



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Anthropology of Values

Masterclass with Joel Robbins
(Sigrid Rausing Professor of Social Anthropology, Cambridge)

29 June 2018, 10am — 30 June 2018, 4pm

We proudly announce the first Masterclass to be held in combination with the renowned Ad. E. Jensen Memorial Lectures. Young researchers will be given an opportunity to present their work and discuss it with the current lecturer. The Masterclass is free of charge, but places are limited and registration is required. We invite young researchers (Master and PhD students) to apply.

The masterclass will take up the development of an anthropological theory of values. The first day will be devoted to exploring key themes in study of values both within and beyond anthropology. A first section will consider the history of the notion of values and will look at early theories of values that emerged at the origin of the social sciences as distinct fields. A second section will take up structural theories of values and will consider in particular the work of Durkheim, Dumont, and Isaiah Berlin. A third section will consider subjective theories of values, attending particularly to the role of values in shaping human motivations. On the second day, a final section will consider the prospects for synthesising structural and subjective approaches to value. Each section will be introduced briefly by Joel Robbins. But a short reading list will also be distributed for each section and we will devote ample time to discussion of the various topics raised by the readings. The remainder of the second day will be devoted to working through ethnographic materials brought by the participants to explore how they might be analysed in value-theoretic terms.

Please send an abstract of your research (250 words max) and questions you would like to discuss to Holger Jebens (Jebens@em.uni-frankfurt.de). The deadline is 15 April 2018.

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