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Cultural Anthropology in Uppsala
Anniversary events October 16–23
MONDAY OCTOBER 16 & TUESDAY OCTOBER 17 • Workshop (online): Towards an Anthropology of Capture
12:00–18:00  
This workshop proposes “capture” as an anthropological analytic that reorients ethnographic attention to the recursive nature of social processes and relations. The 12 papers, ranging from hostage-taking in Amazonia to carbon capture through landgrabs in Bulgaria, and from bureaucratic capture in Brazilian prisons to archaeological lootings in Turkey through the magnetism of place in Ecuador, probe that capture can be a promising entry point for exploring aspects of sociality that extend beyond, and become modified by, the event of capture.

**Moderators:** Judith Scheele (École des hautes études en sciences sociales) and Alberto Corsín Jiménez (Spanish National Research Council).

**Links:**
Day 1: [https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69596579735](https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69596579735)
Day 2: [https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/65560726369](https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/65560726369)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 • Symposium: Engaging Vulnerability and Cultural Anthropology: 10 Years of Thematic Cooperation
10:00–12:00  
Engaging Vulnerability (EV) is a decade-long interdisciplinary research program at the Faculty of Arts, Uppsala University, financed with the support of the Swedish Research Council and Uppsala University, and directed by Professor Don Kulick. For this session, four of the program’s cultural anthropologists – two current PhD students and two graduates – will present their research.

**Chair and Introduction:** Sverker Finnström, Uppsala University.

**Presenters:**
- Adelaida Caballero, Making Congosá: Rumors as Political Participation in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
- Shen Qing, Radical but Unpolitical: Making ‘Red Classics’ Gay
- Aliaksandra Shrubok, Maintaining Life After Postsocialism: Human-Plant Relations in the Belarusian Countryside
- Mirko Pasquini, Surviving Infodemia: Mistrust and Future in Primary Care after COVID-19 in Italy

**Venue:** Engelska Parken, Room 4-0019

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19 • Webinar: Past Legacies, Contemporary Challenges, Ways Forward: A Webinar on 60 Years of Ethnographic and Collaborative Transformations of Uppsala Cultural Anthropology and African Studies
14:00–16:00  
The Webinar takes the 60th Anniversary of Cultural Anthropology at Uppsala University as a starting point for a joint reflection on the interface of Anthropology and African Studies seen and experienced from and with Uppsala University. It combines multiple perspectives on Uppsala Cultural Anthropology’s research in and on society and culture in Africa, and with African partners (universities, collaborators, activists, bureaucracies, etc.). The central question is how ethnographic and collaborative transformations could be best understood, and shared, in contemporary debates on decolonization and decoloniality, and, by extension, what Uppsala Cultural Anthropology’s past and present contributions to research in, on, and with Africa. Participants are faculty and PhD Students at Uppsala University, and Collaborators of Uppsala Cultural Anthropologists.

**Chair and Introduction:** Sten Hagberg, Uppsala University.

**Participants:**
- Márcia Manhique, PhD Student, Uppsala University, Sweden; Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.
- Rosa de Jorio, Professor, University of North Florida, USA.
- Dr. Daniel Ndagala, Uppsala Alumni ; Former Commissioner of Culture, Tanzania.
- Jimmy Otim, PhD Student, University of Gulu, Uganda; Århus University, Denmark.
- Paul Richards, Professor emeritus, Wageningen University, Netherlands; Njala University, Sierra Leone.

**Link:** [https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/64968337659](https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/64968337659)
FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 • Anniversary Day

Venue: Humanistiska Teatern, Thunbergsvägen 3C, 752 38 Uppsala

10:00–10:30 Opening remarks
- Tora Holmberg, Professor in Sociology and Vice Rector for Humanities and Social Sciences, Uppsala University.

10:30–12:00 Keynote: To Capture a Bride, or: Mauss (Lost) in the Sahara
- Judith Scheele, Directrice d’études, EHESS, Marseille.

12:00–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:30 Roundtable: Uppsala Anthropology
This roundtable focuses on Uppsala anthropology as an institutionalized discipline from the perspective of five invited panelists. The discussion will emphasize in particular Uppsala’s institutional and intellectual tradition in the place of Swedish social scientific research, but also in the context of the wider transformations affecting the discipline as a whole – where is Uppsala anthropology situated within these changes?
Moderator: Christina Garsten, Professor of Social Anthropology, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study.

Roundtable participants:
- Carina Green, Senior Lecturer in Cultural Anthropology, School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, Örebro University.
- Sten Hagberg, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.
- Alf Hornborg, Professor of Human Ecology, the Department of Human Geography, Lund University.
- Johan Lindquist, Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.
- Charlotta Widmark, Senior Lecturer in Cultural Anthropology, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:30 Keynote: On Capture and Captivation: Technology, Flow, Predation, and the Anthropology of Entrapment
- Alberto Corsín Jiménez, Reader at the Department of Anthropology, Spanish National Research Council, Madrid.

17:30–18:00 Concluding remarks
- Mats Utas, Professor in Cultural Anthropology and Head of Department, Uppsala University.

18:00– Reception

MONDAY OCTOBER 23 • Symposium: Groundwater Commons? Transboundary Challenges and Opportunities in the Anthropocene

09:00–15:30 This international and interdisciplinary symposium is convened by the research network Aquifers in the Anthropocene (AQUA) to address how the subterranean and oftentimes transboundary condition affects the knowledgeability, use, and governance of groundwater. Which are the ideas, practices, technologies, values, and norms that managing, regulating, and sharing groundwater are based upon, and what challenges and opportunities arise if and when they differ across local, regional and national boundaries?

Keynote speakers:
- Andrea Ballestero, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Southern California.
- Francesco Sindico, Professor in International Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
- Larry Swasuk, Professor in the School of Environment, Enterprise and Development (SEED) at the University of Waterloo, Canada.

Venue: CIRCUS at the Old Observatory, Kyrkogårds gate 8A, Uppsala.
Anthropology was formalized in Uppsala in 1963, with the establishment of The Department of General and Comparative Ethnography under the Faculty of Arts. In 1976-77, the department changed its name to the Department of Cultural Anthropology. 20 years later, in 1996, it merged with the Department of Ethnology, jointly forming the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology.

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