Department of Anthropology Symposium

Political Symbols: Forms, Functions, Usages

Friday 9 October, 2020
University of Sydney

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OPENING PLENARY (9:00 - 9:45)

*Prof Bruce Kapferer (University of Bergen)

PANEL SESSION A1 (10:15 - 12:30)

* Sophie Chao (University of Sydney)
We are (not) monkeys: Apes as contested cosmopolitical symbols in the West Papuan anti-racism protests of July – August 2019

* Robbie Peters (University of Sydney)
A bird’s eye view: men, pigeons and interspecies being in an Indonesian city

* Benjamin Hegarty (The University of Melbourne)
The face of recognition: transgender femininity and photography in New Order Indonesia

* Elisabeth Kramer (University of Sydney)
“I’m clean”: Anti-corruptionism as a political symbol in Indonesian elections

PANEL SESSION A2 (10:15 - 12:30)

* Christopher Houston (Macquarie University)
‘Mahir, Hüseyin, Ulaş:Kurtuluşa Kadar Savaş’ (Mahir, Hüseyin, Ulaş: War until Liberation)

* Anastasiya Byesyedina (University of Sydney)
In search of Ukrainian identity: the re-construction of Ukrainian identity post 2004 and 2013-14 social movements
* Robin Rodd (Duke Kunshan University)
   *The mise en scene and mise en stage of servitude: Clastres and Lefort on the symbolic domain of politics*

* Gabriel Bayarri and Govand Khalid Azeez
  (Macquarie University and Complutense University of Madrid)
  *Lessons from Podemos: Subjectivity, Symbolism and the Left*

* Luis Angosto-Ferrández (University of Sydney)
  "But why?" An anthropological hypothesis on the intensified usage of national symbols in periods of social instability

**PANEL SESSION B1 (13:30 - 15:00)**

* Grant McCall (University of Sydney)
  *Flagging Autonomy on Rapanui In Oceania*

* Sara León Spesny (University of Sydney)
  *Public objects as police order: A symbolic struggle of authority in a “pacified” favela in Rio de Janeiro*

* Mary Hawkins and Helena Önnudóttir (Western Sydney University)
  *The Politics of Nature in Iceland*

**PANEL SESSION C1 (15:30 - 16:45)**

* Banu Senay (Macquarie University)
  *The Islamic Political Symbolism of the AKP in Turkey’s ‘War’ against Covid-19*

* Michael Humphrey (University of Sydney)
  *Counting the dead: the visibility and invisibility of the pandemic subject*

* Ben Debney (Western Sydney University)
  *Return to Normal: COVID-19 and the Symbolic Battleground of Capitalist Supremacism*

**ROUNDTABLE (17:15 - 18:30)**

* Gaynor Macdonald (University of Sydney), Faith Black (Indigenous Social Justice Association), Mardi Reardon-Smith (University of Sydney) and one more participant TBC
  *The Australian Flag*