

Alterity as a theoretical and methodological challenge for fieldwork

18–20 February, 2015
University of Turku, Sirkkala campus
Kaivokatu 12, Minerva building

Programme

Wednesday 18.2. Janus hall

14–16 **Open guest lecture:** Jon P. Mitchell (University of Sussex), *A Catholic Body? Secularism and the Porous Self in Malta*

Thursday 19.2. Seminar room E117

9:00–10:15 **Keynote:** Maja Petrović-Šteger (Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts/ ISRF Fellow), *On Fatigue, Mental Discipline and Time*

10:15–10:45 Coffee

10:45–12:15 **Workshop**
Susanne Ådahl (University of Turku), *The inaccessibility of words in the head: Experimenting with the ontographic approach*
Jan Kapusta (Charles University in Prague), *Challenges of alterity: Ontological relativism, intermediary realities, and the experience of life-world*

12:15–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00 **Workshop**
Lea Kantonen (University of the Arts Helsinki), *Performing the museum: Collaborative planning and documentation*
Inkeri Aula (University of Eastern Finland), *Ritual experiences of Afro-Brazilian capoeira in a multi-sited research imaginary*

15:00–15:30 Coffee

15:30–17:00 **Workshop**
Marja-Liisa Honkasalo (University of Turku), *How to make sense of ancestral presence?*
Eleonora Lundell (University of Helsinki), *Spirits, ancestors or companionship species? – The challenge of theorizing 'entidade' in Afro-Brazilian religious worlds*

19:00 Dinner at Restaurant Kaskis (Kaskenkatu 6a)

Friday 20.2. Seminar room E221

- 9:00–10:15 **Keynote:** Jon P. Mitchell, *Ontology and Mimesis*
- 10:15–10:45 Coffee
- 10:45–12:15 **Workshop**
Pirjo Kristiina Virtanen (University of Helsinki), *Sounds, visions, and non-humans in indigenous Amazonia*
Minna Opas (University of Turku), *Problems of alterity and epistemology in Western Amazonia*
- 12:15–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–15:00 **Workshop**
Johanna Sumiala (University of Helsinki), *Alterity and the study of ritualization of death in modern society*
Igor Mikeshin (University of Helsinki), *The insider/outsider ethnography of the rehabilitation ministry*
- 15:00 Farewell

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