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# THE END

MEGA SEMINAR, SANDBJERG, 16-18 AUGUST 2017

## PROGRAM

### Wednesday 16 August

11.00-12.00 Check-in

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.30 Welcome by the MEGA committee

13.30-15.00 Keynote by Professor Elizabeth Povinelli: *Political Concepts in the Shadow of Geontopower*

15.00-15.30 Coffee and cake

15.30-18.30 Parallel panel session I (3 hours)

#### Panel 1: *Rebounding and Returning: After the End the Same Again?*

Convened by Steffen Dalsgaard (IT University) and Anders Emil Rasmussen (Moesgaard Museum)

- Frauke Mennes: End of Patronage
- Steffen Dalsgaard: "Once You've Lost, You're Out": The "post-office" careers of Papua New Guinea politicians
- Noa Vaisman: What Comes after Justice? Or is this the end?
- Christiane Falck: Return of the Dead – Transformations and appropriations of an anthropologist in the Sepik River region of Papua New Guinea
- Anders Emil Rasmussen: If endlessly you don't succeed, why dust yourself off and try again?

#### Panel 2: *The End of Anthropology as We Know It?*

Convened by Maja Hojer Bruun (AAU), Cathrine Hasse (AU), Dorthe Brogaard Kristensen (SDU) and Marie Stender (AAU)

- Bodil Just Christensen: Quantified anthropology
- Jazmin Cullen: Fusion Anthropology or Analytical Practices in Consultancies?
- Karen Walторp and Jens Walторp: What's the purpose? On hyphen-anthropology as the End of the myth of disinterested social science

- Júlia Govatá: How things make culture: Alfred Métraux and the Unesco project in Haiti
- Marie Stender: Architectural anthropology – potentials and pitfalls of mixing disciplines
- Maja Hojer Bruun: Beyond the Two Cultures. Transgressive interdisciplinarity in the Techno-Anthropology programme
- Cathrine Hasse: The posthuman or posthumans – a challenge for anthropology?

Panel 10: At the End of the Line – Life On the Margins

Convened by Eva Gulløv (DPU), Laust Lund Elbek (AU) and Jonas Strandholdt Bach (AU)

- Eva Gulløv and John Gulløv: East of the sea, north of the border – social mobility at the end of the nation
- Nanna Jordt Jørgensen: At the end of the potholed road
- Laust Lund Elbek: "The State is the Enemy" - The Spectre of 'the Arab Spring' in Lampedusa, Italy
- Kirsten Marie Raahauge: Into the Outskirts. Welfare Spaces in Tønder
- Mikel Venhovens: Where one begins, the other must end": The Material Embodiment of the Contested De-Facto Nation State.
- Victor Cova: Frontiers of Reason in the Ecuadorian Amazon
- Christian Vium: At the Fringe of the Nomadic City. An Ethnographic archive from Nouakchott, Mauritania

Panel 8: The End of Nature?

Convened by Kirsten Hastrup (KU) and Heather Swanson (AU)

- Lars Christian Kofoed Rømer: To kill or not to kill - hunting as moral education and natural preservation on Bornholm
- Drew Robert Winter: The Future of Meat: the diminishing place of gustatory pride in climate-conscious Denmark
- Anette Høite Hansen: A Sustainable Future?
- Stine Krøijer: New Forests: An exploration of two ways of growing wild in the era of the Anthropocene
- Rebecca Journey: "Experimental Prototype City of Tomorrow"

18.30-20.00 Dinner

20.00-21.30 Workshop 1: PhD Publication Workshop led by Mikkel Rytter (Aarhus University) and Karen Fog Olwig (University of Copenhagen) – open to all PhD students.

Workshop 2: Creative Writing Workshop led by Line Dalsgård (Aarhus University) and Helle Bundgaard (University of Copenhagen)

21.30 Bonfire

## Thursday 17 August

07.00 Sweatshop (more information onsite)

08.00-09.00 Breakfast

### 08.30-10.00 Parallel panel session II (1.5 hours)

#### Panel 5: Ruins and Rhythms of Life and Development after Progress

Convened by Stine Krøijer (KU) and Marie Kolling (SDU)

- Vibe Nielsen: The End of Museums as We Know Them? Curating in Postcolonial South Africa
- Marianne Bach Mosebo: 'Before what passes away?' – Urban elites' use of authenticity and the end of pastoralism in Uganda

#### Panel 9: Post-Diagnosis Life: The End of Diseases and the Rise of Chronicity

Convened by Alexandra Ryborg Jønsson (Yale/KU), Tine Tjørnhøj-Thomsen (Statens Institut for Folkesundhed), Helle Ploug Hansen (SDU), Susanne Reventlow (KU) and Michael Andersen (Independent researcher)

- Tine Tjørnhøj-Thomsen: Beyond Mental Disease Diagnoses
- Ida Nielsen Sølvhøj: Open ends: an ethnographic radio montage about post-diagnosis lives in Denmark and South Africa
- Anne Mia Steno & Kathrin Houmøller: Trans people's struggles to access gender affirming treatment in a post-diagnosis pro pathologization health care system
- Nico Miskow Friborg

#### Panel 4: Apocalyptic Anthropology – Aiming For the End

Convened by Malthe Lehrmann (AU), Thomas Fibiger (AU) and Henrik Hvenegaard (KU)

- Henrik Hvenegaard Mikkelsen: Wasting Away: A Schopenhauerian anthropology of passivity
- Matthew Alexander Halkes Carey: This Evolving Object of Annihilation: Apocalypse and the Moral Community in late European Thought
- Cameron David Warner: Inevitable Ends
- Thomas Brandt Fibiger: When the Mahdi returns. Apocalyptic visions within contemporary Shia Islam

10.00-10.30 Coffee

10.30-12.00 Keynote by Professor Douglas Holmes: *Fascism at Eye-Level: The End of the Beginning*

12.00-13.00 Lunch

### 13.00-15.30 Parallel panel session III (2.5 hours)

#### Panel 5 (cont.): Ruins and Rhythms of Life and Development after Progress

Convened by Stine Krøijer (KU) and Marie Kolling (SDU)

- Katy Overstreet: Improvising progress: the perils of scientific breeding in the dairy worlds of Wisconsin
- Margit Anne Petersen: The end of progress?
- Dorthe Brogård Kristensen: "The temporalities of the optimizing self"

- James Maguire: Thresholds of Progress: Volcanic Landscapes, Energy and Aluminium
- Marie Kolling: The intertwinement of progress and ruination in Brazil's urban peripheries

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- Helle Ploug Hansen: Encounters of Sociality and Chronic Illness
- Camilla Brændstrup Laursen: The (in)visible life of congenital heart defects: The chronic nature of 'invisible' conditions
- Marie Kofoed Svensson: MONOLOGUE. Pace and Precaution: Navigating Social Relations with Chronic Diseases
- Alexandra Brandt Ryborg Jønsson: Landscaping Chronicity
- Jens Seeberg: "Incomplete Eradication: The Disappearance of Down Syndrome and the Transformation of Disability into Chronicity"
- Olivia Spaletta: CONVERSATION: Being Post-Traumatic: the remaking of worlds

Panel 7: *Movements to an End*

Convened by Astrid Lovelady (St. Andrews), Anja Simonsen (KU) and Tina Gudrun Jensen (KU)

- Susanne Bregnbæk: Denmark as a dead-end: Day-care institutions, liminal children and the paradox of hope
- Karen Fog Olwig: The End of kinship? Biometric Identification and the "Mutuality of Being" among Refugees in Denmark
- Emilie Lund Mortensen: After the end
- Trine Brinkmann
- Kristina Grünenberg: Embodying the end

Panel 13: *Death, Desire and Digressions*

Convened by Marianna Päivikki Keisalo (AU) and Morten Nielsen (AU)

- Atreyee Sen: 'Dying for a cause': Desire, digression and the politics of female martyrdom
- Flora Botelho: Thanatos in the repeating narratives of children's play
- Anders Sybrandt Hansen: Rush Unto Death: Anthropology at the End of Proletarian
- Thomas Randrup Pedersen: On the edge: Where peace is a dead end, war is full of desire for life
- Marianna Keisalo: "Laugh or I'll Die": Facing Death on the Stand-up Comedy Stage

15.30-16.30 Playtime

16.30-18.00 Keynote by Professor Diane Nelson: *Ground Zero*

18.30-19.00 Pre-dinner drinks

19.00 Conference dinner

22.00 Afterparty featuring DJ Savage

## Friday 18 August

08.00-09.00 Breakfast

09.00-10.30 Parallel panel session IV (1.5 hours)

### Panel 6: *The Uses of Dystopia*

Convened by Stine Krøijer (KU) and Matthew Carey (KU)

- Introduction by Matthew Carey
- Marie Stender: 'After we have become a ghetto' – Dystopian place branding in disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- Mikkel Bunkenborg: Dystopian Dining: Chinese Food After Morality

### Panel 11: *(T)Reason – The End of Loyalty* (Note: This panel starts 08.30 and ends 10.45)

Convened by Perle Møhl (KUA), Kristina Grünenberg, Ayo Wahlberg and the Technology and Political Economy Researcher Group at the Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen

- Birgitte Romme Larsen: End of story? From partners in dissemination to (unintended) co-creators of research – an ethnographic tale on collaborating with 'the media'
- Daena Funahashi: The Promise of Failure: Rethinking the Collaborative Ends
- Perle Møhl & Anja Simonsen: Knowledge, loyalty and the dividual corporate researcher body
- Nana Vaaben: Until the end of time

### Panel 14: *Public Anthropology and the End of Journalism?*

Convened by Christian Suhr (AU), Peter Hervik (AAU) and Carolina Sanchez Boe (AAU)

A roundtable discussion with the following participants:

- Douglas Holmes
- Sine Plambech
- Anja Kublitz
- Carolina S. Boe
- Peter Hervik
- Christian Suhr

### Panel 15: *Alternative Endings?*

- Ester and Jonas Fritsch: The End: A Generative Potential for an Alter-politics of Affect across Anthropology and Interaction Design?
- Christian Vium: The Fringe - an audio-visual ethnographic poem

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-12.00 To what end? Wrap-up and looking ahead

12.00-13.00 Lunch and Goodbye!