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Event Details

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Conférence

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Movement - as diverse knowledges, practices and problematizations - has once again become a focal point of public discussion and scholarly intervention. As such, 'ancient' ontologies that focused more on movement than on stasis and of which sight has been lost through the colonial encounter, are now reappearing as particularly meaningful, and transformative of the discipline. A longstanding concern of anthropologists, movement has most prominently been discussed through the rubric of mobility, and its attendant terminologies of flows and scapes, flexibilities and foreclosures, disjunctures and "frictions." The notion of movement resonates in studies of political, ecological, religious and economic life as well as of kinship, gender and embodiment. In so doing it highlights the promiscuous nature of the analytical space opened by the processes of life forms, things and ideas enmeshing through relationships in space and time.

Movement as renewal, growth and paths along which life can keep on going implies the potentialities of falling down, destruction or dying, which are also paths of becoming, sometimes as something else. Movement's naturalized associations with the possibilities of agency and freedom configurations alert us to how mobility, as a technique and discourse of power, may disrupt, uproot or dislocate. In the era of massive displacements caused by war, climate change, trafficking and economic desperation, we are called upon to make sense of movement through its gaps, dams, borders, and camps. Such a sense of breakdown does not merely characterize space—it also affects perceptions of time. Amidst rising uncertainties and disappearances of experienced living possibilities, we must make sense of contexts marked by blockage and impasse. On the other hand, emphasis on movement also points to the ways in which human lifeworlds and affective ecologies, as well as their pasts and futures, are continually imagined and remade in labile relation to an ever shifting, sometimes inchoate sense of the present. In that sense, our Conference/Inter-Congress theme highlights the process of becoming, inviting us to attend to the historicity of practices, thus remaining open to older ('ancient') as well as novel ontologies. Attention to movement opens anthropology up to alternative and new arrays of life forms, including things like rivers, electricities, and chemical waste. It also enables us to address imperatives to decolonize our discipline; and it implores us to explore the emergent life-making processes that become open to common improvisation, composition and hopeful futures.

We thus welcome papers on all topics, but especially along the following lines:

Worlds in motion; In what ways are worlds made or unmade through movement? Alternatively, can new or remediated worlds arise out of obstructions
Living landscapes; What analytical possibilities open up once we begin to see landscapes, not as static but as assemblages in motion? How are we
Moving bodies; How might bodily forms of life be understood as permeable rather than closed upon themselves as objects or species to know, prote
Relational movements; How can moving relationships be brought to the center of anthropological enquiries and analysis? What things, values and

We welcome all proposals in anthropology, even those not directly related to the above Conference/InterCongress sub-themes.

Mobility

For the Mobile Lives Forum, mobility is understood as the process of how individuals travel across distances in order to deploy through time and space the activities that make up their lifestyles. These travel practices are embedded in socio-technical systems, produced by transport and communication industries and techniques, and by normative discourses on these practices, with considerable social, environmental and spatial impacts.

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Movement

Movement is the crossing of space by people, objects, capital, ideas and other information. It is either oriented, and therefore occurs between an origin and one or more destinations, or it is more akin to the idea of simply wandering, with no real origin or destination.

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