long-standing economic, racial, gender, geographic and species inequalities. This prompts a rethinking of what constitutes health, wellbeing, illness and care today and for whom. Our panel addresses the often unreckoned afterlives of modernist promises in agriculture, medicine, urbanism or other domains and their effect on more-than-human ...

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Digitalität in der ethnografischen Praxis. Kommunikationsmedien, Forschungsdaten, Software (2 of 2)

Workshop

Elisabeth Huber

Dr., University of Bremen

Ingo Rohrer

Dr., Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Sabine Imeri

Dr., Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Wolfgang Kraus

ao. Univ.-Prof. Dr., University of Vienna

Digitale Technologien und neue rechtliche Rahmungen bergen erhebliches Veränderungspotenzial für die ethnologische Forschung. Zum einen werden – nicht erst unter Pandemiebedingungen – technologische Neuerungen und Formen digitalen Arbeitens und digitaler Kommunikation mehr oder weniger umstandslos in die ethnografische Praxis integriert, etwa wenn Ethnolog*innen bestehendes Material durch Rückfragen per Chat ergänzen, sich Forschungspartner*innen per Videobotschaft melden oder Social-Media-Plattformen forschend beobachtet werden. Zum anderen werden unter den Bedingungen zunehmender Digitalität die Erweiterungen disziplinärer Reflexivität der letzten Jahrzehnte – veränderte Forscher*innenpositionen, Verständnisse von Autor*innenschaft und Autorisierung, kollaborative Zugänge – neu herausgefordert, etwa in den Debatten um den Umgang mit (sensiblen) Forschungsdaten, der dauerhaften ...

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Zones of Extractivism

Film screening

Jana Schäfer
University of Bremen

Martin Gruber
Dr., University of Bremen

Peter Simpson
University of Auckland

Sarina Pearson
Associate Professor, University of Auckland

Shuchi Kothari
Associate Professor , University of Auckland

Till J F Trojer
Wheeler Institute for Business and Development

The session will start at 11:00am. After a short welcome and introduction everyone will watch the films individually. Click on the titles below to access the films. After viewing the films there will be a live Q&A with the filmmakers starting at 11:55am. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the films before or if you want to watch them later. The films will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the films and additional information, click on the film titles below. Moderation:

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Das Porträt des Kissilerobo: Vom öffentlichen Umgang mit „Rassen“-Ikonen

A paper

Peter Rohrbacher
Dr., Austrian Academy of Sciences

Dieser Vortrag bezieht sich auf den Umgang des aktuell wiederentdeckten fotografischen Nachlasses von Felix von Luschan. In den Beständen fand sich auch das Original einer Kolonialfotografie aus Jahr 1905. Es zeigt das Porträt des Kissilerobo, einem lokalen Herrscher aus Mpororo in Deutsch-Ostafrika. Die markante Profilaufnahme entsprach der damaligen Idealvorstellung von einem männlichen Hamiten, weshalb sie unmittelbar zur „Rassen“-Ikone avancierte. Die Breitenwirkung war enorm. Das Porträt des Kissilerobo findet sich dementsprechend in unzähligen Werken abgedruckt. Es diente zur Illustration von afrikanischen Märchensammlungen oder auch als Lehrbehelf für „Rassebilder“ im Schulunterricht. In den 1930er Jahren wurde das Porträt sogar in Bronze und ...

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The Museum as a Seismograph of the Anthropocene

A paper

Tanja Seider

Dr., Augsburg University

Exhibition about the Anthropocene and Climate Change are often based on implicit narratives of modernization, transformation, or control. In this paper, museum representations and visitor practices are analyzed in order to reconstruct the knowledge museums convey about the human-nature relationship and the global North-global South entanglement in a planetary context. Arguing from the perspective of education (Politische Bildung) I would like to show the reflexive and performative potential of Anthropocene education in museums. Dr. Tanja Seider has studied Political Science and German Literature (First and Second State Examination). She obtained her PhD at the Technical University of Berlin and works as ...

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Justice at Work

A paper

Anna-Lena Wolf

Dr., Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

The paper contributes to an emerging anthropology of justice by proposing the argument that justice "works". Thereby, it takes the question of how conceptualizations of justice operate on people's odds to act in the Anthropocene center stage. Recent anthropological contributions have started calling for a comprehensive re-conceptualization of justice to develop an ethnographically informed theory of justice to overcome both nomothetic, ahistorical, and transcendental philosophical approaches to justice as well as not sufficiently sophisticated anthropological theories of justice. I take the notion of "everyday justice" (Brunnegger 2019) as a starting point to further elaborate what justice does "as an idea ...

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On failing forward fastly: Entrepreneurial Futures in Sudan

A paper

Stefanie Mauksch

Dr, Universität Leipzig

While Sudan's economy suffers from inflation and shortage of essential goods, a newly popular entrepreneurialism embraces the individual and her passion as a productive engine of growth. In this paper, I explore an embodied form of action – failing forward – by which young people navigate Khartoum's startup space. The University graduates whom I encountered during 11 months of field research, embraced failure as mobility and progress rather than rupture or stagnancy. They envisioned themselves as only one step away from the "real operation," and final steps as manageable tasks that appeared to be virtually resolved. Failure was framed both ...

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A Politics of World-Building Amid a Regime-Made Disaster in Duterte's Philippines

A paper

Rosa Cordillera Castillo

Dr., Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Collaborative works by artists, photojournalists, academics, activists, and drug war survivors have been at the forefront of the resistance against the brutal 'war on drugs' of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, a policy that has killed thousands since 2016. Through photographs, theatre, music, and film, these multi-sensorial and participatory works unmask and resist the drug war as a "regime-made disaster" (Azoulay 2012). This is a disaster that is built on and reproduces a body politic that differentiates between those who are considered by the Duterte regime as citizens on the one hand, and "flawed citizens" on the other hand, where the ...

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Once and future risk: The afterlives of medication in psychiatric crisis

A paper

Lauren Cubellis

Dr., Universität Tübingen

Anti-psychotic medication reduces the risk of crisis – or so it is broadly presented by biomedical providers and institutions. Professionals know there is uncertainty around the effectiveness of such medications, but they remain first recourse in treating severe episodes. While the focus of such interventions is the resolution of symptoms, and the prevention of future crises, what remains largely unconsidered in those moments are the other-effects of these medications; the ways they trace and change the body, alter emotional landscapes and behaviors, and revise present capacities and future imaginaries. It is these dimensions of anti-psychotic medication that, for many service ...

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Making a Future in Geopolitical Periphery: Negotiating Intergenerational Notions of a Good Life in Taiwan

A paper

Annika Maria Benz

M.A., University of Cologne

Taiwan's peripheral geopolitical status hinders the country from making official diplomatic relations. Since the 1950s, youth carry the role to make informal relations through higher education exchange. Early study abroad returnees of the 1980s and 90s have shaped Taiwan's stance towards globalization and cultural survival. Today, amidst the massification of higher education in the country, rising numbers of young people have become central to this soft power strategy. Earning international qualifications is seen as essential to the nation's political and cultural survival and carries long-standing notions of personal excellence among elders and youth alike. However, young people in Taiwan do ...

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Ignorierte Seismographien? Wissensproduktion ethnographischer Ausstellungen der ehemaligen DDR

A paper

Lisa Ludwig

Ignorierte Seismographien? Wissensproduktion ethnographischer Ausstellungen der ehemaligen DDR, University of Goettingen

Der Beitrag untersucht ethnographische Ausstellungen der ehemaligen DDR, um die deutschsprachige sozial- und kulturanthropologische Fach- und Museumsgeschichte neu zu betrachten und ihre Wissenshegemonie in Frage zu stellen. Scheinbar nahezu unbemerkt vom politischen Radar schufen die Expert:innen der ethnographischen Museen in der DDR Forschungsfreiräume und Wissen durch das Ausstellungsmachen. Ausgehend von den Sammlungsbeständen erarbeitete man akribisch zahlreiche Ausstellungen, führte detaillierte Objektforschungen durch und beschaffte sich aktuelles Datenmaterial über Kontakte auch ins nicht-sozialistische Ausland (Schorch & Habit 2021, Kreide-Damani 2020, Flitsch & Noack 2019). An Beispielen ausgewählter Ausstellungen und ihren Dingen der 1970er und 1980er Jahre der Völkerkundemuseen in Dresden und Leipzig, ...

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Transparenz erzeugen in einer "hybriden" Redaktionsethnografie: ein Erfahrungsbericht.

A paper

Irene Broer

Doctoral Researcher, Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans Bredow Institute

In dieser Präsentation beschreiben wir unsere Erfahrungen mit einem kürzlich durchgeführten ethnografischen Projekt bei einer deutschen Wissenschaftsredaktion. Wir konzentrieren uns auf die Entwicklung und anspruchsvolle Implementierung eines FDM-Plans zur Archivierung und konditionelle Wiederverwendung der Daten. Die ethnografischen Daten aus Feldnotizen, Interviews, Chatlogs und Publikationen sind im Januar und Oktober 2020 im Rahmen einer "hybriden" präsenten und virtuellen Ethnografie entstanden. Sowohl die erforschte Organisation als auch die Forscher*innen haben ihr Interesse bekundet, die ethnografischen Daten zu archivieren und zur konditionelle Wiederverwendung bereitzustellen. Zu den Gründen hierfür gehören, für die erforschte Organisation, eine erhöhte Nachhaltigkeit der Daten sowie eine durch eine Offenlegung ...

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Re-imagining river restoration: Temporalities, landscapes and values of the Emscher set in a post-mining environment

A paper

Estrid Soerensen

Prof., Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Stefan Laser

Dr, Siegen University

The restoration of the Emscher began in the 1990s. It brings us to a former center of industrialisation – the Ruhr Valley in North Rhine Westphalia, Germany – and reveals challenges of post-mining, such as pollution and subsidence. Three concepts, we argue, are central to understanding the restoration of the river: landscape, temporality and value. Through three stories we investigate these dimensions in different constellations and ask how they can help to reimagine the river and its restoration: through (1) a proud, modern, reassuring story of liberation from a dirty past into a clean and flourishing present; (2) a story ...

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An Uncanny Hiatus: Who is Goddess Māriyam'maṅ During a World Pandemic?

A paper

Sona Prabhakaran

Doctoral Candidate, Heidelberg University

I had just begun my second round of fieldwork in mid-February when the news of a novel Coronavirus was facetiously looming in India's public discourses. The people of Valaṅkaimāṅ, my ethnographic field site, were unwaveringly immersed in the preparations for the annual temple festival for their guardian goddess, Māriyam'maṅ, whilst positioning themselves as mere spectators (although not silently) to witness lives outside of India swirl in a state of pandemonium. Considering that India remained unscathed by the magnitudinal havoc wreaked by COVID-19 for a while, the people of Valaṅkaimāṅ, were able to socially differentiate, disengage, and perceive the shattering 'realities'

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Rural-urban divide, ideas of (in)justice, and the politics of resentment: reflections on an increasingly debated but infrequently studied phenomenon

A paper

Mario Krämer

PD Dr., Universität zu Köln

The paper deals with the phenomenon of an increasingly debated but infrequently studied rural-urban divide and ideas of (in)justice based on a rural consciousness. In the recent literature on authoritarian populism (Scoones et al. 2018) this supposed rural-urban divide is discussed in terms of an illiberal backlash resulting from globalisation, neoliberal policy reforms, and rapid social change in rural areas in the last few decades (Mamonova et al. 2018). It is argued that feelings of marginalization produce a politics of resentment (Cramer 2016) that is based on, first, exclusive rural identities and a 'rural reawakening' (Woods 2005) and, second, on ...

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Home economics: On managing one's clothes in times of fast fashion

A paper

Heike Derwanz

Prof. Dr., Universität Oldenburg

In the 1990's, following decades of mass production and lowering prices, fast fashion appeared on the market. Seen as a fast response model (Gabielli et al. 2013: 207) or consumer driven approach (Bhardwaj & Fairhurst 2010), US and European enterprises speeded up their production to react quicker to fashion trends. The business model of fast fashion changed the perception of the value of clothes and ultimately consumer behavior (Barnes & Lea-Greenwood 2006; Samioe 2017). In one century the way how to consume clothes changed from scarcity and care to ubiquity and a throw-away attitude (Greenpeace 2015). How clothes are maintained, ...

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“Die Wanderer”. A Virtual Exhibition as a Teaching Project in the Midst of the Pandemic.

A paper

Markus Lindner

Dr., Goethe-Universität

The virtual exhibition Die Wanderer. Katsinam, Tithu und Aby Warburg (“The Wanderers. Katsinam, Tithu, and Aby Warburg”; diewanderer.info) was created in the summer semester 2020 as an interdisciplinary teaching project of ethnology and art history. It shows nearly 200 Hopi tithu (so-called Katsina dolls) from the collection of the North American Native Museum of the City of Zurich. On one hand the students were supposed to learn how to create exhibitions, on the other hand they were also sensitized for the handling of ethnographic objects and were introduced to provenance research. At the same time, the advantages and disadvantages of ...

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Toxic conservation in postcolonial museum collections

A paper

Lotte Arndt

Dr., ESAD Valence/TU Berlin

The present paper discusses the unexpected agency of biocide use in ethnographic museum collections, and the lasting alterations that these cause on the material and cultural conditions of the artifacts. It discusses biochemical residues in relation to imperial modernity, and the museum as a patrimonial institution.

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For a Sustainable Tomorrow. The Museum as Archive for the Future

A paper

Johanna Wild

Dr., Museum am Rothenbaum

As part of the EU project TAKING CARE. Ethnographic and World Culture Museums as Spaces of Care, the Museum am Rothenbaum in Hamburg is planning an experimental exhibition for 2023. Based on the theme of water, which plays a central role in the unpredictability of the climate crisis in the form of flood, drought, or as a scarce, contested resource, the exhibition addresses the question of how the knowledge stored in ethnographic collections can provide clues for a sustainable approach to our planet. Can the materials, cultural techniques, and knowledge systems documented in the museum holdings provide answers to pressing ...

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"The fear of Covid-19 is the beginning of wisdom" : Disposition of Religious Adherents during Covid-19 pandemic in Nigeria

A paper

Oluwaseun Afolabi

"The fear of Covid-19 is the beginning of wisdom" : Disposition of Religious Adherents during Covid-19 pandemic in Nigeria, Lead City University, Ibadan, Nigeria

The pandemic effect of Covid-19 can be best described as acute and multidimensional. Before the pandemic, religious rituals and practices were regular. However, during its outbreak in Nigeria, the government pronounced a national curfew which was later relaxed in June 2020 and allowed places of worship to open only in compliance with certain guidelines. Despite the opening of places of worship, changes occur in religious rituals and practices such as reduction of members, social distancing among church members, online church services, wearing of face mask, and changes in taking of Holy Communion. While some refused to partake in some religious ...

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Keeping the Bula Association alive? Generational dynamics and a UK-based Fijian migrant organisation in times of crisis

A paper

Dominik Schieder

Dr, University of Siegen

'We have failed our children!' This is what I was told by Fijians who came to England in the 1960s as military migrants during a meeting of the 'Bula Association' (BA), a charity these veterans established three decades ago. Despite identifying Fiji as a locus of belonging, many first-generation Fijian migrants educated their (by now adult) children in an 'English manner'. Consequently, they possess little knowledge of Fijian culture and language. Expanding beyond the family sphere, this educational 'failure' has been threatening the BA's very existence as an increasing number of its original members have passed on recently and the ...

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Ruined landscape beneath surface – agro-industrial water extraction in Morocco

A paper

Bertram Turner

Dr, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

The paper addresses the bizarre underground spaces of the Moroccan Souss plain that remained after dry pumping as a ruined agroindustrial landscape. It explores the relationality connecting speculations about those spaces among local people and scientific experts with the success narrative of techno agroindustrial production. Since the beginning of colonial exploitation in the 1940s, large scale agro-industrial cash crop production dominates this landscape. Such cash crop production entails the export of water from a semi-arid area of the geopolitical global south to the global north. Radical extraction has made this possible and resulted in the exhaustion of the groundwater table. ...

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Zwischen Systemkonkurrenz und Befreiungsdogma. Überlegungen zum Stellenwert von Ethnologie in der DDR

A paper

Karoline Noack
Prof. Dr., Bonn University

Mareile Flitsch
Prof Dr., University of Zurich

Im Zuge der Übernahme der Wissenschaftslandschaft der DDR und der «Entkoppelung» der DDR- Ethnologie- Ethnographie nach 1989 droht heute, nach 30 Jahren weitgehender Ignoranz unterzugehen, dass hier über 40 Jahre lang eine erstaunlich vielfältige Ethnologie Teil dieser Landschaft war. Diese Ethnologie-Ethnographie hat sich auf der Grundlage vorausgegangener völkerkundlicher Agenden, im Windschatten politischer Vorgaben des Staates und seinen Verflechtungen im sozialistischen Lager mit dessen unterschiedlichen nationalen Wissenschaften einen eigenen Nachlass angelegt. Dieses Erbe erwuchs aus den ganz eigenen Programmatiken, die die akademischen Akteure an der Universität, in den Museen und weiteren Forschungsinstitutionen forschend, vermittelnd und publizierend entwickelten. Heute liegt dieser ethnologische Nachlass ...

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Cleansed and formalised: political economy and the (atmospheric) afterlife of genocide in contemporary Turkey

A paper

Alice Von Bieberstein
Dr., Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

In Turkey, extractivist ventures such as energy, infrastructure and urban planning projects constitute productive sites to research and analyse transformations in political economy, particularly the changing configuration of economy and state governance under conditions of neoliberal authoritarianism or authoritarian capitalism. Especially since the global financial expansion of the 2000s, the state has taken an increasingly active role in managing the economic domain and extracting value from land and natural resources. Yet, a focus on contemporary reconfigurations of economy and state can elide and obscure how land itself is marked and constituted through a longer history of the formation of both ...

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Living with Scents: Fragrant Synthetic Substances, Fragrant Desires and Toxic Anxieties

A paper

Claudia Liebelt
Prof. Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

There is a growing trend towards scent marketing as well as the use of aromatic substances to flavour and scent bodies and homes, supermarkets and subways, which relies on and is driven by a growing fragrance and aroma industry. Whereas essential oils evaporate completely –one of the reasons for their conceptual proximity to the sacred–, and there is a boom for 'natural' products, conventional fragrances rely on a multitude of cheaper synthetic materials, which live on. Seemingly volatile, they rely on endocrine disruptors that have far-reaching impacts on human and non-human living organisms. While psychologists and evolutionary biologists have long ...

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On the Possibility of an Emancipatory Liberalism—Reflections On Hegemonic Liberalism, Subversive Political Theory, and Postliberal Futures

A paper

Raja-Léon Hamann

M.A., Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

While anthropology has historically been at the forefront of postliberal critique, we are now fundamentally challenged by the seeming similarity of right-wing populists' claims about truth and justice to some of our own arguments. A central reason for this lies in a certain lack of clarity in our critique (Zenker 2021). Oftentimes our representations of what liberalism has been, is, and could be tend to be one-dimensional. This does not only weaken our arguments, but it also veils the fact that the ethics of our own discipline rests upon core principles of egalitarian liberalism. My presentation seeks to reflect upon ...

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“Kawsak Sacha, ser vivo y consciente, sujeto de derechos”: Una Perspectiva del Ser Amazónico.

A paper

Jenny García Ruales

Philipps University of Marburg/MPI Social Anthropology

Pueblos y Nacionalidades llevan mucho tiempo defendiendo sus formas de ser y estar en el mundo. A pesar de reconocimientos constitucionales en el Ecuador como: la plurinacionalidad, los derechos colectivos, la justicia indígena, el Sumak Kawsay y los derechos de la Pacha Mama, su resistencia continúa. Los Sarayaku runa han declarado a su territorio “Kawsak Sacha (Selva Viviente), como ser vivo y consciente, sujeto de derechos”. Desde el Sacha Runa (ser amazónico), la declaratoria del Kawsak Sacha es una propuesta de vida que espera ser reconocida estatalmente como precedente jurídico. Un reconocimiento que miro como una lucha desde la ontología ...

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Earth Matters at the National Museum of African Art

A paper

Karen Milbourne

Sr. Curator, Smithsonian

In 2013, the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art in Washington DC opened the exhibition, Earth Matters: Land as Material and Metaphor in the Arts of Africa. With a major publication, partnerships with thirteen local organizations, an educational program for schools in DC and Gabon, and travel to two other museums, this project investigated the human relationship to the land upon which individuals and communities live, build and frame their days. Focused around 6 core themes, the exhibition explored arts from twenty-four African countries as a lens through which to understand the diverse perspectives informing understandings of the concept “earth,” ...

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Computeranwendungen in der Ethnologie – Für eine Diskussion der möglichen Konsequenzen nicht sichtbarer Abläufe

A paper

Tamara Gupper

Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main

Der vermehrte Einsatz von Computeranwendungen, wie Videokommunikationstools oder Übersetzungssoftware, stellt die Ethnologie vor neue Herausforderungen. Dieser Beitrag argumentiert, dass insbesondere die möglichen Konsequenzen der für Nutzende nicht sichtbaren Abläufe dieser Anwendungen stärker diskutiert werden müssen, um informierte Entscheidungen über die Nutzung treffen zu können. Nicht sichtbar bleibt beispielsweise häufig, wie die jeweiligen Anbietenden der Programme Daten speichern und nutzen. Die Verwendung von Anwendungen in Forschung und Lehre bedeutet demnach, die Anbietenden als Mitspielende zu akzeptieren und ihnen zu vertrauen, die Daten selbst nicht missbräuchlich zu nutzen und sie vor Missbrauch durch andere zu schützen. Fragen der Anonymisierung oder des Schutzes ...

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Division and Opportunity: Land Ownership and the Future on the South Korean Border

A paper

Jonathan Yainishet

Universität Göttingen

Building on fieldwork in South Korea, this study explores aspirations, temporality, and materiality in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). This study examines the issue of ownership, trade, investment, and speculation of/with land in the western DMZ by focusing on real estate brokers, investors, and land owners. The DMZ, a byproduct of the Korean War, is widely considered a military wasteland and the major symbol for Korean division. Yet, this study shows, it is simultaneously an object of desire for diverse actors with different hopes for future political arrangements in the area – such as capitalist speculation, environmental protection, or a ...

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Indigenous knowledge at a Colombian university

A paper

Ann-Kathrin Geuchen

Universität Konstanz

Universitäten als Zentren des (eurozentrischen) Wissens öffnen sich in Medellín für indigenes Wissen. Durch indigene Sprachkurse für alle Studierende und einen Studiengang für in ihren Comunidades lebende indigene Studierende gelangen nicht nur neue Wissensbestände und alternative Kosmologien in die Universidad de Antioquia (UdeA). Es handelt sich vielmehr um ein Infragestellen der bisherigen Ontologie. In Zusammenhang damit gelangen alternative und damit plurale Epistemologien an die Universität gepaart mit der Frage, wofür Wissenschaft betrieben wird. Ist Wissen wirklich objektiv oder geht der Wissensgewinn mit Werten einher? Die Frage nach dem buen vivir, der Umwelt und dem Verhältnis des Menschen zu ihr rückt ...

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Readings

Ehler Voss

Dr., University of Siegen

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In matter of language (German/English) come as you are and bring your lunch if you like. [English abstract below] SARS-CoV-2 sorgt(e) zweifelsohne für Erschütterungen: als neuer pathogener Erreger und Auslöser einer Pandemie und gesellschaftlichen Krise, aufgrund der vielfältigen Formen und Folgen der Krisenbewältigung und nicht zuletzt der Erkenntnis, mit dem Virus (voerst) leben zu müssen. Im März 2020 rief die Curare-Redaktion international dazu auf, in Form eines Tagebuchs (im strengen Sinne Malinowskis) festzuhalten, was im jeweils eigenen, lokalen/globalen Verständnis der Pandemie/Krise in der persönlichen Umgebung passiert. Das Ergebnis findet sich hier: <https://boasblogs.org/curarecoronadiaries/>. Mit einer kleinen (rasanten und selektiven) Lesung möchten wir ...

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Buchpräsentation: Völkerkunde zur NS-Zeit aus Wien (1938–1945)

Book Launch

Peter Rohrbacher

Dr., Austrian Academy of Sciences

Andre Gingrich; Peter Rohrbacher (Hg.): Institutionen, Biographien und Praktiken in Netzwerken (Phil.-hist. Kl., Sitzungsberichte 913; Veröffentlichungen zur Sozialanthropologie 27, Bd. 1-3). Wien: OeAW 2021. Diese mehrbändige Publikation mit insgesamt 42 Beiträgen widmet sich der Stellung der Völkerkunde aus Wien während der NS-Zeit und im Exil. Im Fokus stehen institutionelle und biographische Netzwerke sowie ideengeschichtliche Aspekte. Dies bringt akademische Fachgeschichte vor dem Hintergrund der generellen sozio-politischen Zeitgeschichte im damaligen zentraleuropäischen, aber eben auch im internationalen Kontext systematisch zur Darstellung. Das Spektrum umfasst dabei nicht nur die zentrale Völkerkunde/Ethnologie, sondern auch wichtige Nachbarfächer von physischer Anthropologie über Ur- und Frühgeschichte bis hin ...

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Beyond the Anthropocene: Rethinking Central Asia and Caucasus Studies through 'New Materialism'

Organised by RG Zentralasien und Kaukasus

Workshop

Philipp Schröder

Dr., Universität Freiburg

Susanne Fehlings

PD Dr., Frobenius-Institut für Kulturanthropologische Forschung

Chair: Manja Stephan-Emmrich (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) Discussants: Peter Finke (Universität Zürich), Roland Hardenberg (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt a.M.) Among the premises of New Materialism is the repositioning of human vis-a-vis nonhuman agents, i.e. to overcome anthropocentrism, humanism and the privileged centrality of the human subject in processes of world-making. With a critical attention to the pervasive influences of especially late capitalism and climate change, studies in New Materialism aspire to re-examine human agency, incumbent ontologies and the 'intra-actions' between human and nonhuman beings. Contemporary research in Central Asian and Caucasus Studies on themes such as economic integration, spirituality, kin or gender ...

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Atmospheres of Unruliness, Resistance and Desolation: Music Videos in the Anthropocene (1 of 2)

Workshop

Hauke Dorsch

Dr, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz

Markus Schleiter

Dr., Institut für Ethnologie, WWU Münster

Chair: Mara Matta (Italian Institute of Oriental Studies, Sapienza University of Rome) Music videos are an important part of our aestheticized media environment, where atmospheres are consciously created (Böhme 2013, Helmreich & Jones 2018). They reflect and inspire social, political and ecological movements that address the destructive aspects of the Anthropocene. Recent music video analyses centre on unconventional sounds, images and colours and on the consumers' reflexive comments on the narrativity and visuality of the clips. They also question the former dichotomy between consumers and producers (Vernallis 2013, Arnold et al 2017). On a technological level, online streaming infrastructures as the ...

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Decolonize Collective Breathing: Intersectional Public Anthropology in the Racial Capitalocene (1 of 2)

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Beyond the -cenes?

Organised by AG Umweltethnologie

Roundtable

Antonio Marazzi

University of Padua

Beatriz Magalhães

Dr., Federal University of Minas Gerais

Cornelia Ertl

FU Berlin SFB Affective Societies

Franciszek Chwałczyk

mgr, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Jeanine Dagyeli

Dr, Nazarbayev University, University of Vienna

Liana Chua

University of Cambridge

Maike Melles

Goethe University Frankfurt

Sandro Simon

University of Cologne

Silja Klepp

Prof.Dr., Kiel University

20 years ago, natural scientists coined the 'Anthropocene', in which human activity is the key morphological force effecting climatic and environmental change. The concept has raised anthropological debates and the hope for true cross-disciplinary conversation. However, anthropologists seem rather busy keeping pace with the terms set by geologists, biologists, or ecologists. May the Anthropocene turn into a 'poisonous gift' for the humanities and social sciences? In our roundtable, we want to discuss the status of the Anthropocene and its rhetorical cousins – Chthulu-, Plantationo-, Capitalo- and Planthropocene – by exploring the insights they have brought to anthropological research. We ask ...

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On the life cycle of farmsteads in Northern Togo

A paper

Tabea Häberlein

Dr., Universität Bayreuth

Is there a life cycle of farmsteads and houses? How is this related to its inhabitants? When I firstly did an interview with an old man in the village of Asséré (Togo) in 2007, I was struck by how different the buildings were in his homestead: He lived in a very old mud hut, aside there was his hut for cooking - and a new cemented hut with two rooms was uninhabited. The uninhabited, cemented huts in the homesteads are evidence of a mental presence, but mostly physical absence, of village members and document the local history of migration. The ...

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Ethics in Entangled Worlds

Workshop

Arne Harms

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Current global crises also are ethical ones. How one ought to live and how to live well is under scrutiny. Environmental crises, such as global warming or biodiversity implosion, require shifts in everyday mobilities or consumption patterns. Health crises, such as the COVID19 pandemic, require reorganizing how we interact with one another. In dealing with planetary injury or pandemic realities, engrained notions of the good life appear very much part of the problem. Below state interventions, individual ethical conduct is targeted as a key site of transformation. In entangled worlds, however, ethical conduct explodes the private – it has implications ...

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Feeding the Mountains: Shifting Foodscapes in High Asia

A paper

Andrei Dörre

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Due to the often marginal productivity of locally available resources, high mountain populations commonly rely on external exchange relations to meet their basic needs. Reliable food provision in the high mountains is thus structurally based on two pillars – local generation and imports of foodstuffs – and secured access to both. This paper argues that using food as a prism allows differentiated insights about societal change and shifting society-nature relations. In this sense, the paper introduces a 'foodscapes' approach to shed light on food provision in the Pamirs of Tajikistan during different historical time periods. Foodscapes are seen as socially, ...

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Beyond Breathability as Metaphor: Doing public anthropology in the neoliberal university

A paper

Katharina Schramm

Prof. Dr., Universität Bayreuth

Mihir Sharma

Beyond Breathability as Metaphor: Doing public anthropology in the neoliberal university, Universität Bayreuth

Sabine Netz

University of Bayreuth

Sharp inequalities persist in human “breathentanglements”: the breathability of some is related to the breath/debilitation of others. This relation was brutally rendered visible as Eric Garner and others were choked to death by police and, in turn, their last words “I can’t breathe” became a rallying cry of the global Black Lives Matter movement. When during the corona pandemic the German government decreed a lockdown for the general public, seasonal workers and refugees in camps were subject to high risk of infection or fatality. Refugees and unhoused persons demanded to be relocated to empty hotel rooms - only to be ...

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Vocear ríos –Navegar otros posibles mundos relacionales desde la cuenca del Atrato–

A paper

Elizabeth Gallon Droste

M.A., Freie Universität Berlin

La cuenca del río Atrato, en el departamento del Chocó, en Colombia, fue reconocida como sujeto de derechos por la sentencia T-622 de 2016. El reconocimiento es la respuesta de la Corte Constitucional de Colombia a una acción de tutela presentada por Consejos Comunitarios Mayores del Chocó, que buscaban la protección del río dada la relación de interdependencia con el mismo. Sus visiones del mundo y sus formas de habitarlo están fuertemente entrelazadas con el río. El derecho a practicar estas formas de vida con y en el río están siendo violadas ante la profunda crisis socio-ecológica de la región ...

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Images of disasters: Slow violence and the challenge of representing it

A paper

Raffaele Gallo

Images of disasters: Slow violence and the challenge of representing it, Freie Universität Berlin

The visualization of natural disasters is one of the most significant parameters by which the perception of hazards and risk are socially constructed. During the last two decades, mostly due to media coverage, awareness of natural disasters has been growing worldwide. Photographs of natural disasters undergo global distribution as iconographic motifs and the increasing circulation of images transforms the processes of interpretation and elaboration both during and after a catastrophe. Nationally and internationally, images are becoming a set of repertoires to glean from – topoi that form a collective imaginary of catastrophes - but the long-term effects that these events ...

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Cementing Change? Anthropological Perspectives on Concrete and House Transformations (2 of 2)

Workshop

Rosalie Stolz

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

Concrete is on the rise and cement, 'world's most used material, after water' (Archambault 2018), is leaving imprints on the built landscape around the world. As such it is a firm part of what is called the Anthropocene. Since concrete, associated with modernity and aspirations as it appears to be (Forty 2016), is prevalent in transformations of houses and the built landscape world-wide, it is a suitable starting point to 'seismographically' trace changes in local life worlds more widely. The proposed panel aims to engage with house transformations with a focus on the changing materiality of mainly vernacular houses and ...

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Multiple Formen des Seins und alternative Welten im Zeitalter des Anthropozäns: Perspektiven aus den Amerikas (2 of 2)

Organised by RG Mesoamerika and RG Südamerika

Workshop

Antje Gunsenheimer

Dr. phil., Universität Bonn, Institut XI, Abt. Altamerikanistik

Stefanie Schien

Universität Marburg / Museum Natur und Mensch Freiburg

Der gemeinsame Workshop der Regionalgruppen Mesoamerika und Südamerika befasst sich mit sozialen Bewegungen und Weltenentwürfen sowie den multiplen Formen des Seins in den Amerikas, die sich vor dem Hintergrund des Anthropozäns entwickeln, wiederbeleben, entfalten, in Beziehung zu anderen setzen und auch wieder verschwinden. Der Fokus liegt hierbei auf den Strategien im Umgang mit den allgegenwertigen Folgerscheinungen von Kolonialismus und Kapitalismus als Vehikel und Motoren hegemonialer Weltaneignung und Kosmographien. Wie manifestieren sich diese strategischen Vorgehen einerseits im Versuch sich den Effekten des Anthropozäns, wie Klimawandel, politischen Konflikten, Verödung oder Pandemien, durch beispielweise Flucht, Migration und Isolierung zu entziehen? Wie äußern sich ...

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The [anthro]metronom Lab – Bearing witness to Slow Violence's Atmospheres (2 of 2)

Lab

Teuku Ferdiansyah Thajib

Dr., KUNCI Study Forum & Collective

Thomas Stodulka

Prof Dr, FU Berlin

This lab explores possibilities and challenges of representing the effects of slow violence on environmental, more-than-human, and personal atmospheres. According to Rob Nixon (2011) "slow violence" and its consequences are invisible at first sight, sometimes even difficult to detect after long-term analytical scrutiny. The lab invites scholars, activists, and artists to showcase their works, understand them as seismographies of slow violence, and share their reflections on questions such as, What makes it so difficult to represent the effects of slow violence on material and immaterial atmospheres? Can transdisciplinary collaborations open up new pathways of understanding and communicating the affective dimensions ...

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Crafting Postcolonial Relations

Film screening

Diego Segovia

Mr., Independent

Franziska Redeker

Robi Layio

PhD Student, University of Maroua-Cameroun

Roger Horn

Prof. Dr., HMKW University of Applied Sciences

The session will start at 1:30pm. After a short welcome and introduction everyone will watch the films individually. Click on the titles below to access the films. After viewing the films there will be a live Q&A with the filmmakers starting at 2:25pm. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the films before or if you want to watch them later. The films will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the films and additional information, click on the film titles below. Moderation:

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Under Duress: Violence and Its Temporality in West Papua

A paper

Veronika Kusumaryati

Postdoctoral fellow, Georgetown University

This presentation seeks to experiment with audiovisual archives as a durational medium to understand slow violence in West Papua, a self-identifying term referring to Indonesia's troubled provinces of Papua and West Papua. Fighting for its independence since 1965, West Papua has become the site of Indonesia's most prolonged military operation. Moreover, West Papua's rich natural resources have paved the way for the extractive industry to intensify violence against the indigenous population and their land through the militarization and industrialization of West Papua's landscape. West Papua's exposure to violence has been understood through different lenses: ethnonationalist conflict, genocide, ecocide, occupation, and ...

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Micro house transformations in times of exit restrictions. Pandemic effects on spatialities of the home

A paper

Georg Wolfmayr

Mag.Dr., University of Vienna

Raphaela Kohout

MA, University Vienna

Susanna Azevedo

M. A., University of Vienna

While one probably thinks first of housing conversions and other “big” changes when reading of house transformations, we want to draw the attention to micro changes. The covid-19 pandemic has drawn our attention to our homes. Lockdowns, quarantines and other measures have led to an increase in time spent at home and to challenges for established ways of living together. As a consequence, people and especially families with children had to arrange and transform their homes, e.g. into offices, schools, fitness studios while renegotiating intimacy and living constellations. The pandemic situation has, moreover, affected different households in very different ways. ...

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The Sketches: Sufi music in the Making of EcoActivism in Sindh Pakistan

A paper

Rafique Wassan

The Sketches: Sufi music in the Making of EcoActivism in Sindh Pakistan, Bern University, Switzerland

Diana Taylor (2016, 2003) elaborates on the idea of performance as politics and activist political performance practices in Americas. Inspired by Taylor's work, in this paper I introduce and discuss the socially engaged activist music by Saif Samejo, the lead vocalist and founder of the Sufi folk-pop band The Sketches and annual Lahooti Melo (festival) in Sindh Pakistan. In a conflict-ridden Pakistani state afflicted with extremist religiosity, ecological degradation, women, and human rights violations, Saif Samejo's activist aesthetic cultural production of Sufi music and festivals contribute to the presence of critical voice, resistance, and formation of dialogical publics in the ...

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Assemblage of Formal and Informal, Human and Non-Human: Everyday negotiations in Transnational Surrogacy

A paper

Mariam Darchiashvili

Assistant professor in Anthropology, Ilia State University

Surrogacy is a networked field, the assemblage of human and non-human actants, formalities and informalities. In these fields, biological materials, reproductive technologies, legislations and regulations, traditions, institutions and agencies, surrogate mothers, donors, lawyers, and potential parents have an equal share. In this paper I am interested in the entanglement of informalities and formalities, human and non-human actors. I will be discussing these entanglements on the example of international/transnational surrogacy introducing Lena, an intended parent from England and Natalie, a representative of an international surrogacy agency from Georgia. Their cases show the embeddedness of informalities in the field of surrogacy and ...

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Kolumbianische Friedensgemeinden in Zeiten von Konflikt, Postkonflikt und Pandemie – Alternative Weltentwürfe angesichts multipler Transformationen

A paper

Philipp Naucke

Dr., Philipps-Universität Marburg

Eine desaströse Folge von Kolonialismus und Kapitalismus in Kolumbien ist der bewaffnete Konflikt, der entgegen anders lautender Verlautbarungen anhält. Die aktuellen Friedensmaßnahmen sowie Covid-19-Strategien reproduzieren hegemoniale Machtasymmetrien eher als diese zu reduzieren. In ländlichen Konfliktregionen - einer ‚Ruine des Anthropozäns‘, um ein Bild der Tagungsbeschreibung aufzugreifen - haben sich eine Vielzahl indigener, afrokolumbianischer und kleinbäuerlicher Widerstandsprojekte ‚eingrichtet‘, von denen Friedensgemeinden eine Form sind. Die Strategien der Friedensgemeinde San José de Apartadó im Urabá, in denen diverse Praktiken der Organisation, Subsistenz, Besiedlung usw. und eigene Vorstellungen von Solidarität, Frieden, Entwicklung usw. verwoben sind, haben einen alternativen Lebensentwurf hervorgebracht, der sich insb. ...

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On the politics of breathing (and) collective decolonisation in Tanzania

A paper

Franziska Fay

Jun.-Prof. Dr., Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz

Tanzania stopped publishing data on Covid-19 cases by May 2020, the country was declared coronavirus-free a month later and the Covid-19 vaccine was recently termed ‘dangerous’ by President Magufuli. While Tanzanian activists discuss rising numbers of deaths due to ‘breathing challenges’ (changamoto ya kupumua) on social media, and thousands of tourists flock to Zanzibar, the Tanzanian government just launched a nationwide campaign to promote scientifically not supported steam inhalation as a therapy to curb the spread of the virus. In this contribution I think about the politics of breathing in Tanzania in the context of Magufuli’s own interpretation of decolonial ...

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“There are no winds”: Listening through houses (or not) in northern Laos

A paper

Rosalie Stolz

Dr., Freie Universität Berlin

In the uplands of northern Laos, in which bamboo and timber houses prevailed, concrete houses are now on the rise. Drawing on experiences of staying in both a timber house and a new concrete one over the course of long-term ethnographic fieldwork among the Khmu, a key experiential difference will be analysed: their different soundscapes. While one can easily listen through the cracks and spaces between timber boards, concrete walls produce a perceivable barrier between inside and outside. In concrete houses, ‘there are no winds’, as local residents state – a remark that not only relates to ventilation. It will ...

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Borders, Uncertainty & Agency in Post-Socialist Mongolia

A paper

Björn Reichhardt

M.A., University of Fribourg

In this paper, I investigate how post-socialist uncertainty in Mongolia has engendered border making processes and borders as producers and products of immanently ambiguous environments. By looking at the socio-spatial agency that both physical and nonphysical boundaries exercise, borders become my analytical point of departure from which I aim to explore the dynamic relations of uncertainty and spatial production. With a focus on the khashaa (Mongolian for both fence and fenced property) as the central subject of my research, I empirically elaborate on how fences are incorporated in modes of dwelling, settlement, movement, legal administration, and economic endeavors from a ...

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REDD Indígena Amazónico – antihegemoniale Transformation aus Madre de Dios, Peru

A paper

Alessio Thomasberger

Philipps Universität Marburg

In Madre de Dios, the southeastern Amazon region of Peru, different actors clash; besides the "Pueblos Originarios", gold miners as well as conservationists. Protests have arisen in Madre de Dios against the idea of the REDD+ nature conservation programme, which is supposed to generate higher value for the standing forest than for the timber through a market mechanism. In the course, the Arakbut have transformed the market-based conservation programme REDD+ so that it achieves meaningfulness for their own cosmology. The programme is now called REDD Indígena Amazónica (RIA) and was presented as a counter-proposal to the UN and other donors. For some years now, RIA has ...

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The agri-food system in the Anthropocene A six-step recipe to connect global processes to our daily life

A paper

Hugo B. Partucci

Anthropocene in my dish, Universidad de Buenos Aires

Maria Ines Carabajal

Dr., University of Buenos Aires - CONICET

Mario Grasso

The agri-food system in the Anthropocene. A six-step recipe to connect global processes to our daily life, University of Lomas de Zamora

In this video we present a six-step recipe as a metaphor to reflect about a new geological epoch called Anthropocene. Climate change, air pollution and biodiversity loss are the most remarkable symbols and symptoms of this era. Is it possible to connect these global concepts that highlight the impacts of human beings on the planet to a pork tenderloin dish? This recipe is a metaphor that sheds light on the global agri-food system, starting from a simple meal. Many socio-cultural aspects are at stake in food choices. Every day, our choices become political acts and food is at the center ...

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Breathing under Blockade

A paper

Umut Yıldırım

Dr, FU Berlin

In light of long-term ethnographic fieldwork in the Diyarbakır Hewsel Gardens, a UNESCO Heritage Site located in Kurdistan in Turkey, this article proposes the concept of “breathing” as a way to theorize ecology both as the outcome of genocidal devastation and as radical praxis in the context of climate crisis. Inspired by the Gardens’ historical association with “lungs,” I construct an intersectional conceptual encounter between recent abolitionist and decolonial feminist works on respiration, the sentient turn in anthropology, and the anthropology of ruination in the Middle East. Here, breathing carries material pertinence as the physiological respirational capacity of both humans ...

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What do Central Asian river bridges have in common with anthropological practice?

A paper

Jeanne Féaux De La Croix

Dr., Tübingen University

This paper uses the life-story of four bridges in Central Asia to explore the impact of these infrastructures in reconfiguring human movement. I take these ethnographic examples as a spring-board to reflect on the imaginary of ‘bridging’ human heterogeneity through anthropological practice. From precarious pontoons to wide concrete arches, bridges are small miracles: they make travellers fly over inconvenient changes in the terrain. Bridges are always placed, or removed, very deliberately. Whether vigorously used for trade to China or blown-up along newly-securitized borders, bridges along the Naryn and Syr Darya river function as key sites of contact, control and building ...

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Multiple Epistemologies/Ontologies in Law: Good Living (Vivir Bien) through the Law?

A paper

Annette Mehlhorn

Max Planck Institut for Social Anthropology

In my contribution I will analyze a ruling of the Bolivian Tribunal Constitucional Plurinacional, using the „test of the paradigm of Vivir Bien“ as a means of constitutional control of the decision of the Justice Council of an Aymara Community as well as the community’s reaction to said ruling. The ensuing argument will answer to two bigger debates. First, it will analyze the potential but also the limits and pitfalls of the political and legal elevation of a concept as Vivir Bien, engaging the complexities of a concrete instance of the concept’s materialisation and negotiation. Second, it answer to debates ...

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The seismographic qualities of ethnography in times of crisis

Organised by Martin Gruber and Cordula Weißköppel (University of Bremen)

Plenary

Alexandra D'Onofrio

Dr, Manchester University

Cordula Weisskoeppel

PD Dr., DGSKA/GAA-PR

Johannes Sjöberg

University of Manchester

Martin Gruber

Dr., University of Bremen

Samuli Schielke

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

Simone Pfeifer

Dr., Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

Ziga Podgornik-Jakil

PhD, Freie Universität Berlin/ MPI for Social Anthropology Halle (Saale)

The seismograph has been established as a device for recording ground motions, and especially as an early warning system to minimize the effects of natural disasters. For some time, the Humanities and Social Sciences have appropriated the idea of the seismograph, in particular in order to apply it to long-term processes of socio-political, economic and ecological tensions, which may erupt into crises and whose consequences one would like to avert in advance. Therefore, we would like to raise provocative questions in our plenary session: Are we as anthropologists able to formulate predictions of social and ecological (mis)developments and to establish ...

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Scalar Contaminations – Mapping out the Consequences of "Europe"

Organised by RG Europe

Roundtable

Andreas Streinzer

Dr., University of St. Gallen

Dumitrița Luncă

Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Hamburg

Jelena Tosic

Assistant Professor Transcultural Studies, University of St. Gallen

This roundtable is a collaboration between DGSKA RG Europa and dgv-Kommission "Europäisierung_Globalisierung: Ethnografien des Politischen" and builds on past DGSKA conversations about the meaning and consequence of "Europe" as method in anthropological research and as boundary work between disciplines. The very notion of Europe seems to be fundamentally "contaminated" as it is inextricably intertwined with histories of creating colonial others, racialized exclusions and externalizing its "problems" to the world. Yet "Europe" as an epistemic quasi-entity implicitly disregards the state of the art anthropological theory on spatiality and relationality. This implies a twofold move that we designate as "Decentering Europe": to ...

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From radio bursts to respirators: How mega-science in South Africa expands its lung capacity

A paper

James Merron

Dr, Center for African Studies Basel

Siri Lamoureux

Dr., University of Siegen

Covid-19 has brought us to a brink of the unknown, and shown the potential for innovation under uncertainty, but also 'hope' and 'care'. The National Ventilator Project in South Africa is a small ray of hope in an otherwise bleak post-colonial landscape. The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO), known for research on collapsing supernovas, is now at work with astronomers to develop and manufacture non-invasive ventilators. The repurposing of infrastructure yields a technological artefact whose design functions in the political ecology of South Africa, and the lack of stable electricity. Not only does this help to treat hospitalised cases ...

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Keynote: Scales

A paper

Susan Gal

Scaling Europe: Perspectives and Comparisons, University of Chicago

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Something in the Air: Reasserting Humanity in a Polluted Neighbourhood

A paper

Franca Marquardt

Leipzig University

Within one week there were two traffic incidents on the main road in Catford, South East London, which ended in one cyclist being injured and another one dead. At the same time, a new inquest into the death of a nine-year-old resident who died back in 2013 is being made, making the girl the first in the UK whose cause of death is officially linked to high levels of pollution. Uneven geographies of pollution and oppressive infrastructures within cities highlight the entanglements of histories of colonialism and capitalism, as well as race and inequalities. Forms of slow violence are being ...

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How material conditions shape the project of European anthropology.

A paper

Carna Brkovic

Dr., Institut für Kulturanthropologie/Europäische Ethnologie, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Martin Fotta

Dr., Czech Academy of Sciences

European anthropology, as anthropology done in Europe, gets its shape through a heterogeneous series of modes of mutual recognitions that are key for entering networks of professional relationships. These modes of mutual recognitions scale differently. Some of the space/times emergent from these modes mimic national and/or linguistic boundaries, while others are shaped by specific scholarly interests, creating their own canons. Only certain scholars, and on certain occasions, become primarily engaged in, and seek recognition via, encounters defined explicitly as 'European'. Much attention has been given to how the project of European anthropology as such a fragmented, uneven, and variously scaled ...

Thursday, Sep 30

05:30 PM - 06:00 PM

Apéro mit der RG China

Docks

Lena Kaufmann

Dr., University of Zurich

Madlen Kobi

Dr., Institute for the History and Theory of Art and Architecture, Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana

In unserem Dock soll die Frage im Fokus stehen: Welche Herausforderungen stellen sich bei einer Feldforschung in China vor und seit der COVID-19-Pandemie? Dock - this is our format for socializing and networking during the late afternoon break, mainly organized by GAA-working or -regional groups. Just join their offer and have a look what's up.

Thursday, Sep 30

05:40 PM - 05:50 PM

How can we study „Europe“ without reproducing hegemonic epistemologies?

A paper

Jens Adam

Dr. , University of Bremen

Different epistemologies of imperial domination resonate in contemporary notions of Europe: the ‚colonial divide‘ between Europe and its ‚external others‘, the marginalization of socialist modernity or the monopolizing effects of EU-integration on visions about the continent’s shape, borders and future are just three such epistemic traditions that configure Europe as a political project and object of knowledge. I would like to center my intervention around the question of how we can do anthropological research on Europe and Europeanization without reproducing these epistemologies and their hierarchical effects. For that purpose, I will propose an analytical approach that aims at examining Europe ...

Thursday, Sep 30

05:50 PM - 06:15 PM

Blackness as Infrastructure: Afro-Futures, Breathlessness, and Improvisation in Addis Ababa

A paper

Sabine Mohamed

Dr., University of Illinois at Chicago

Ethiopia is one of the fastest urbanizing countries in the world. Walking in the capital city, Addis Ababa, one is often confronted with new sites under construction, stones, and rubble. The urban outskirts are clustered with large infrastructure projects of social condominium housing. While the Ethiopian state’s vision is one of prosperity, racial diversity, and economic development, the urban poor has often found itself in an environment of reconstruction and menacing erasure. In this paper, I will talk about the afro-futures and forms blackness mobilized by an urban youth facing their own house eviction, improvising their economy, as well as ...

Thursday, Sep 30

05:50 PM - 06:00 PM

Hierarchies of Europeanness: Eastern Europe in Private, Political and Anthropological Discourses

A paper

Dumitrița Luncă

Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Hamburg

Many debates were sparked by the term “postsocialism” (Buchowski 2004, 2005; Hann 2005; Cullen Dunn and Verdery 2011; Thelen 2011, 2012) at the time when West and East Europe were socially still quite separated. Today, due to transnational migration, information networks and production chains, the two overlap to an unprecedented degree, which calls for renewed interrogation of Europe and Europeanness. For example, at the beginning of the global pandemic, as Germany was shutting down its borders and ordering its citizens to stay at home, companies were chartering flights for asparagus pickers from Romania, who risked their health under economic distress. ...

Thursday, Sep 30

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Ethnologie und Bildung

Docks

Verena Schneeweiß
Commit e.V.

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Thursday, Sep 30

07:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Conference party

Herzlich Willkommen zur Tagungsparty am Donnerstag abend um 19:30! Neugierig was da passiert? Können wir uns treffen und miteinander plauschen? Wird getanzt? Was für Musik werden die DJays Hauke und Tom spielen? Werden Frank und Jan Euch Bremen bei Nacht zeigen? Und was packen die beiden in das Päckchen für München? Das alles findet ihr heraus, wenn ihr am Donnerstag um 19:30 Uhr diesen Link klickt: <https://uni-bremen.zoom.us/j/93640122000?pwd=cINLYjZtOS94cWp2bFQ0bVBUckgrZz09Meeting-ID:93640122000Kenncode:990001> Wir empfehlen Euren Rechner mit einem externen Lautsprecher oder einer HIFI-Anlage zu verbinden!

Welcome to the conference party on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.! Curious about what's happening? Can we get ...

Thursday, Sep 30

Invisible killing: Ethical considerations from fieldwork in biosecurity

A paper

Maria Blanca Ayala
University of Canterbury

New Zealand native forests are under attack. The government decided to bring together science and mātauranga Māori (that is, local indigenous knowledge) to deal with the pathogenic microorganism threatening keystone species and forest ecosystems. Yet the results are discouraging. Drawing from fieldwork in biosecurity, this talk will track the multiple ethical implications that arise when conducting research in the unstable scenarios that weave together non-human agency and human interventions (including multispecies studies). This paper deals with invisible serial killers, blind spots in the scientific practice, human collectives that have been made invisible, disappearing forests, and everyday practices that keep us ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Sensing Change and Changing Seismographies in the City: Workshop and Co-Lab on Urban Lifeworlds and Aesthetic Activism (1 of 2)

Workshop

Aylin Tschoepe

Dr., University of Basel

Carolin Genz

Dr., Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Paola Ivanov

PD Dr., Ethnologisches Museum Berlin

Valerie Hänsch

Dr., LMU University

Discussant: Raúl Acosta (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich) In this session, we focus on transformative processes and multi-sensory practices in urban spaces by combining theoretical and methodological approaches. Uprisings, protests and struggles in cities visually, acoustically, materially and performatively intervene to experiment with alternative futures and new designs of possible worlds. For the first part, we invite papers investigating how a sense of change is constituted through aesthetic practices and their human and non-human entanglements. We seek to explore the relationships between aesthetics, its affective resonance and the reconfiguration of urban spaces. How do aesthetic practices shape public ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Recent Debates and Activities in the Anthropology of Religion

Lab

Tobias Köllner

Dr. habil., Universität Witten/Herdecke

Chair: Francois Gauthier (Université de Fribourg) Discussant: Alessandro Testa (Charles University Prague) During the institutionalization of anthropology as an academic discipline, the analysis of religious issues played a crucial role. In this lab, it is intended to take up this legacy and to discuss the engagement with religion during times of crisis, such as conceptualized in the notion of the Anthropocene. For this, scholars analyzing topics in the field of religion are invited with the goal of setting up a working group "anthropology of religion" at the German Anthropological Association. In particular, it is suggested to do a "seismography" who is active ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Transregional dimensions of forced migration: secondary movements, alternative routes and decision-making on the move within the Global South

Workshop

Antje Missbach

Universität Bielefeld

Tabea Scharrer

University of Bayreuth, MPI for Social Anthropology

This panel focusses on transregional movements within the so-called Global South by exploring migratory decision making in cases of forced migration. These take place at a time when pathways to desired countries are increasingly blocked and people in need of international protection are unable to reach destinations which are safe and offer a longer-term perspective. Many countries, in the so-called Global North and beyond, have established restrictive migration regimes in order to keep (forced) migrants at bay, while the neighbouring countries of first asylum are often overwhelmed with the long-term stays, at times also resulting in repressive policies against refugees. ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Seismic China - Environmental Shifts and Radical Reorientations in China-World Relationships (1 of 2)

Organised by RG China

Workshop

Charlotte Bruckermann

Dr., Universität zu Köln

Lena Kaufmann

Dr., University of Zurich

Chair: Jean-Baptiste Pettier (Freie Universität Berlin) Discussant: Susanne Brandtstädter (University of Cologne) "Let China sleep, as when she wakes, she will shake the whole world." Napoleon's 1816 prediction has come to pass. This shaking left neither China itself, nor the diversity of Chinese encounters with the world, very quiet. In this panel, we question how Global China faces the systemic environmental changes its own development is provoking, as well as how these transformations reverberate through and with other societies, shifting relationships and the very "grounds" on which they rely. Building on the idea of a seismography of ontological and epistemological transformations, we ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

EARTH WRITING: Anthropology, Philosophy and Speculative Fiction (1 of 2)

Organised by RG Circumpolar North & Siberia / Session 1: Opening, invited speakers, setting up the writing groups

Lab

Gertrude Saxinger

Dr., Uni Wien

Joachim Otto Habeck

Prof. Dr., Universität Hamburg

Invited Speakers: Edna Bonhomme (Berlin), Patrice Maniglier (Université Paris Nanterre), Elizabeth Povinelli (Columbia University New York) Chairs: Eric Macedo (Museu Nacional Rio de Janeiro); Moritz Gansen (TU Darmstadt & Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin); Jeanne Etelain (NYU New York University); Andreas Womelsdorf (Mainz/Vienna), In current debates around global warming, contaminations, and struggles for decolonization, both the Arctic and the Amazon feature as prominent zones of conflicts over lands and resources (cf. Campbell 2015; Stuhl 2016). These conflicts are oftentimes subtended by fundamentally antagonistic ontological claims (cf. Nadasdy 2003; Bessire 2014) – but what, then, are these struggles about? On a theoretical level, it ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Kulturelle Wertambivalenzen von alimentärem Abfall in Zeiten eines möglichen Anthropozäns

Organised by AG Kulinarische Ethnologie

Workshop

Benedikt Jahnke

Dr., Universität Kassel

Daniel Kofahl

Dr., Büro für Agrarpolitik und Ernährungskultur - APEK

Das Zeitalter eines kritisch zu hinterfragenden Anthropozäns wird verbunden mit gravierenden Einflüssen von menschlichem Handeln auf die globale Daseinsordnung in allen Lebensbereichen. Dies betrifft auch all diejenigen Stoffflüsse, die zumeist zwischen einer menschlich dominierten Gesellschaft einerseits und einer pluralen nicht-menschlichen Welt andererseits verortet werden. Für die kulinarethnologische Forschung stellt sich hier die Frage nach Food Waste. Was, wann, wie und weshalb weggeworfen wird, liegt im Einzelfall oftmals im Ermessen einzelnen Individuen (abgelaufener Jogurt, verschimmeltes Brot etc. – aufbewahren oder wegwerfen?). Doch Lebensmittelabfall ist als ein kontextspezifisches soziales Konstrukt zu verstehen, bei dem die kulturelle Kontingenz im Alltagshandeln der Menschen offensichtlich ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Anthropocenic Realities, Relations, and Subjectivities: Negotiating Responsibility, Justice and Governance in Times of Climate Vigilance

Workshop

Catherine Whittaker

Prof. Dr., Goethe University Frankfurt

Laura Otto

Dr., Goethe University

Silja Klepp

Prof.Dr., Kiel University

Discussant: Eveline Dürr (LMU) Climate change, resource depletion and environmental degradation are tangible global challenges in the Anthropocene. Yet, environmental change is not caused merely by global dynamics alone, but also has its origins and effects in local settings and actors. The consequences of climate change are not equally distributed among different population groups and require diverse strategies of vigilance, which in turn bring forth new subjectivities. This workshop examines both the global-local relations of anthropogenic environmental change— which we understand as co-produced by human and more-than-human actors—and the practices local actors develop in addressing these phenomena. While the intersection of the ...

Friday, Oct 01

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Regimes of (im)potentiality (1 of 2)

Workshop

Gisa Weszkalnys

Associate Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Paolo Gaibazzi

Heisenberg Fellow, University of Bayreuth

Discussants: Stefan Leins (Universität Konstanz) Anthropologists are increasingly turning their attention to the ways a significant portion of social life revolves not around what is but what may be. From the speculative operations of venture capitalists and fortune seekers among the dispossessed, to the promises of gene therapy and energy transitions, the ability to identify possibilities and potentials yet to be realized has come to be seen as an ethical orientation central to contemporary capitalism. The Anthropocene has made us think about potentiality in new ways. First, it has highlighted the efficacy of human action on levels and scales not previously ...

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Records of Silence

Lab

Anna Lisa Ramella

Dr, Universität zu Köln

Roger Norum

Dr., University of Oulu

Discussant: Jonathan Larcher (Université Paris-Nanterre) While anthropology has often been preoccupied with voices and even sounds, it has seldom investigated silence as everyday social practice. This is in part due to anthropology's preference of voiced expression and activity over silence. But even in the quotidian moment, silence is far from a mere absence of words or sound, carrying its own meanings and existing across multiple, diverse forms. This phenomenon is poignant considering anthropocenic biodiversity loss and looming extinction events, which threaten to swiftly replace the rich biophony of the planet with uncanny, geophonous silences. This sensory lab considers how experiences of ...

Friday, Oct 01

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Indigenous Futurisms: Counter-publics in the Slipstream

Workshop

Darcy Alexandra

Dr., Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern

Discussant: Michaela Schaeuble While anthropologists increasingly position the future as an object of study in relation to the ecological imperative (Appadurai 2013; Salazar et al. 2017), relatively little has been written that builds on Indigenous theories of futurity. William Lempert (2018) argues that this lack of theoretical attention suggests that Indigenous publics are, once again, being framed in temporal positions that relegate Native lives to savage pasts and eternally suffering presents. Mark Rifkin (2017) demonstrates how this temporal framing, which he names "settler time," plays an indispensable role in perpetuating the settler-colonial project. To move beyond binary models of modernity or ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 09:12 AM

Subsurface (im)potentialities: Groundwater aspirations in the agrarian Anthropocene

A paper

Tanya Matthan

As more smallholder farmers engage in intensive cash-cropping, gaining access to water through private tube-wells is crucial to cultivation and therefore, to local aspirations for the future. Groundwater, however, is elusive and expensive to access. Yet, farmers, alongside water diviners, priests, and hydrogeologists, are deeply invested in this quest to locate and extract subsurface water. Water holds multiple possibilities, promising economic prosperity and dignity, even as also delivers debt and depleted aquifers. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in rural central India, this paper explores the potentialities evoked by the materiality and meanings of groundwater among smallholder farmers. Although success in accessing ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 09:25 AM

Der Wert der Pommes: Migration und der falsche Ort im richtigen Leben

A paper

Anne Storch

prof, Universität zu Köln

Nico Nassenstein

Jun.-Prof. Dr., JGU Mainz

Der Umgang mit übriggebliebenen Mahlzeiten als entsorgtem Überschuss setzt die Möglichkeiten und Bedeutungen des Teilens außer Kraft. Indem Essen infolge seines exzessiven Angebots in übelriechenden Müllcontainern oder schmutzigen Rinnsteinen landet, kann es kaum in Nahrung zurückverwandelt werden; es wird zum Stigma, zum Zeichen von Prekarisierung. In den Gebieten des Overtourism war die exzessive Entsorgung von Mahlzeiten und Resten alltäglich. Zugleich sind diese Orte Migrationsziele für Geflüchtete aus Westafrika. Die MigrantInnen waren trotz diverser Hilfsprojekte oft mit der Notwendigkeit konfrontiert, sich aus dem Abfall der Tourismusindustrie zu ernähren, jenseits der üppigen Buffets und Biertischgarnituren. Unser Beitrag erläutert, was dies vor dem ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:00 AM - 09:15 AM

Understanding Syrian Refugees' Motivations and Mobility into Jordan

A paper

Are Knudsen

Research Professor, Chr. Michelsen Institute

Fawwaz Momani

Professor, Yarmouk University

Sarah Tobin

Research Professor, Chr. Michelsen Institute

Tamara Al-Yakoub

Professor, Yarmouk University

Even after nearly a decade of protracted displacement for Syrian refugees in Jordan, we have much to learn about their motivations for and mobility trajectories into Jordan. This paper investigates the main factors that influenced Syrians' decisions to flee to Jordan, focusing on the conditions around their journey. This study was conducted in northern Jordan, which has hosted nearly 50% of Syrian refugees in Jordan. Utilizing a mixed-method research design, it incorporates data from a quantitative survey (N=305) with data obtained from 172 semi-structured, life history, and expert interviews, and focus groups. The main findings revealed that the majority ...

Friday, Oct 01

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Postcolonial Debates on Museums and Objects

Film screening

Diana Hellson
Rudegang Entertainment

Ingrid Kummels
Prof. Dr., Lateinamerika-Institut, FU Berlin

Markus Lindner
Dr., Goethe-Universität

Matthias De Groof
dr., independent

Mona Suhrbier
Dr, Weltkulturen Museum

Susanne Hammacher
Übersee-Museum

In this session excerpts of the three different films will be shown to then have a moderated discussion in presence of all the filmmakers. You are invited to watch the films in full length before or after the session. The films will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the films and additional information, click on the film titles below. Moderation: Susanne Hammacher
Palimpsest of the Africa Museum Matthias de Groof, 2018, 70 min In 2013, the Royal Museum for Central Africa closes for renovation. ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:10 AM - 09:25 AM

Activism, religion, and aesthetics assemblages in Krakow

A paper

Anna Marta Maćkowiak
Dr. , Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Natalia Zawiejska
dr, Jagiellonian University

Understanding aesthetics in an Aristotelian sense (following Birgit Meyer), we propose to look at the recent turmoil in Poland. The ongoing 2020–21 women's strike protests erupted in reaction to the Constitutional Tribunal's ruling that denied the access to abortion on the ground of severe and irreversible foetal defect. Millions have taken to the streets of Poland. In Krakow, a city strongly associated with Polish political Catholicism, anti-government and anti-clerical demonstrations have reconfigured urban space around the famous "papal window". The vicinity of Bishop's Palace has recently become a contested space thanks to aesthetic activism. We suggest looking at this activism ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:10 AM - 09:20 AM

Unravelling the invisible: Planetary Care and Feminist Political Ecology (FPE)

A paper

Arianna Porrone

PhD student, University of Macerata, Italy

The great challenge of our geological era, call it Anthropocene, Capitalocene (Moore 2017) or Chtulucene (Haraway 2016), is for humans to understand that their capability before Nature is limited by the magnitude of consequences not foreseen. For too long liberal engagements have guided humans towards a system of massive exploitation of limited natural resources, breaking that intimate connection with the more-than-human natural world. In this broken system, we are called upon to engage with the global reach of old and new environmental challenges, aware that the environmental matter not only stretches from the geological, to the biological, to the veterinarian ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:12 AM - 09:24 AM

A future of abundance? Contesting the energy transition narrative in the Chiloé Archipelago, south of Chile

A paper

Gabriela Cabaña

London School of Economics and Political Science

In this paper I examine and contrast three perspectives on what energy futures are possible in the context of the Chiloé archipelago, south of Chile, as a way to reflect on how agency is unevenly distributed through different bodies and territories. On the one hand, I describe the narrative of the transition to renewable energy as envisioned by policy elites, where different territories are produced as full of potential, waiting to be harnessed. This is contrasted by a sense of impossibility and inevitable deterioration expressed by those living—or expecting to live—the materialisation of such projects. I explore how social movements ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:15 AM - 09:30 AM

Unpacking Secondary Movements: Secondary migration and non-repatriation practices among Pakistanis refused the right to stay in Germany

A paper

Tauqeer Hussain Shah

Assistant Professor Anthropology, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Usman Mahar

Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich Germany

A total of 32,080 first-instance Pakistani applicants were refused asylum in Germany between 2016 and 2019. These so-called “undeserving” asylum applicants from a “safe country of origin” were promptly issued removal notices by the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). About a fifth of those issued such notices are swiftly removed “voluntarily” or through deportation. Rarely do these forcibly repatriated migrants stay in the country of origin. Most resort to a secondary migration within the so-called “Global South” and end up in a Gulf country soon after. However, the majority of those issued removal notices resort to a ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:15 AM - 09:35 AM

Be(e)ing entangled: beyond Western narratives on China's domesticated honeybee loss

A paper

Aline Von Atzigen

Be(e)ing entangled: beyond Western narratives on China's domesticated honeybee loss, University of Zurich

The sixth mass extinction is a seismographic symptom of the Anthropocene. While this mass extinction happens in front of our eyes, it is mostly invisible - as measuring the exact loss of species is difficult, long term data is lacking or species are even unknown. Contrarily to this invisibility, the recent loss of domesticated honeybees is being rendered highly visible – e.g. in “More than Honey” (Imhof 2012) and “The story of the bees” (Lunde 2017). These two prominent examples portray particularly the PR of China as a country without honeybees, a country in which orchards need to be pollinated ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:20 AM - 09:30 AM

Narratives of Endangerment: Rural Landscapes, Climate Change, and Populism in Saxony

A paper

Tracie Wilson

Dr., Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich

The impacts of climate change are among the many challenges that farming communities face across Europe and worldwide. My research explores the intersection of emerging problems that are at least partly impacted by climate change in the eastern region of Saxony with other hardships that east German rural communities confront such as population decline, uneven access to education and job opportunities, and diminishing infrastructure and services. These problems, as well as the feeling that many east Germans express that they are second class citizens in the Federal Republic of Germany, are to some extent, linked with the rise of extreme ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:24 AM - 09:36 AM

Where will the Containers go? Shipping Scenarios and Port Dystopia at the Strait of Gibraltar

A paper

Hege Leivestad

Assistant Professor, Stockholm University

Speculation on the future forms an essential part of the maritime shipping industry. For an industry that moves 90 % of the world's goods, capitalist value creation is underpinned by scenarios of fluctuating freight rates, uncertain geopolitical circumstances and volatile infrastructures. In this paper I turn to a European container port, showing how scenarios are discussed, and global trade interpreted, at a moment when 'the future' is predicted as increasingly disturbing. The paper draws upon fieldwork among workers, managers and bureaucrats in the Port of Algeciras Bay, a so-called transshipment hub located at the Strait of Gibraltar at the gateway ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:25 AM - 09:40 AM

Writing on kingdom walls. An ethnography of visual aesthetics and textual conversations

A paper

Soufiane Chinig

PhD Candidate in Anthropology, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

My presentation comparatively examines wall-writings, street art, and graffiti expressions in North Africa and the Middle East. By focusing on the cities of Rabat, Morocco, and Amman, Jordan, I analyze what wall expressions do, the extent to which they have a particular political place in society, and how they relate to socio-political transformations. I examine how wall-writings and murals painting are practised within and vis-à-vis legal and legitimate narratives in both countries. By within and vis-à-vis I scrutinize how graffiti writers and street artists practice inside power structures. Looking for permission to paint a mural, collaborating with city councils, local ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:25 AM - 09:50 AM

Diese Allüren mit den Parüren, ... oder: Warum es in der Küche kein Food Waste gibt, wenn wir Escoffier mit Haraway lesen.

A paper

Markus Kügle

Diese Allüren mit den Parüren, ... oder: Warum es in der Küche kein Food Waste gibt, wenn wir Escoffier mit Haraway lesen., Universität Mannheim

Abfall ist ein ‚anthropozänisches‘ Problem, also auch eines der Perspektive. Im Chthuluzän nach Donna Haraway gibt es das nicht, stattdessen nur compost. Alimentäre Abfälle fallen in dem Sinne auch nicht an, wenn adäquat gekocht wird, was aber in Zeiten der Lebensmittelindustrie immer seltener wird. • Auguste Escoffier bezeichnete in seinem Guide Culinaire Fleischabfälle als Parüren (frz.: Schmuckstücke). Demzufolge gibt es in der Küche keinen alimentären Abfall. Denn aus Parüren werden Fonds und Grundsauces gewonnen; sie sind also ein dankbares Sujet, um über alimentären Abfall zu reflektieren (from nose to tail). • Wenn nun Abfall nach Mary Douglas „matter out of ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Beyond Dublin. Secondary Movements to Niger and the Negotiation of Protection and Assistance

A paper

Laura Lambert

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

This presentation studies the local negotiations of secondary movements between asylum seekers and bureaucrats in Niger and the way they contribute to their migratory decision-making. In this negotiation, refugee numbers and documented experiences of violence in exile had an important effect on the UNHCR, while state bureaucrats took a generalized stance against secondary movements despite having no formal rule to follow. To illustrate this argument, the presentation follows applicants from West, Central and East Africa with different experiences of case processing in Niger. They share a displacement history of civil war and experiences of state violence, lacking assistance and the ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:35 AM - 09:55 AM

Spectacular compassion: Buddhist life release and human-environment relations in and beyond China

A paper

Hannah Rosa Klepeis

Research Associate, IIAS/Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Life release (Ch. fangsheng; Tib. tsethar), a traditional Buddhist ritual in which animals destined for slaughter are returned to the wild, is a regularly performed ritual throughout Asia and, increasingly, the West. In post-Mao China, the popularity of the practice has soared among urban, middle-class Han Chinese, often realised as spectacular events in which thousands of animals such as birds, fish, or turtles are released at one time. In recent years, stories have circulated in Chinese and foreign media of exotic animals released into unsuitable environments, and of the developing global industry that is developing through increased participation in the ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:36 AM - 09:48 AM

'Akal eghshad, the land is spoiled': on land, collectivity and regimes of (im)potentiality

A paper

Giulia Gonzales

Postdoctoral, European University Institute

In past decades, political, socio-economic, and ecological changes affected identities and livelihoods of Northern Malian people. The 2012 geopolitical crisis is emblematic of such transformations and consequential negotiations which have at their core a transforming relationship between collectivities and the land. This transforming relationship is analysed from the perspectives of Kel Tamasheq in Bamako. The concept of akal eghshad (the land is spoiled) is tied to local regimes of (im)potentiality which dwindle between doomed or blessed representations of the future of this relationship. By leaning on De Martino's concept of apocalypse, this paper argues that such regimes of (im)potentiality reveal ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:40 AM - 09:50 AM

Tracking progress: Exploring the marketing of off-grid solar products through the lens of a software

A paper

Eva Riedke

Dr, Universität Konstanz

Off grid solar energy is heralded as opening a window of opportunity for achieving universal electrification by 2030 (SDG7) as well as opening new pathways for global climate action (SDG13). Off-grid solar energy is hereby frequently being marketed as offering for many populations a "cheaper, cleaner and smarter way". The aim of the paper is to explore current developments in the solar energy sector from the perspective of a sales management software, designed to enable solar companies and local sales agents to log and "keep track" of current and future customers. Engaging in detail with this software, and further drawing ...

Friday, Oct 01

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A common color. Colors, commons and collective memory

A paper

Sergios Strigklogiannis

Ph.D. Candidate, National Technical University of Athens

Since the beginning of the economic crisis, the Athenian urban landscape is a (battle-)field of antagonistic meanings, representations and ways of inhabiting (Lefebvre 1991). The intense touristification, combined with the spatial enclosures imposed through gentrification projects, re-ignited the conflict. On the contrary, collective practices of reappropriation arised and reclaimed public or private spaces as urban commons through the defacement of the form, the textures and the traces of the city's body (Stavridis 2016). In many cases, site-specific graffiti art murals were created in order to mark the presence of the reclaimed spaces, introducing this way a dialectic between urban art, ...

Friday, Oct 01

09:50 AM - 10:15 AM

Von Wohlstand, Abfall und Nahrung: Die Verschiebung der Grenzen des Essbaren.

A paper

Thomas Vilgis

Prof. Dr., Max-Planck-Institut für Polymerforschung

Das Zeitalter des Anthropozäns, der Begriff wurde bereits 2002 von dem Nobelpreisträger und Atmosphärenchemiker Paul Crutzen geprägt, erreicht auch unsere Kochkultur. In der westlichen Welt ist der Umgang mit Lebensmittel weitgehend vom Überfluss geprägt, wenngleich Nachhaltigkeitsaspekte auf verschiedenen Ebenen mehr an Gewicht bekommen. Dies führt einerseits auf ein kritisches Überdenken von Mindesthaltbarkeitsdaten, neolithische nose-to-tail und leaf-to-root Praktiken erhalten neu definierte Stellenwerte. Im Widerspruch dazu erzeugt der Wunsch nach naturfernen Fleischersatzprodukten neue industrielle Nebenströme. Nahrhafte Lebensmittel, z.B. Leguminosen, werden anstatt Tieren ausgebeutet, deren wertvollen sekundären Inhaltsstoffe, denen in anderen Zusammenhänge Superfoodeigenschaften zugeschrieben werden, geraten dabei in den Hintergrund. In diesem Vortrag ...

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Shaping the Future with Wood. Ethnographic Perspectives on the Constitution of Bioeconomy in Baden-Württemberg

A paper

Sarah May

Dr., University of Freiburg, Institute for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology

Politically, bioeconomy is assessed as an important instrument to merge economic and ecological ambitions. In context of their 'bioeconomy strategy', German national and regional governments encourage 'pioneers' to develop bio-based innovations. From the perspective of cultural anthropology, the meanings attributed to the term bioeconomy are interesting, as well as its 'innovative' practices, products and orientations. In order to understand the political and economic competition for the future-oriented interpretation and use of natural resources, this paper questions: How are ecology and economy put into relation in the negotiation process for the establishing of bioeconomy? Exemplarily, I focus on the highly competitive ...

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Polyphonic voices and transnational relations in the history of China's forestry training system

A paper

Julia Marinaccio

Polyphonic voices and transnational relations in the history of China's forestry training system, University of Bergen

Increasingly complex and dynamic environmental changes engendered reflections about equipping decision-makers and policy implementers better to face environmental changes. Civil servant training is widely considered a critical factor in enhancing these state capacities. Early on, the Chinese Communist Party recognized the importance of promoting state agents' professional development in environmental management. Attempting to manage the resources from a calculated, scientific perspective, foresters and other specialists' training became a critical concern of state-building efforts in the early 1950s. Since then, China's cadre training has rested on two pillars providing both value-based and skill-based training to forestry cadres. While its structure is ...

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DFG-Gespräch

Talk

Dorle Dracklé

Prof.Dr., University of Bremen

Ursula Rao

Prof, MPI for Social Anthropology

Die Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft ist die wichtigste Drittmittelgeberin für ethnologische Forschungsvorhaben, ihre Bedeutung beschränkt sich im akademischen Alltag meist auf die möglichst erfolgversprechendste Antragsstrategie. In dieser Veranstaltung gehen wir über diese Fragen hinaus und befassen uns mit der Rolle der DFG für die DGSKA als Verein, der im Sinne eines Fachverbands die Interessen der Mitglieder positiv zu unterstützen sucht. In diesem Gespräch geht es also nicht nur um Förderformate, sondern auch um ein Ermessen der politischen Lage und deren Auswirkungen auf die DFG. Damit verbunden ist die Reflexion über Möglichkeiten, die wir als DGSKA haben, uns im Organisationsgefüge der DFG eine ...

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Sociologus: Lunch with the editors

Organised by the editorial team of Sociologus

Bettina Beer

Ethnologisches Seminar, Universität Luzern

Henry Kammler

LMU / Inst. f. Ethnologie

The editorial team of Sociologus – Journal for Social Anthropology is keen to meet with you over lunch. We will present the scope of our journal and answer questions you might have about publishing. We welcome both senior and younger scholars to engage with us. Please don't hesitate to join our virtual lunch and ask your questions! Convened by Henry Kammler (LMU) - Managing Editor and Bettina Beer - Editor.

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Book Launch: "Delta Worlds", or: anthropological insights into river deltas, not only for anthropologists

Book Launch

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Join us for a conversation about our new illustrated book "Delta Worlds: Life between Land and Water" with Werner Krauß (University of Bremen), co-author of "Die Klimafalle" (2013) and co-editor of "How narratives of change influence climate risk governance" (2020). Delta Worlds – Life between Land and Water / Deltawelten – Leben zwischen Land und Wasser by Delta Project, University of Cologne: Franz Krause, Nora Horisberger, Benoit Ivars, Sandro Simon Reimer publishing house River deltas are hotspots of global changes in climate, economy and population. But what does the everyday life of delta dwellers look like in this unstable terrain, ...

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A Seismography of the Absurd: Punchlines as a Means of Mapping the Anthropocene

Workshop

Melanie Brand

Universität Konstanz

Mirco Göpfert

Goethe University Frankfurt

Discussant: Cassis Kilian (University of Mainz) When in 2019, 16-year old climate activist Greta Thunberg was belittled for her vision of a climate-friendly future and her suggested measures became discredited as unrealistic and utopian, who would have thought that in light of a global pandemic, these measures seem no longer far-fetched as they have become a lived reality only one year later. Warnings of climate researchers seem to be less menacing than those of virologists, the dangers of climate change less immanent than those of a pandemic. While some "serious" politicians have still shown to be immune to the advice of ...

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Activist Atmospheres – Bodies and Emotions in the Tremors of Protest

Workshop

Benedict Mette-Starke

MA, University of Konstanz

Jeannine-Madeleine Fischer

Dr. phil., University of Konstanz

The social fractures of capitalist, neoliberal, post- and neocolonial convulsions have taken on tangible proportions. The uneven distribution of vulnerabilities and accessibilities is articulated globally in social movements that sediment in stable protest cultures or coalesce into temporary arrangements as volatile forms of resistance. However, the analogue and digital experiential worlds of protest are complex: activists experience themselves not only in their political dimension but also as sensitive individuals-in-relation who ascribe meaning to their sensory perceptions. In the spirit of the seismographic metaphor of this conference, we illuminate how sensations of subtle and tremendous worlds of experience are performed and ...

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Covid 19 and refugee migration: the emergence of threatening camp zones as phenomena of the Anthropocene

Workshop

Anett Schmitz

Dr., University Trier

Claudia Böhme

Dr, University of Trier

Since the beginning of 2020, the corona pandemic has become a global challenge as another phenomenon of the Anthropocene. The increasing numbers of infections and deaths worldwide bring additional threats and dramatic consequences, especially for people in marginalised situations, such as migrants and refugees who live in refugee camps around the world (Böhme / Schmitz 2020). With the spatial and social separation of the refugees from the local society, the "camp" is a place of exclusion, with control over the lives of the refugees and their participation in, or exclusion from, social systems. At the same time, the social spaces ...

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Ethnography among the Multispecies

Lab

Jeanine Dagyeli

Dr, Nazarbayev University, University of Vienna

Maïke Melles

Goethe University Frankfurt

Sandro Simon

University of Cologne

Our lab will work on ways of doing multispecies ethnography. Decentering anthropos and investigating more-than-human relations ask anthropologists for disciplinary reflection: 1) Ontological preferences: Whom do we recognize as researchable non-human agent? Do we prioritize certain species, and why? 2) Representation: How can we understand and feel entitled to speak for non-humans? How to do justice to them in our representations? Where is the human space in our dealings with the multispecies? 3) Methodology: How exactly do we do ethnography with non-human actors? Are there specific approaches reflecting certain epistemological interests? How to deal with our reliance, as anthropologists, on ...

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Incapacities of the Human: Faulty Anthropologies

A paper

Jerome Whittington

New York University

Climate change and related forms of ecological catastrophe continue to place tremendous stress on the ways in which theories of the human are enacted against a planetary frame. This paper approaches the governance of atmospheric chemistry within the register of the tragic, as a matter of the human inability to address the momentum of climate change. I address several faulty anthropologies—ie, dangerous or incorrect enactments of the human—that seem central to our collective planetary predicament. Starting from the recognition of the links between climate denialism and white supremacy in the contemporary US, I explore two contradictory alternatives: Animal Anthropos, biocentric ...

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Fire and Water: The Parallelism of China's Domestic and Overseas Environmental Politics

A paper

Xuefei Shi

Chr. Michelsen Institute

This study compares China's changing domestic policies on coal use and fishing with its practices in foreign territories, with case studies from a planned power plant in Kenya and Chinese fishing fleets in West Africa and the Pacific. It draws strength on the researcher's experience in China's fishing governance and green finance regimes. It provides a different perspective on China's global carbon-/bio-footprints by reviewing the concurrent policy shifts both at home and abroad on carbon-intensive projects and overfishing. By tracing the industrial origins of its overseas brown investment and fishing fleets back to the domestic history of resource exploitation, this ...

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Joker Travelling from the Screen to the Street

A paper

Aylin Kuryel

Lecturer, University of Amsterdam

The political unrest across geographies as a set of converging and simultaneous processes generate visual patterns. These patterns in turn become part of popular cultural narratives, from Beyoncé's pose on a sinking police car, her dancing the white western canon away in Louvre Museum, to Childish Gambino's This is America clip and the Pepsi advertisement relying on a mixture of Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter movements' visual repertoire. In turn, some of these images return back to the street and become part of the protest toolkit. In this talk, I want to focus on two related questions by ...

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Politics of the Punchline? Everyday Absurdity and the Ebola Outbreak in Eastern DR Congo

A paper

Silke Oldenburg

Dr., Universität Basel

In Goma, the urban and catastrophic have long been intertwined. The incongruities between expectation and reality have been echoed from church pew to street corner. With empirical data from the Ebola outbreak in 2018, I want to illustrate how Goma's comedians turn punchlines into proper politics of exclamation.

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Containment Geographies: Controlling Contagions and Foreigners

A paper

Usman Mahar

Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich Germany

The SARS-CoV-2 virus has laid bare the inequities of our world. The ensuing Covid-19 pandemic has cast a sharp focus on our time's triggering global and structural inequalities. It has also acted as a magnifying glass upon the citizenship apartheid and "everyday bordering" that has long been present in Europe. Socioeconomic challenges caused by necessary shutdowns aside, non-citizens in Europe have had to face mounting emotional, psychological and biological challenges without much support or solidarity. In that regard, asylum-seekers and refugees living in camps and refugee accommodations, or as Achille Mbembe describes them, "camps for foreigners," were amongst the worst ...

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Atmospheres of Unruliness, Resistance and Desolation: Music Videos in the Anthropocene (2 of 2)

Workshop

Hauke Dorsch

Dr, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz

Markus Schleiter

Dr., Institut für Ethnologie, WWU Münster

Chair: Mara Matta (Italian Institute of Oriental Studies, Sapienza University of Rome) Music videos are an important part of our aestheticized media environment, where atmospheres are consciously created (Böhme 2013, Helmreich & Jones 2018). They reflect and inspire social, political and ecological movements that address the destructive aspects of the Anthropocene. Recent music video analyses centre on unconventional sounds, images and colours and on the consumers' reflexive comments on the narrativity and visuality of the clips. They also question the former dichotomy between consumers and producers (Vernallis 2013, Arnold et al 2017). On a technological level, online streaming infrastructures as the ...

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EARTH WRITING: Anthropology, Philosophy and Speculative Fiction (2 of 2)

Organised by RG Circumpolar North & Siberia / Session 2: Writing groups presenting to the plenary, wrap-up

Lab

Gertrude Saxinger

Dr., Uni Wien

Joachim Otto Habeck

Prof. Dr., Universität Hamburg

Invited Speakers: Edna Bonhomme (Berlin), Patrice Maniglier (Université Paris Nanterre), Elizabeth Povinelli (Columbia University New York) Chairs: Eric Macedo (Museu Nacional Rio de Janeiro); Moritz Gansen (TU Darmstadt & Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin); Jeanne Etelain (NYU New York University); Andreas Womelsdorf (Mainz/Vienna), In current debates around global warming, contaminations, and struggles for decolonization, both the Arctic and the Amazon feature as prominent zones of conflicts over lands and resources (cf. Campbell 2015; Stuhl 2016). These conflicts are oftentimes subtended by fundamentally antagonistic ontological claims (cf. Nadasdy 2003; Bessire 2014) – but what, then, are these struggles about? On a theoretical level, it ...

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Regimes of (im)potentiality (2 of 2)

Workshop

Discussants: Erdmute Alber (Universität Bayreuth) Anthropologists are increasingly turning their attention to the ways a significant portion of social life revolves not around what is but what may be. From the speculative operations of venture capitalists and fortune seekers among the dispossessed, to the promises of gene therapy and energy transitions, the ability to identify possibilities and potentials yet to be realized has come to be seen as an ethical orientation central to contemporary capitalism. The Anthropocene has made us think about potentiality in new ways. First, it has highlighted the efficacy of human action on levels and scales not previously ...

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Seismic China - Environmental Shifts and Radical Reorientations in China-World Relationships (2 of 2)

Organised by RG China

Workshop

Charlotte Bruckermann

Dr., Universität zu Köln

Lena Kaufmann

Dr., University of Zurich

Chair: Jean-Baptiste Pettier (Freie Universität Berlin) Discussant: Susanne Brandtstädter (University of Cologne) "Let China sleep, as when she wakes, she will shake the whole world." Napoleon's 1816 prediction has come to pass. This shaking left neither China itself, nor the diversity of Chinese encounters with the world, very quiet. In this panel, we question how Global China faces the systemic environmental changes its own development is provoking, as well as how these transformations reverberate through and with other societies, shifting relationships and the very "grounds" on which they rely. Building on the idea of a seismography of ontological and epistemological transformations, we ...

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Seismographies: Experiments in Visual Anthropology (2 of 2)

Film screening

Anja Dreschke

Dr. des., Institut für Medien- und Kulturwissenschaft, Heinrich Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Mattijs Van De Port

Prof., University of Amsterdam/ Free University

The session will start at 1:30pm. After a short welcome and introduction everyone will watch the film individually. Click on the title below to access the film. After viewing the film there will be a live Q&A with the filmmaker starting at 2:45pm. Please also join the discussion if you already watched the film before or if you want to watch it later. The film will be available on the conference website between September 25th and October 4th to be viewed at any time. In order to access the film and additional information, click on the film title below. Moderation: ...

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Longing and exclusion in the comment section of Coke Studio Pakistan's 'Afreen, Afreen'

A paper

Yasmeen Arif

Ms, University of Oxford

The song 'Afreen, Afreen', originally released in the 1990s and re-recorded in 2016, is the most-watched video on Coke Studio Pakistan's YouTube channel. With over 300 million views and seventy thousand comments at last count, the video provides a virtual forum for both self-identifying Pakistani and Indian viewers who are otherwise divided by formidable national borders. The Youtube comment section provides a 'third space' for conversations that transcend national boundaries, while the video itself acts as a catalyst for affective responses. This paper explores how comments on 'Afreen, Afreen' construct alternative discourses around India and Pakistan's shared national history of ...

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Evidence-based policy, what works, and counterfactual worlds

A paper

Fiona Gedeon Achi

University Mohammed VI Polytechnic

This presentation examines evidence-based policy through the lens of counterfactual analysis as a practice mobilized to imagine potential better worlds. In recent decades, evidence-based policy has emerged as a movement which promises to provide solutions to societal problems. Albeit a polymorphous phenomenon, evidence-based policy is a historically specific agenda that takes shape around the question "what works" and harnesses particular evaluation tools to assess the impacts of diverse interventions around the planet, such as the efficacy of cash transfers in Mexico or the effects of nudges to curb littering in the UK. The randomized controlled trial (RCT) is a widely ...

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The impact of multidimensional refugee vulnerability on distancing as a protective measure against COVID-19: Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Turkey

A paper

Dima Al-Munajed

Jr. Researcher / PhD Candidate , Center for Development Research (ZEF)

Elizabeth Ekren

Jr. Researcher / PhD Candidate, University of Bonn

As governments push physical and social distancing as COVID-19 protective strategies, this study explores the extent to which they are relevant for Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Turkey. This qualitative study draws on 11 interviews with expert practitioners (3) and Syrian refugee families (4 from Turkey, 4 from Lebanon) from summer 2020, as well as a review of recent literature. It also draws on 71 semi-structured interviews with staff at refugee support NGOs (48 from Turkey, 23 from Lebanon) collected in 2018. Qualitative data analysis software was used to perform content-based thematic analysis with deductive and inductive coding. The study ...

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Riot Kinning

A paper

Bob Kurik

Charles University, Prague

From Germany's Autonomen in 1980s, via alter-globalization protests in 2000s to recent wave of antifa protest in USA, Black bloc rioting remains controversial until nowadays. Based on my long-term ethnographic research taking place in several waves between 2008 to 2017 with rebellious activist of post/autonomous parts of left radical milieu from Germany, the task of the paper is to understand Black bloc rioting in Germany as a kinning process. In, through and around riot atmospheres, kin ties of mostly middle class youngsters are recalibrated – not only in relation with their nuclear families by birth, but as well in generating ...

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Disrupting the “giant plot” of Global China: Steps towards an infrastructural history of the China-Burma borderlands

A paper

Alessandro Rippa

Dr, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society

Over twenty years of aggressive logging by Chinese companies have destroyed much of northern Burma's rainforest. On the Chinese side of the border, meanwhile, strict conservation policies have given to re-forestation and successful biodiversity management. In China's Yunnan, new natural parks and protected areas are opening up. Yet in Burma's Kachin state, Chinese-run plantations, rare-earth mining, and paper factories are polluting rivers and soil, while fuelling ethnic tensions and war. There is obviously more to this story than just the schematic binary created by a national border, and many shades to uncover in the process of telling it. But what ...

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Satire Without Punchlines: Covid and the Meme

A paper

Jo Waugh

Dr, York St John University

As the coronavirus crisis has unfolded over the past year, established satirists and the general public alike have publicly responded to the bewildering situation. While satirical think-pieces and commentary have appeared in newspapers, TV, and radio, a democratic, participatory form of satire has been visible in the relentless meme-ing of events on social media. Each new assault on our sense of reality and reason finds itself satirised in (appropriately) viral memes. Unlike a traditional joke, memes ultimately cannot provide a punchline because of their viral nature: though each iteration may make an apposite point, the meme replicates rather than concluding, ...

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What will you do #WhenWesternSaharaBecomesFree

A paper

Judit Tavakoli

Dr., Institut für Ethnologie, Goethe Universität Frankfurt

What will you do #WhenWesternSaharaBecomesFree is a virtual campaign started by a group named Sahrawi Civil Society Europe. It was founded by a few young Sahrawis living in different European countries who met and organized themselves online. After decades of political stalemate in the Western Sahara conflict, in November 2020 the ceasefire was ended. This led to an unprecedented engagement among young Sahrawis in Europe, demanding independence for the so-called last colony of Africa, which their parents and grandparents were forced to leave. In my paper I address the question how young Sahrawis, often born and raised in Europe, imagine ...

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Tuni, Tumpa, and music videos across Bengals

A paper

Madhuja Mukherjee

Professor, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

In 2015 or so the music video "O tuni r maa" (Hey, Tuni's mother), produced in Bangladesh, circulated in West Bengal and created ripples. The video, produced with available capital, technologies, cast and crew, worked in tandem with Indian music videos; moreover, its mass popularity, and its sonic presence in the public domain, highlight the fluidity of media content. "Tunir maa", a copy of a 1989 Hindi film song "Hawa, Hawa" (Oh wind), activated many remakes -- including its latest upgraded digital version: "Tumpa", produced in West Bengal. The "Tumpa" music video, released in 2020, has been laced with controversies; ...

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Activism and affect. 'Activist lawyers' in British asylum cases

A paper

Judith Beyer

Prof. Dr., University of Konstanz

In studies of asylum, anthropologists have focused on states' practices of assessing the credibility and plausibility of claims, and on asylum seekers' and lawyers' narrative and performative productions of credibility and plausibility (Fassin and d'Halluin 2007; Fassin 2013; Good 2006; Haas 2018; Lawrance/Ruffer 2015; Ticktin 2006). While asylum courts try to uncover cases of 'fraud', lawyers seek to have their clients granted asylum. In this context, the British Home Office established the term 'activist lawyers' in 2020 to discredit barristers who fended for their asylum-seeking clients. The term was in turn re-appropriated by the lawyers themselves who refused to have ...

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Covid-19, and the uncertainty between camps and urban areas: narratives from Refugee victims inside and outside the camps, Kenya

A paper

Youssoufou Daouda Labot

Covid-19, and the uncertainty between camps and urban areas: narratives from Refugee victims inside and outside the camps, Kenya, Moi University

Abstract: Since the Covid-19 outbreak in March 2020, several nationwide responses have been made by the Kenyan Government to contain the pandemic. Among them, the establishment of an overnight curfew across the country, flights suspensions, border closures, and movement restrictions. The decisions created many impacts in people's lives in general, and the most vulnerable such as refugees both in camps and urban areas in particular. On one hand, due to the insecurity, violence, and degrading living conditions in the camps, many refugees have been harmed, violated, traumatized, and psychologically affected. The Covid-19 pandemic came to aggravate their fear and uncertainty ...

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Vicarious Labor Power: Experience of Impotentiality to Actualize Value by Central Asian Traders in Russia

A paper

Anton Nikolotov

Vicarious Labor Power: Experience of Impotentiality to Actualize Value by Central Asian Traders in Russia, Max Planck Institute

This paper examines the experiences of economic incapacity to work and acquire value by Central Asian traders during two recent economic crises. I will, first, describe the imageries of potentials of value to multiply in the nightly dreams of my interlocutor A, who temporarily lost his job at a popular clothing market in Moscow during the COVID-19 lockdowns. I will compare A's oneiric narratives with the stories of the evil eye curse told to me by an ex-merchant N, who lost her fortunes due to an evil spell cast by a jealous relative during the devaluation crisis of the late ...

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Humouring the Norm

A paper

Peter Goodrich

Professor of Law, Cardozo School of Law

Comics as candidates for election, official buffoons, chlorinated chickens in the Houses of Parliament, comedians as news anchors, Rebel Clown Army, lulz and anons, all suggest a surprising and at times unsettling intersection of comedy and the juridical. Force of law flips into farce of law, and the gravitas of legality evaporates as humour becomes serious: in ludo veritas, with or without wine.

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The Freedom of Prisoners. Of 'Hate Speech' and 'Free Speech' in Myanmar's Digital Rights Activism

A paper

Benedict Mette-Starke

MA, University of Konstanz

Even while digital infrastructures expanded after the telecommunication liberalisation and people could publish more freely, unequal accessibility of internet connections has remained an important issue in Myanmar digital rights activism. Many of the digital rights activists work for 'digital citizens' to be able to express themselves and to access what others have put online. Framed as part of digital rights and free expression, those practices play out against the background of state censorship in its changing guises. Yet, the ripples of internet use have also been felt negatively. Discriminatory 'content' shared is often called by the emotive term 'hate speech' ...

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Asylum seekers self-organising in response to Covid 19 in Moria and Mavrovouni Camp

A paper

Omid Alizadah

Mr. Alizadah, Moria Corona Awareness Team

Shirin Tinnesand

Covid 19 and refugee migration: the emergence of threatening camp zones as phenomena of the Anthropo, Stand By Me Lesvos

At the start of 2020, most basic services provided for the asylum seekers in Moria Reception and Identification Center (RIC) were operated through NGOs in the camp. At the time, Moria RIC consisted of around 20,000 asylum seekers. In the vacuum of NGOs evacuating due to violence or losing access to the camp due to covid-19, asylum seekers organised themselves which led to the emergence of Moria Corona Awareness Team (MCAT). As depicted in the name the self-organised group shared information about the symptoms and the spread of the virus, to spread awareness and teach the asylum seekers how to ...

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Detecting ground motions during a global catastrophe: An analysis of East African music videos about COVID-19

A paper

Gerda Kuiper

Dr, Universität zu Köln

In spring 2020, various Tanzanian and Kenyan artists released music videos about the novel coronavirus. They make use of the usual visual and lyrical styles of their respective genres to provide a commentary on the unfolding pandemic. Most of the videos aim to educate their viewers, which is a common feature in East African music culture (Englert, 2008). Other videos provide, sometimes critical, comments on the local religious, political and social dimensions of the pandemic. A noticeable shared feature is that references to national symbols are as prominent in these videos as footage from international media on the unfolding of ...

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Henri Bergson, comedy, and the meaning of life

A paper

Cate Watson

Professor, University of Stirling

Henri Bergson writes in his treatise on comedy, *Laughter (Le Rire)* (1900), that the essence of comedy is 'something mechanical encrusted on the living' ('Du mécanique plaqué sur du vivant') (Bergson, 1980, p.84). This, as I aim to show in this paper, is one of the most profound sentences ever written. True, as a theory of comedy it has its limitations, but as a metaphor for the human condition, it is spot on. Here I set out why this is so, through an exploration of Bergson's process philosophy. While a number of authors have examined Bergson's theory of comedy by ...

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Zones of Extractivism: capitalism, territorial fragmentation and the normalization of (soft) authoritarian rule

Organised by Jens Adam, Ulrike Flader and Frank Müller (University of Bremen)

Plenary

Andrea Muehlebach

Material Atmospherics of Finance, Universität Bremen

Eliane Fernandes

Universität Hamburg

Erdem Evren

Frank Müller

Dr., IfEK, Universität Bremen

Jens Adam

Dr., University of Bremen

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Institute for Minority Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Ulrike Flader

Dr, University of Bremen

The process of capital accumulation evokes manifold dynamics of zoning and segregation around the globe. Some of these 'zones' are extra-legal and enable the suspension of basic human rights or principles of international law. Other zones are purposefully created to attract transnational capital and to propel economic activities. Again others aim at slowing down, interrupting or inhibiting routes of migration. Extractive forms of capitalism accelerate these dynamics of fragmentation. Extractivism can find expression in plundered mines, destroyed rain forests, polluted environments, privatized land, dispossessed populations, or exploited labour. In this panel, we would like to shed light on the interrelations ...

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Closing

Cordula Weisskoepfel

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Dorle Dracklé

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Frank Müller

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Jan Oberg

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Martin Gruber

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Michi Knecht

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