

MEGA SEMINAR SANDBJERG 12-14 AUGUST 2019

CALL FOR PANELS

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DEADLINES AND DATES

15.02.19 Deadline for panel submissions
01.03.19 Call for papers
01.04.19 Deadline for submission of paper abstracts
01.05.19 Notification of acceptance
01.06.19 Preliminary programme
31.07.19 Final programme

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We all make choices every day. They range from the habitual and often unreflected actions of daily life, like what to eat or wear, to life-changing decisions such as keeping a baby or migrating across borders. People argue, dispute and mobilize; politicians deliberate and bargain, leaders are elected, resources allocated and futures shaped. Through choices, plans are made, the future is envisioned and uncertainty is managed; individuals, families, communities and indeed nations are constantly confronted with *what might be*. As anthropologists, we too make decisions about how to conduct ourselves and represent our field. These ideas bear deep political and ethical implications. How do we treat the fact that our choices in the field and beyond may impact the lives and futures for those we work with? What are our responsibilities as anthropologists and what are the effects of our decisions?

In spite of its clear pragmatic omnipresence in social life and in our work, choice and decision-making constitute a surprisingly underexplored theme in anthropology. This seminar is therefore an invitation to develop anthropological approaches to choice and decision-making that move beyond classic debates around structure versus agency, economic theories and psychology, and explore the structural, phenomenological and epistemological aspects of choice that shape social life: the range of options an individual faces in moments of making a choice, the social and cosmological elements involved in the process, how choice is conceived and regarded, and what it does - to a person and to her world.

- Panel proposals should be a maximum of 400 words
- Panels should ideally be proposed and organized by conveners belonging to at least two different institutions.
- Each panel should remain open to unsolicited papers, to be submitted in a later call for papers (the call for papers will be announced on ultimo February 2019).
- Alternative and unconventional forms of presenting and reflecting on papers are more than welcome!
- Panel proposals should be sent to kmbach@cas.au.dk no later than 15th of February 2019.