

# SPRING 2016 COLLOQUIA SERIES

*Date: Wednesday, April 27*

*Time: 3:15 – 5PM*

*Location: Social Sciences 1, room 261*

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## *After Ethnos*

This colloquium will be an event in companionable thinking: Tobias Rees (McGill), Lawrence Cohen (UCB), and Ian Whitmarsh (UCSF) will discuss Tobias's recently completed book manuscript *After Ethnos* (forthcoming with California Press). For this colloquium, a selection of *After Ethnos* will be made available for pre-reading. [Please follow this link](#) to read the selection and come to the colloquium ready for a stimulating conversation!

*After Ethnos* starts from the observation that since roughly the late 1990s, new kinds of anthropological projects have emerged that have little left in common with the ethnographic project of classical modernity that has once defined the discipline -- the study of (from a European perspective) far away others (ethnoi), of their social structure and their culture, which were presumed interesting precisely insofar as they were imagined as not yet modern. One (probably) unanticipated effect of these departures (plural) from classical ethnography has been the increasing dissociation of anthropology from ethnography. A bit as if anthropology has become something in itself, something independent from, not reducible to, the fieldwork based study of an ethnos. *After Ethnos* is Tobias' attempt to bring this dissociation -- and the nascent spaces of possibilities it opens up -- into view.