

RPA FORMATS AND EVENTS

Seminar and Lecture Series*

- **Departmental Seminar Series** – for RPA members, MA students and more
This series features lectures in contemporary ethnography organised by the Research Programme of Anthropology in collaboration with professors and PI members. The seminars seek insight into the dialectic between ethnographic research and anthropological reflections on topics that range from climate change, poverty, migration post-disaster recovery, human security and medical anthropology to ethics, love, human-nonhuman relations, biosocial relations, museology and multi-modality, heritage studies, music, food, business creativity, religious revival, piracy and the colonisation of space. Departmental Seminars are hybrid meetings, so please join us in-person or online at Moesgård. Virtual Meeting Platform: Zoom.
- **The Autumn, Winter, and Spring Lectures** – Moesgaard students, researchers and staff
These lectures are organised by the Research Programmes of Anthropology (RPA) and Materials-Culture-Heritage (MCH) and features speakers whose cross-disciplinary scholarship help us reflect and engage with the research fields and disciplines at Moesgård. The events take place on Friday's at 14-16 followed by a reception on campus.
- **Open Mic Sessions** – for research and teaching staff mainly
Precedes the monthly staff meetings at the Department of Anthropology and offer RPA members and guests a unique opportunity to present their academic work to a caring and critically engaged audience – igniting great academic debates. Please volunteer as a presenter by emailing rpa@cas.au.dk.
- **Thesis Seminars** – public when publicly announced
Thesis seminars are anchored within the Research Programme of Anthropology with the purpose of preparing PhD fellows for their dissertation defence. Each seminar outlines a planned thesis – including selected drafts of basic hypotheses, theories and methods that are presented and discussed in critical dialogue between the PhD student, the main supervisor and two senior experts acting as opponents.
- **MEGA Seminar** – for scholars in anthropology
The biennial Mega Seminar is a three-day conference for anthropologists at The Sandbjerg Estate, organised by the Departments of Anthropology at Aarhus University and the University of Copenhagen. The next MEGA Seminar takes place on 23-25 August 2023. Call for panels TBC mid-December 2022.
- **Futures Lecture Series** – for the public
The Futures Lecture is an annual autumn event organised by the School of Culture and Society. It features cutting-edge speakers from the arts and social sciences whose cross-disciplinary scholarship and ground-breaking insights help all of us rethink the urgent challenges of the contemporary world. [Read more about the Futures Lecture Series and register here.](#)

*Please email RPA@CAS.AU.DK to share news and ideas for future events
– or sign-up for the RPA newsletter!

Other academic activities:

- **Departmental Workshops** – are occasional two-day retreats or half-day events organised by the Research Programme of Anthropology (RPA) to provide a forum through which our staff can acquaint themselves with each other and nurture the reflective practice of anthropology.
- **Journal Club** – requires 2-10 junior or senior scholars to meet on a monthly basis at Moesgård and discuss a selected paper or chapter. LeGuins book about writing: *Steering Craft* has been proposed, but not scheduled.
- **Pop-up Work Groups** – are events organised by members of the RPA, where colleagues get together for a short period to collaborate on e.g. writing or peer feedback on publications and project proposals. In the autumn '22, we have a shut-up-and-write every Thursday (except 15 Sep., 3 Nov. and 8. Dec) in room 4215-32 (The Cellar at Moesgård). The concept is simple: People meet at 9 am, set intentions for the day and work on their individual things in intervals of 45 minutes, followed by small breaks and a longer one for lunch. The group departs at 2 pm.
- **Moesgård Fermentation** – are occasional events curated by the Research Programmes of Anthropology and Materials-Culture-Heritage (MCH) with a view to encouraging the gradual 're-fermentation' of the Moesgård research culture after Covid-19. The events provide a friendly forum through which all researchers at Moesgård can re-acquaint themselves with each other – and perhaps reflect upon what a 'new normal' might look like.
- **Anthropology Matters** – are guided academic discussions sponsored by the PhD Programme of Anthropology, Global Studies and the Study of Religion. They take place approx. 3 times a year on Fridays at 10-12, followed by lunch. Attendance is required of PhD student members of the RPA resident in Aarhus. The meetings focus on an analytical concept selected by a senior RPA member, who begins by introducing the concept and how he/she has used it in his/her own work. Attendees are expected to read 2-3 papers and engage in the plenum discussion. Two students act as respondents and discuss how the concept may relate to their work. Students who attend will receive ½ ECTS point, and the appointed respondents will receive 1 ECTS point. Researchers and teaching staff are also welcome to attend Anthropology Matters, but not the lunch (where PhD students discuss matters of concern with the DoA management team).
- **Masterclasses** – are occasional meetings sponsored by the PhD Programme of Anthropology, Global Studies and the Study of Religion and requires 2-6 enrolled PhD students to become acquainted with a visiting scholar or guest lecturer's work and prepare a small presentation including questions for the guest based on their own project. The guest would not be expected to prepare anything, but to engage with the students, answer questions and thus drive the conversation for about 2-3 hours.
- **Ethnographic Salons** – are informal get-togethers for PhD students organised by themselves with a view to share PhD life experiences and discuss novel ideas, experimental ethnographic methods and more. It takes place at Moesgård on Fridays at 14-16.
- **Faculty Lunch** – is a concept where staff can pre-pay lunch on Tuesday and have it served and a table reserved in the MoCa Moesgaard Canteen on Wednesdays at 12-midday. In this way, we can enjoy an inspiring and sustainable meal-and-chat with our colleagues on a regular basis. TBA.