

UCL ANTHROPOLOGY
**READING AND RESEARCH
GROUPS**

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Reading and Research Groups at UCL Anthropology

All the way from undergraduate, Masters', PhD and through to postdoctoral research, our students form a vital part of the intellectual life of UCL Anthropology. In addition to their relationship to individual dissertation supervisors and other teachers and research mentors, and as well as attending one or more of the Department's five weekly research seminars, students conducting research at any level are encouraged to participate in regular Reading and Research Groups (RRGs). Bringing students and staff together to exchange ideas on themes of mutual interest, our RRGs draw their membership from all parts of the Department, as well as welcoming participants from other UCL Departments and other London Colleges.

Conceived as open spaces for the exchange of ideas in groupings that cut across divides between Biological Anthropology, Material Culture Studies and Social Anthropology, the RRGs are designed also to enliven the collective intellectual life of the Department and the wider College by organising regular public events, such as workshops, conferences and debates. They are also intended as fora for the development of scholarly publications, as well as applications for the funding of collaborative research projects.

Below are listed the RRGs that will be running in the Department this year. Further groups may emerge during the year, as students and staff develop common interests in particular fields and directions in interaction with each other. If you wish to set up your own RRG (which you are more than welcome to do), **please contact Martin Holbraad** (m.holbraad@ucl.ac.uk), who is responsible for their co-ordination.

To join one or more RRGs you need to logon to the Departmental 'Moodle' system (<http://moodle.ucl.ac.uk>) and enrol in the corresponding Moodle module. Either search for the individual title in which you are interested, or search 'ANTH RRG' to view all of the options available. The same enrolment key, 'RRG', is needed to complete enrolment in each of the modules.

For more information about the Reading and Research Groups you can also visit the Departmental web-pages, at:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology/research/reading-research-groups>

List of Groups

ANTHROPOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO STATE-CITIZEN RELATIONS

(Organisers: Gwen Burnyeat and Miranda Sheild Johansson)

When: Fortnightly, Mondays, 1-2pm, Taviton 16, room 532

First meeting: 15th of Oct, Taviton 16, room 532

Moodle: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=116>

How might anthropologists approach the debate around the winter fuel allowance or off-shore tax havens; what can we say about the increasing importance of student opinion polls in higher education, or role of the Care Quality Commission in our healthcare system; what everyday practices of government workers in Gaza maintain their authority; and what type of citizenship are Ryanair enacting when they promote a carbon offsetting scheme?

In this RRG we want to focus on a handful of specific mechanisms through which states and citizens interact and mould each other, while also calling into question the simplistic divide of state and society. These will include, but not be limited to: bureaucracy and auditing; governance and intervention; taxation and evasion; policy and the 'public good'; and corporate citizenship and insurgent citizenship. The topics picked reflect the concerns of contemporary popular and academic debates regarding the state and its citizens. The aim of this RRG is not to comprehensively cover anthropology of the state, but to discuss a set number of angles from which to approach the state-citizen relationship and look at how anthropology have dealt with these.

Please contact Miranda (m.johansson@ucl.ac.uk) or Gwen (gwen.burnyeat.16@ucl.ac.uk) for further information

ANTHROPOLOGY OF CHRISTIANITY READING GROUP

(Inter-collegiate group, coordinated by Alina Apostu, SOAS)

WHERE & WHEN: Every third Wednesday of the month at 6pm, Staff Common Room, UCL Anthropology Department, 14 Taviton St

FIRST MEETING: Wednesday 17th October, 6pm, Staff Common Room, UCL Anthropology Department

This reading and discussion group engages with the wide-ranging phenomena called 'Christianity'. We read widely, addressing western and eastern, credal and non-credal, historical and contemporary Christian groups. The group explores the many forms of Christianity in their points of contact with, transformations and impact upon larger social, cultural, political and religious spheres. Further, discussions also offer space for reflection upon the anthropological practice in the study of Christianity and its role and influence with the wider project of the anthropology of religion.

Many in the group are actively involved in research projects on or about Christianity so at times we take the opportunity to share some of our own working papers in a seminar-like setting.

The group is open to anyone with an interest in academic studies of Christianity. Please contact Alina Apostu (alina_apostu@soas.ac.uk) for more information or to be added to the email list. The group also hosts a Facebook page (managed by Anamaria Melhado), where information about seminars, conferences, exhibitions etc. related to Christianity is posted.

ANTHROPOLOGY OF OXFAM

(organised by Emily Upson)

WHERE & WHEN: Once a month, Fridays 1-3, venue TBC

FIRST MEETING: TBC

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=117>

Anthropology has struggled against its darker history with colonialism. The study's desire to help 'undeveloped' cultures assimilate to Victorian society was never viewed as controversial until later years. Now anthropologists have the capability to be critical towards charitable bodies, but we do so while carrying a deeply problematic heritage that is often unaddressed or overcompensated for.

This reading group will be exploring intrinsic issues with the concept of charity, while discussing the conflict between preserving culture, promoting development, and forcing Westernization. We will aim to discuss many large themes, including the notions of altruism, giving, and globalization, by applying them to the specific examples visible in Oxfam. We will also aim to debate the more specific examples of when charity can be harmful, and the various outcomes of whistle-blowing. For the reason of breadth, the reading list is only suggested; we will be using any academic background that is deemed useful in our bi-monthly examination of Oxfam.

Open to any and all!

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA (CCA)

(Coordinated by Aeron O'Connor and Stefan Fa)

WHERE & WHEN: Thursdays 5:30 onwards (meetings will usually run 1-2 hours – leave anytime you need), Venue TBC

FIRST MEETING: First meeting: 18 October 2018, location TBC

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/edit.php?id=128>

For anyone working or interested in the Caucasus and/or Central Asia, this is an ethnographically-driven, but interdisciplinary reading group. Over the coming months we'll evaluate various themes that are pertinent to life today in these regions, but we will simultaneously emphasise an expansive outlook that is not constrained to the idea of fixed 'regions'. Area studies has been critiqued for encouraging the production of fragmented histories and knowledge across places and times, and of severing places and people from one another. Area studies can nevertheless also incite comparative approaches to world history that encourage us to look at the world as a connected whole, rather than in siloed off cultural times and spaces. This reading group looks to strike this balance.

The format of this forums is informal and open-ended. We'll meet every fortnight and discuss 2-3 pre-circulated readings around a specific theme, trying to bring the work and approaches of anthropology, history, comparative literature, linguistics and more into dialogue with one another (we'll choose texts that are accessible to non-specialists of course!). Please feel free to circulate this notice widely: we are a friendly, open group for anyone in or out of academia working in any field. Some knowledge/experience in these regions is ideal, but more than anything we want curiosity and critical engagement! Please contact us to show your interest so we can put a mailing list together. If you cannot make it at the time or day we've set, please let us know. We will find a time that works best for the majority.

Contact: aeron.oconnor.09@ucl.ac.uk and stefan.fa.14@ucl.ac.uk

CENTRE FOR DIGITAL ANTHROPOOLOGY 'BROWN BAG' LUNCH

(Co-ordinated by Hannah Knox,
Director UCL Centre for Digital Anthropology)

WHERE & WHEN: Every other Tuesday at 12-1pm, Location TBC

FIRST MEETING: Tuesday 9th October, 12-1pm, DFSR, 2nd fl., Anthropology

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=101>

This informal research seminar brings together staff and PhD students in the UCL anthropology department and beyond to discuss UCL research that falls broadly into the field of digital anthropology. By digital anthropology we mean it in its broadest sense, incorporating both the conceptual work done by ideas

such as the network, systems, grids and cybernetics, to the empirical appearance of digital devices in the lives of those with whom we do fieldwork. From the use of smartphones to the digitisation of museum artefacts, from everyday uses of data to the social effects of algorithms and machine learning, many of us are now finding our research demands that we become proto-digital anthropologists. The ubiquity of digital research tools, again from the smart phone to social media platforms to collaboration sites like Slack, are also meaning more and more of us are doing what we might call digital ethnography. At this brown bag lunch we will hear from members of the department, anthropologists working elsewhere in UCL, and visiting scholars about their forays into digital anthropology, the challenges it poses and the questions their work raises. At each meeting, a short presentation of 20 mins will be followed by informal discussion. All participants will be invited to become affiliate members of the UCL Centre for Digital Anthropology.

Contact h.knox@ucl.ac.uk for more information or to be added to the email list.

DE-GROWTH READING GROUP

(Organised by George Smith and Elizabeth Kuroyedov)

When: Every third Friday of the month 12pm – 1pm

First meeting: Friday October 19th, venue TBC

Moodle: TBC

The reading for this discussion group will broadly focus on the notion of ‘de-growth’ or ‘post-growth’ economics.

In response to a global ecological breakdown, a small but vocal group of academics and environmental activists are condemning the ubiquitous pursuit of economic growth. Our reverence for GDP growth, they argue, and the huge levels of consumption that accompany this, is the underlying cause of climate change and the overall degradation of the Earth’s biosphere.

Focusing on this broad theme will be the main focus of this reading group. In so doing there are a variety of questions we’d like to discuss over the course of monthly meetings. For example, is it even feasible to run a successful economy that shrinks in size? And if so, *how?* *Who* would be expected to follow de-growth policies – given the drastically different economic history & trajectory of the global south, can these countries be expected to embrace de-growth? This reading group won’t be tied to discussing de-growth in narrow terms – it will also be flexible and relaxed, open to suggestions and contributions from members as to what can be read/discussed.

For more information contact George Smith (ucsags0@ucl.ac.uk) and/or Elizabeth Kuroyedov (ucsaerk@ucl.ac.uk)

DESIGN IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

(Organised by Andrea Bravo Diaz and Emilie Glazer)

WHERE & WHEN: details of regular meetings to be confirmed in the first meeting, below.

First meeting: Thursday 25th October, 4-5:30pm - Staff Common Room, UCL Anthropology Department

Moodle details: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=147>

This reading group will meet to discuss questions raised in Arturo Escobar's *Designs for the Pluriverse*. Drawing on anthropological approaches to decolonisation and the emerging design movements in Latin America, Escobar carves out a space for considering the processes, implications and meaning of design in the contemporary world. As an attempt to present a new vision of design theory and practice, it builds on a history of thought on the role of design practices in crafting the physical coordinates of social life. From Fordist mass production, to Don Norman's ubiquitous infusion of design in the everyday, and Victor Papanek's turn towards ecology and social change, design is seen to reflect contemporary societal ideologies and manifest them in physical form. In the geological period of the "anthropocene", an acknowledgement of the human compulsion to shape the world is taken to the extreme, while design professionals and activists turn their attention towards the myriad of complex challenges arising from this age. We will explore anthropological engagements with these shifts, to ask what design means, becomes and creates within this context. Design will be addressed in its broadest sense, from the introduction of service design in policy-making, to the engineering of large-scale infrastructures. We suggest some background questions to reflect over the reading and beyond: Who designs in the anthropocene? How does local design interface with global trends? What is sustainable design? And across these themes, where might, could or should anthropology challenge its own forms of engagements with design?

DIRT, EXCREMENT, ANNIHILATION, DECAY (DEAD)

(Coordinated by Chloe Harrison)

WHERE & WHEN: Meeting details will be circulated via Moodle.

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9517>

This RRG sets out to investigate the murky yet fertile terrain of dirt, waste, remains and shit, and ask what this decomposing matter can do for anthropology. Thinking beyond the assumed stability of 'objects' and 'persons' and the neat categories of 'valuable' and 'rubbish', DEAD will explore the dirty work of ideas around pollution, filth and trash and their relationship to politics,

places and publics. We will also consider the aesthetics and temporality of death and decay, and the productivity of these processes for art, history and daily life.

For more information, please contact Chloe Harrison at chloe.harrison.13@ucl.ac.uk

DISABILITY: THE HUMAN BODY AND NOTIONS OF 'NORMAL'

(coordinated by Kelly Fagan Robinson)

WHERE & WHEN: We will meet (approx.) every three weeks on Mondays at 13.00, alternating with 'Material, Ecology, Health' (which will complement this RRG), at in Rm 129, 14 Taviton.

FIRST MEETING: Monday 15 October, 13.00, Rm 129, 14 Taviton

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=104>

This RRG will examine recent developments across concepts of disability and related fields including: social vs clinical models; eugenics; biosocialities; prosthetics; bioethics; and equalities laws & policies, contending with notions of what it means for anybody to have a 'normal' body in the 21st century. We'll use this as a forum to think through how interventions have changed the way we see ourselves and others and what the benefits and burdens are of new tech on/in the body for health and wellbeing. We will explore the ethical and cultural issues that surround novel biomedical technologies including the relationship between therapy and enhancement, the mind/body distinction, the debates surrounding physical and social mediation in 'abnormal' bodies, and the ways that the body is being altered, extended or erased according to notions of normal.

For more information contact Kelly Robinson at k.robinson.12@ucl.ac.uk

HUMAN ECOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP (HERG)

(Coordinated by Katherine Homewood)

WHERE & WHEN: Every Tuesday, 2-4pm, (**location varies**)

FIRST MEETING: Tuesday 10th October, 2-4pm, 16 Taviton St Room 431

MOODLE DETAILS: All MSc AED students as well as PhD students supervised by MB, LD, CG, KH, JL, SR, EW in the area of Human Ecology, are enrolled on the HERG site on Moodle, at the start of each term. HERG's Moodle site includes a current news notice-board, funding opportunities, job offers, reading lists, links to outside organisations and seminars of interest.

The Human Ecology Research Group (HERG) provides a stimulating and

cutting edge interdisciplinary forum for postgraduate research students (both Masters' and PhDs) developing, discussing and disseminating their work. Some 25 postgraduate researchers (including MSc's and postdocs), together with 6-7 staff, meet on a weekly basis for work in progress, research methods, reading and workshop sessions.

HERG focuses, on the one hand, on the impact of environmental and population policy and management on people's livelihoods, health and welfare, and on the other, on the impacts of changing resource use on environment and biodiversity. HERG members are currently working on interactions of environment and development in regions ranging from Amazonia, East and West Africa to Siberia and South East Asia; in ecosystems from tropical rain forest through drylands, coastal and riverine wetlands, to urban areas and with a research focus ranging from broad themes (e.g. Climate change, REDD+, population change, wellbeing as a measure of development interventions) through specific issues (bushmeat; fire management regimes; fishers and aquatic resources, pastoralists and payments for wildlife conservation) to single species conservation / development interactions with people (e.g. great apes/large carnivores/turtles). Research explores the interactions of environmental policy and livelihoods, mostly but not always in developing countries and rural settings, and focuses particularly on ecosystem and threatened species ecology, household economy and livelihoods diversification.

For more information visit:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology/research/research_reading_groups/herg

HUMAN EVOLUTIONARY ECOLOGY GROUP (HEEG)

(Coordinated by Ruth Mace and Hanzhi May Zhang)

WHERE & WHEN: Thursdays, 1-2pm, Taverton 14, Room 132

FIRST MEETING: Thursday 4th October

The Human Evolutionary Ecology Group, located in the Department of Anthropology at UCL, investigates human ecology from an adaptive perspective. We study human behaviour and life history as adaptations to local environments - which includes not only human behavioural ecology but also the related areas of evolutionary demography, evolutionary medicine and cultural evolution. Many of us are specifically interested in human reproduction, including human reproductive scheduling and patterns of parental investment and we are also working on the ecology of cooperation. Members have a range of projects including those based on field studies ranging from hunter-gatherers, to post-industrial, urban populations in the UK, and some that are making use of existing historical or modern medical or demographic datasets. We discuss any papers the group feel are of interest, and may also host informal talks from each other or visitors. We combine with

palaeoanthropologists working in UCL to gain a broader spectrum view of human evolution, both past and present.

For more information visit contact May Zhang at hanzhi.zhang.13@ucl.ac.uk and/or visit <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/heeg/>

LATIN AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGY SEMINAR

Inter-collegiate seminar run at the School of Advanced Study, London University, Senate House. Coordinated by Ainhoa Montoya (ILAS, SAS), Agustín Diz (LSE), Johanna Gómez (UCL), Natalia Bonet (Kent)

WHERE & WHEN: Alternate Thursdays 5:30 - Senate House.

FIRST MEETING: Thursday 11 October 2018 (Room 246). Opening session: "The Houses that Evo Built: Autonomy, Vivir Bien and Viviendas in Bolivia" by Dr. Jonathan Alderman, ILAS

The Latin American Anthropology Seminar series is a forum in which anthropologists in the early phase of their careers working on Latin America can present their work and get feedback in a supportive and collaborative environment, as well as build connections between researchers and departments. It is jointly run by the Institute of Latin American Studies and several London-based Anthropology departments at LSE, Goldsmiths and UCL. Seminars are chaired by peers on a rotational basis and take the form of around 45 minute presentations, leaving time for questions and discussion. For information on all meetings visit: <https://ilas.sas.ac.uk/events/seminar-series/latin-american-anthropology-seminar-series>

MATERIAL, ECOLOGY, HEALTH (MEH)

(Coordinated by Timothy Carroll and Kelly Robinson)

WHERE & WHEN: We will meet (approx.) every three weeks on Mondays at 13.00, alternating with 'Disability: The Human Body and Notions of 'Normal'' (our sister RRG), at in Rm 129, 14 Taviton.

FIRST MEETING: Monday 8 October, 13.00, Rm 129, 14 Taviton

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9514>

This RRG explores the idea of ecological thinking as an analytical paradigm specifically within the contexts of health and wellbeing around the human body and its environments. We will be reading some classics on ecology within anthropology as well as recent works with a specific attention to medical contexts and general notions of health. Grounded in a biosocial approach to medical anthropology the group explores the relationships between individuals, populations, and their environments.

For more information contact Timothy Carroll at t.carroll@ucl.ac.uk

NOISE: AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF SPEECH, SOUND AND MUSIC

(Organised by Guilherme Orlandini and Rebekah Plueckhahn)

WHERE & WHEN: Every second Thursday, 10-12pm, Staff Common Room, UCL Anthropology Department, 14 Taviton St

FIRST MEETING: Thursday 4th October 10-12pm Staff Common Room, UCL Anthropology Department

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9534>

This RRG will focus on the sonic dimensions of lived experiences. Looking at literature from anthropology, ethnomusicology, linguistic anthropology, and other disciplines, we wish to look at sound in its multiple forms of presentation, such as music, songs, chants, dance, speech, silence, etc. In many places, sonic performances are central to the formation of socialities, the relationship between ethnic and kinship groups, between the living and the deceased, and between a group and its divinities. Instead of just looking at musical performances as only deriving from these social relations, we want to explore how sound and music create, disrupt, or silence relations, affective registers and atmospheres. In this sense, we wish to investigate how sound and music are not only conceptualised in different ethnographic settings, but also how the practice of sound worlds shapes relations. This includes a consideration of the materiality of sound and its relationship to the body as fundamental to understanding the theoretical implications of an anthropology of speech, sound, and music.

Everyone is welcome!

Feel free to get in touch with Guilherme (g.heurich@ucl.ac.uk) or Rebekah (r.plueckhahn@ucl.ac.uk) to RSVP, or if you have any questions.

ONTOGENESIS: Simondon's Modes of Existence, from Technical Object to Personhood

(coordinated by Ludovic Coupaye)

WHERE AND WHEN: Fridays, fortnightly. Venue and time TBC

FIRST MEETING: TBC

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9531>

After many attempts over the year, Gilbert Simondon's major philosophical work, *On the Modes of Existence of Technical Objects*, has been translated and published in 2017.

Though rarely known by the English-Speaking anthropology community, Simondon's influence has been indirectly felt through anthropological readings of Deleuze & Guatarri (e.g. Ingold), up to the work of Bruno Latour on the Enquiry of the Modes of existence. In a Bergsonian tradition, Simondon dealt with the question of ontogenesis and emergence of both social and material forms, through practices and engagements in ways that prefigured and more or less indirectly influenced, approaches dealing with relational ontologies, such as the New Melanesian ethnography (Strathern, Wagner), materiality (e.g. Ingold), or ANT (Latour).

This first year, we intend to concentrate on Simondon's book and investigate its relevance for contemporary themes and debates on design, materiality, technics, technology, the digital and technocracy.

There will be fortnightly 1 hour meetings during Thursday, lunch times (12:00). All are welcome. Readings will be circulated a week in advance.

For more information to receive the readings contact Ludovic Coupaye, l.coupaye@ucl.ac.uk

POLITICAL AND MORAL ECONOMIES OF VOLUNTARISM

(Organised by Tess Altman)

WHERE & WHEN: Monthly in Term 2 2019, dates to be announced

FIRST MEETING: January 2019, date to be announced

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9533>

FACEBOOK DETAILS:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209776096266936/>

This RRG focuses on the role of volunteers in humanitarian and neoliberal settings. While anthropologists have critically engaged with humanitarian and neoliberal projects, the role of volunteers in such endeavors is only beginning to receive sustained ethnographic attention. This group takes up Liisa Malkki's (2015) call for more studies of 'the humanitarian subject characterized by a desire to help'. It also seeks to bring into dialogue literature on neoliberal discourses of volunteering (Hyatt 2001, Rose 1996, Rozakou 2016) with the critical anthropology of humanitarianism (Fassin 2012, Ticktin 2011, Redfield and Bornstein 2011). While volunteers are increasingly called upon to fill gaps left in social service provision by austerity measures and the roll back of the welfare state, they are also attracted to volunteering in humanitarian settings through a desire to alleviate suffering, feel connected and find a sense of meaning. What happens when volunteers deliver crucial services while seeking a profound experience? What does it look like when states outsource responsibility to volunteers? Are volunteers ethical subjects? Can volunteering be viewed as a technique of self-making? What kinds of volunteer-volunteer and volunteer-recipient relationships form? The focus on voluntarism in

neoliberal and humanitarian contexts opens up possibilities for addressing anthropological themes of giving, reciprocity, care and affect alongside examining the subjectivities produced by political and moral economies of voluntarism.

While last year we read monographs, this year we will focus on edited volumes concerned with the contemporary institutional contexts in which volunteering often occurs: NGOs and the humanitarian aid industry. We will meet monthly over the course of Term 2. There is no expectation to read the whole volume. This RRG is targeted towards postgrad students and staff, but all are welcome! Each session is a stand-alone so feel free to come along to one or all.

Please feel free to contact Tess at tessa.altman.14@ucl.ac.uk to RSVP or with any questions.

QUEER DIGITAL/ALTERNATIVE MEDIA

(coordinated by Antonia Walford and Haidy Geismar)

WHERE AND WHEN: Fridays 16.30, venue TBC

FIRST MEETING: TBC

MOODLE DETAILS: TBC

In this RRG, we'll be exploring the intersection of queer studies and digital anthropology. We will address two different aspects of this, and explore their resonances, parallels and dissonances: the queering of/through the digital by different non-normative communities, and the so-called 'dark' or illicit side of the internet. In what ways are digital platforms being subverted or appropriated, and to what ends? What alternative, queer socialities, politics, bodies and desires are flourishing - or not - in digital spaces?

Below are some suggested readings - we will all read the Week 1 texts below for the first meeting, the rest are up for discussion- bring any other suggestions along and we can decide collectively what we want to read from then on in. Texts will be uploaded to the Moodle.

Week 1: Fri 19th October

A series of very short reflections on contemporary queer theory in anthropology, and on the idea of queer digital, read as many as you want!:

Allen, Jafari. 2016. "One View from a Deterritorialized Realm: How Black/Queer Renarrativizes Anthropological Analysis." *Cultural Anthropology* 31 (4): 617–26. doi:10.14506/ca31.4.10.

Weiss, Margot. 2016, "Always After: Desiring Queerness, Desiring Anthropology." *Cultural Anthropology* 31 (4): 627–38. doi:10.14506/ca31.4.11.

Morgensen, Scott. 2016. "Encountering Indeterminacy: Colonial Contexts and Queer Imagining." *Cultural Anthropology* 31 (4): 607–16.
doi:10.14506/ca31.4.09.

Blas, Z, and Goubury, J (2016) Biometrics and Opacity: a conversation.
Camara Obscura 92, 31:2

Keeling, K. (2014) Queer OS. *Cinema Journal*, 53:2, 152-157

Cockayne, D and Richardson L (2017) A queer theory of software studies: software theories, queer studies, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 24:11

Week 2: Fri 2nd November

Gray, M. L (2009) *Out in the Country: youth, media and queer visibility in Rural America*. NYU Press.

Week 3: Fri 23rd November: TBC

Week 4: Fri 7th December

Gehl, R. (2018) *Weaving the Dark Web*. MIT Press

SCIFI ANTH RRG

(Jill Reese (jill.reese@ucl.ac.uk) with guest organiser Toyin Agbetu (toyin.agbetu.14@ucl.ac.uk))

WHERE & WHEN: Terms 2 & 3 only. Details to come.

This is an early notice that the SciFi Anth RRG, formerly known as Radical Magnitudes, will be reprised in January 2019 and will incorporate a focus on Afrofuturism and indigenous science fiction.

Films, short stories, graphic novels and articles. This group is for nerds. Manifest on Moodle in December.

TRANSLATION, TRANSFORMATION

(organised by Julia Sauma and Antonia Walford)

WHERE & WHEN: Friday at 4pm, room TBC

FIRST MEETING: Friday 12th October, 4pm

MOODLE DETAILS: <https://moodle-1819.ucl.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=111>

Does translation necessarily mean the loss of quality and style, or can translations transform texts in a way that produce new and innovative meanings and effects? How far can translation be thought of as a resistant rather than dominant form of political action? In this RRG we are interested in exploring translation as a form of contestation and de-colonisation. The RRG will be made up of two elements - firstly, in term 1, we will read texts that focus on practices of translation in different contexts and periods. Secondly, in term 2, we will select a text, or series of texts, and translate it/them together. The reading for the first meeting will be up on Moodle in the next few days. All welcome!

For more information contact Julia Sauma at juliasauma@gmail.com