**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 Byeseydina (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)**

Theme: The Australian Flag

* Gaynor Macdonald (University of Sydney), Faith Black (Indigenous Social Justice Association), Mardi Reardon-Smith (University of Sydney) and Elisabeth Kramer (University of Sydney)