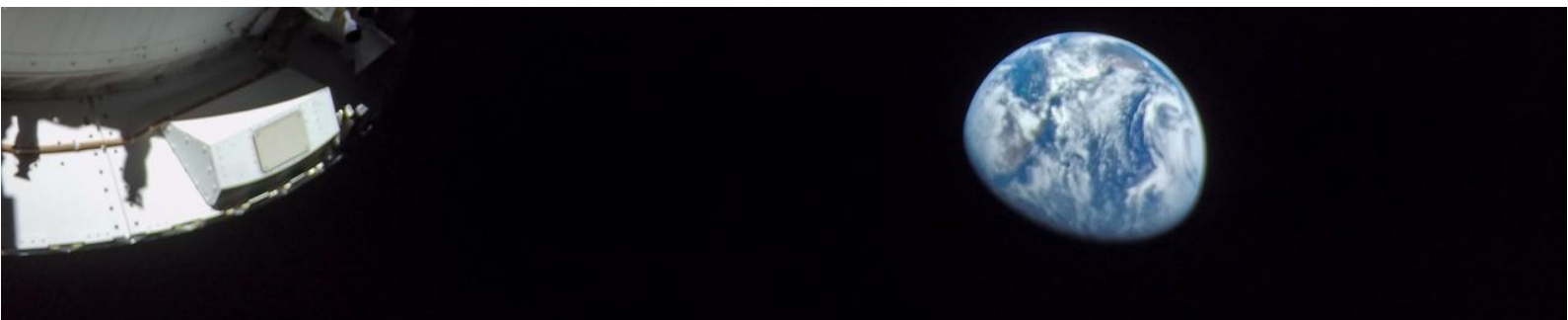


Extra-terrestrial ethnographies: Fieldwork for the new space age



Monday 18th September & Tuesday 19th September
Anthropology Building: 14 Taviton Street, Bloomsbury, WC1H 0BW

9:00 - 9:40 Coffee and welcome reception

9.40 - 10:10 Opening Keynote - Victor Buchli ETHNO-ISS

ETHNO-ISS Special Session: Chaired by Jane Davies

10:10 - 10:20 Adryon Kozel - 'Becoming Multiplanetary: space enthusiasm as a social energy' / 'the energy of the space community'

10:20 - 10:30 Giles Bunch - 'Organisational ethnography of the instructor team at the European Astronaut Centre'

10:30 - 10:40 Aaron Parkhurst - 'Orion's Anatomy'

10:40 - 10:50 Jenia Gorbanenko - 'Space icons and icons in space: situating transcendence in the ethnographic field'

10:50 - 11:00 David (Jeeva) Jeevendrampillai - "Seeing Earth: Making World' An ethnography of looking at Earth from Space'

11:00 - 11:10 Victor Buchli - 'Suburbia and the ISS: inhabiting the ISS nexus and everyday life'

11:10 - 11:25 Discussion

11.25 - 11:40 Break

Session 1 Space and Nationhood: Chaired by Dr David Jeevendrampillai

11:40 - 11:55 Anne W. Johnson - Universidad Iberoamericana. 'Mexico to the Moon'

11:55 - 12:10 Siri Lamoureaux - University of Siegen. 'The Distant Universe through the Southern Skies: astronomy data as spatializing infrastructure of sovereignty and global connection'

12:10 - 12:25 Alana Osbourne - Radboud University. 'Museums, Meteorites and Colonial Temporality'

12:25 - 12:40 Hanna Nieber - Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Davide Chinigò - Università per stranieri di Perugia. 'Geopolitical conditions, connectivities, and

terrestrial imaginaries: outer space studies in Africa'

12:40 - 1:00 Discussion

1 - 2 Lunch

Session 2 Methods: Chaired by Jenia Gorbanenko

2:00 - 2:15 Peter Timko - Jagiellonian University. 'Just between you and me:navigating secrets, access, and exclusion in the new space industry'

2:15 - 2:30 Matjaz Vidmar - University of Edinburgh. 'PERIpatetic Ethnography: Disorganised Ramblings or Systematic Study?'

2:30 - 2:45 Chakad Ojani - Uppsala University. 'Anthropologists in outer space: Science fiction, infrastructure, comparison'

2.45 - 3:00 Karlijn Korpershoek - Jagiellonian University. 'When the unfamiliar becomes alienating - adjusting to life in a 'space town''

3:00 - 3:20 Discussion

3:20 - 3:40 Break

Session 3 Contact: Chair TBA

3:40 - 3:55 David Delgado Shorter - University of California. 'Lessons for the Planetary Contact Zone'

3:55 - 4:10 Helly C - Independent Researcher. 'Unearthing Dialectically Perplexed Objects - aligning subaltern sonic-arts in astral signals of futures unknown'

4:10 - 4:25 Maxime Harvey - Université du Québec à Montréal. 'On Access in Ethnography and the Accessibility of Outer Space'

4:25 - 4:40 Anna Szolucha - Jagiellonian University. 'The myth of the myth of the frontier?: Understanding the work of space creators and enthusiasts'

4:40 - 5 Discussion

Drinks reception followed by Dinner

Tuesday 19th September

9:30 - 10:00 Coffee Reception

Session 1 Technical Objects: Chaired by Adryon Kozel

10:00 - 10:15 Yi-Ting Chang - Oxford University. 'From geo- to astropolitics: How Taiwan constructs vertical territory within the global satellite network'

10:15 - 10:30 Cristina Luna - Instituto Madrileño de Antropología, LUNEX EuroMoonMars / EuroSpaceHub Academy. 'Travelling to space with a baby seal: The case of Pono (PARO) at HI-SEAS'

10:30 - 10:45 Jane Davies - UCL MSc graduate. 'Extra-terrestrial Digital Ethnography: a multimodal method for the material culture of space'

10:45 - 11:00 Pepijn Deroo - Delft University of Technology. 'Enrolling the rules: ISS regulations as pathways and obstacles in the development of the robotic assistant CIMON'

11:00 - 11:20 Discussion

11:20 - 11:40 Break

Session 2 Extra-Terrestriality: Chaired by Giles Bunch

11:40 - 11:55 Marco-Benoît Carbone - Brunel University, London. 'Dissident Ufologists Unite! The legacy of Italy's *Men in Red* autonomous contact collective (1995-2003)'

11:55 - 12:10 Fionagh Thomson - Centre for Extragalactic Astronomy, Durham University. 'Whiteboards, Dancing, Origami, Debate: the Importance of Practical Wisdom for Astrophysicists and Instrument Scientists in deciding 'what is real''

12:10 - 12:25 Denis Sivkov - Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration. 'Car accident in the field: reflections on the mysterious at a DIY planetarium'

12:25 - 12:40 Bibiana Med - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 'Queering Deep Space Frontiers Through Performance'

12:40 - 1:00 Discussion

1 - 2 Lunch

Session 3 Belonging: Chair TBA

2:00 - 2:15 Axelle Vanhaecke, Vincent Simoulin - University of Toulouse. 'New Space Age seen from old Earth: The study of two spatial consortia'

2:15 - 2:30 Mukesh Chiman Bhatt - Birkbeck College, University of London. 'Citizens Off-Earth: birth, rights and belonging in outer space settlements'

2:30 - 2:45 Aditi Basu - Independent researcher. 'India and The Politics of Outer Space in 21st Century: Significance for Global South'

2:45 - 3:00 William Stewart - University College London. 'Politics of Belonging: Climbing into Space Expo's scale model of the ISS'

3 - 3:20 Discussion

Break

3:30 - 4:30 Closing Keynote: Willi Lempert, Bowdoin College
'Inverting Fermi's Paradox: Space Phrenology, Colonial Cancer, and the Perils of Categorizing Alien Intelligence'

4.30 - 5.00 Closing Discussion

5pm Drinks reception