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Call for applications

Masterclass with Anne Meneley (Trent University) **How to do things with plants: easy and uneasy collaborations with plants**

26th – 27th, 2026, Frankfurt am Main

Masterclass

Anne Meneley is this year's guest of the renowned Ad.E. Jensen Memorial Lectures at the Frobenius Institute for Research in Cultural Anthropology (Frankfurt am Main), also titled "How to do things with plants: easy and uneasy collaborations with plants". In tandem with this lecture series, this masterclass held by Anne Meneley gives young researchers the opportunity to present their research projects – at various levels of development – for preliminary collective review and discussion. The masterclass is free of charge, but places are limited and registration is required. We invite young researchers (Master's and PhD students) to apply.

Outline

How to do things with plants is the broad question for this masterclass. We will discuss how best to analyze the connections produced by plants and the manipulations of plants by people. The theme of mobility, primarily of plants, but also of people with plants, will underpin our discussions. A central theme to be explored is how past colonial encounters, ongoing settler colonialism, and imaginaries of statehood can be illuminated by examining the strategic use of plants. We will read works by John Hartigan, Irus Braverman, Tawfik Canaan, Anna Tsing, and Manning and Meneley. A reading list will be provided in advance and each participant will be asked to initiate our discussion of one of the readings. All participants should come prepared to present their own ethnographic materials and examples of their own plant interests.

Application details

Please send an abstract of your research (250 words maximum) and the questions you would like to discuss to Holger Jebens (Jebens@em.uni-frankfurt.de) by 30 April 2026.

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