



**SCHOOL OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND MUSEUM ETHNOGRAPHY  
DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR**

Trinity Term. Fridays, 3.15 – 5.00 pm, Weeks 1-6  
Lecture Room, 64 Banbury Road

**Week 1 (26 April):** Ivan Krastev (Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, and St. Antony's College, Oxford)

*The politics of demographic imagination*

**Week 2 (3 May):** Xenia Cherkaev (Institute of European Ethnology, Humboldt University Berlin)

*A gap in the law for ethical acts: Russian theories and practice of illiberal modern life*

**Week 3 (10 May):** Victoria Donovan (University of St Andrews)

*The Power of the (An)archive: Art as resistance to (re-)colonial epistemic violence in Ukraine's industrial East*

**Week 4 (17 May):** Martin Saxer (Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich)

*Foraging, messy commons, and the fuzzy fringes of capitalism*

**Week 5 (24 May):** Taras Fedirko (University of Glasgow)

*Value and violence in the making of Ukraine's war economy*

**Week 6 (31 May):** Matthew Porges (SAME, University of Oxford)

*Contrasting Balkan utopias: Navigating migration and futurity in the physical remnants of Yugoslavia*

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