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Public Lectures Fall Semester 2021

“What is the Human?” — Anthropological Perspectives

“What is the human?” This question has been foundational for the social sciences and humanities and for sociocultural anthropology (Ethnologie) in particular. On the one hand, these disciplines have been grounded in distinctions of the human from animals, plants, things, machines, and gods. In current debates about the “Anthropocene,” they discuss the special role and responsibility of humanity for our planet. On the other hand, the very same disciplines have frequently questioned the epistemics, politics, and singularity of “the human” and attempts to specify a human nature have met with strong criticism. In addition, the social sciences and humanities have been both complicit in and critical of further dividing “humanity” into races, sexes, ethnicities, etc.

As part of the 50-year jubilee of the discipline Ethnologie at the University of Zurich, this lecture series engages current approaches in sociocultural anthropology and neighbouring disciplines in a conversation on how to think “the human” today.

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28 September

«Was ist der Mensch?» – Anthropologische Perspektiven (DE)

Prof. Dr. Johannes Quack, University of Zurich, and
Prof. Dr. Moritz Ege, University of Zurich

5 October

Humans and Machines: Erasing Boundaries?

Dr. Daniela Cerqui Ducret, Université de Lausanne, and
Dr. Anne Stefanie Aronsson, Yale University

19 October

Genetic Relations: Human Reproduction in Times of CRISPR

Prof. Dr. Eben Kirksey, Deakin University, and
PD Dr. Tanja Krones, University of Zurich

26 October

Humans and Animals

Prof. Dr. Naisargi N. Dave, University of Toronto, and
Prof. Dr. Hans-Johann Glock, University of Zurich

9 November

Human Rights

Prof. Dr. Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, Ghent University, and
Prof. Dr. Matthias Mahlmann, University of Zurich

16 November

Vom «homo oeconomicus» zur «human economy»: Gedanken zum Verhältnis von Mensch, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft (DE)

Prof. Dr. Peter Finke, Prof. Dr. Jörg Rössel, University of Zurich, and
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Bruno S. Frey, University of Basel

30 November

Der Mensch als Thema? Ethnologie auf dem Weg zur Anthropologie (DE)

Prof. Dr. Gregor Dobler, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, and
Prof. Dr. Philipp Sarasin, University of Zurich

7 December

Human (Im)mobilities: Borders, Racism and the Politics of Immigration

Prof. Dr. Miriam Ticktin, City University of New York, and
Dr. Kijan Malte Espahangizi, ETH Zurich and University of Zurich

21 December

Mensch-Ding-Beziehungen. Über die Rückbindung von Objekten aus ethnologischen Museen in Geschichte und Praxisgemeinschaften (DE)

Prof. Dr. Mareile Flitsch, University of Zurich, and
Prof. Dr. Gesine Krüger, University of Zurich

DE: Lecture in German

University of Zurich
Ethnographic Museum
Pelikanstrasse 40, 8001 Zürich
Room PEA E23
Tuesday, 4.15 – 5.45 pm

Entrance free of charge
All information subject to change

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