

# MAKING, UNMAKING, AND REMAKING

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ETHNOGRAPHY

FEB 29 - MAR 2, 2024



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# SPEAKERS

**MATTEO ARIA** (SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME),  
**FELICITY AULINO** (UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
AMHERST), **KHYTIE BROWN** (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AT AUSTIN), **CECILIA DRAICCHIO** (SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITY OF ROME), **DIANA ESPÍRITO SANTO**  
(PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE), **ABOU FARMAN**  
(THE NEW SCHOOL - NEW YORK), **MATTEO GALLO**  
(CREDO - UNIVERSITY OF TURIN), **PETER GESCHIERE**  
(UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM), **ANGELANTONIO  
GROSSI** (UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA), **SASHA  
HUBER AND PETRI SAARIKKO**, **ZAINABU JALLO**  
(UNIVERSITY OF BASEL), **EDUARDO KOHN** (MCGILL  
UNIVERSITY), **FRANCESCO LATTANZI** (SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITY OF ROME), **EMILY NG** (UNIVERSITY OF  
PENNSYLVANIA), **EMILY PIERINI** (SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITY OF ROME), **MATTIJS VAN DE PORT**  
(UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM), **FRANCESCA  
SBARDELLA** (UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA), **LISA  
STEVENSON** (MCGILL UNIVERSITY)

## Thursday February 29: Evening

CSOA Forte Prenestino - Via Federico Delpino ([map](#))

19:00 AvANa in Conversation with Abou Farman  
“Chi Spegne la Luce?” / “On Not Dying - Secular Immortality in the Age of Technoscience”

*Dinner onsite ~ donation-based*

## Friday March 1: Morning

Meeting Point: Colosseo Metro Station ([map](#))

9:30 Soundwalk with Lisa Stevenson  
“Becoming Witness” with Eduardo Kohn

12:00 Lunch at La Taverna dei Quaranta, Via Claudia 24 (*speakers only*)

## Friday March 1: Afternoon

Sapienza University of Rome - Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia - Aula Simonetti (3rd Floor) ([map](#))

14:00 Collective Introduction

14:20 Peter Geschiere: “Anthropologists and the Reality of Witchcraft: Fears, Fantasies and Ethical Dilemmas”

14:40 Zainabu Jallo: “Things as Hierophanies - Three Cases from Afro-Atlantic Religions”

- 15:00 Discussion
- 15:20 Break
- 15:35 Francesco Lattanzi: “The New Tapu. Ethnographic Versatility and Refusal ‘in and beyond’ the Society Islands”
- 15:55 Francesca Sbardella: “Staying Inside, Being Inside. Representations of Silence in Catholic Cloistered Seclusion”
- 16:15 Discussion
- 16:35 Break
- 16:50 Diana Espírito Santo: “Parallax, UFOs, and the Anthropological Fantastic”
- 17:10 Emily Ng: “Divine Violence, Divine Sensoria”
- 17:30 Lisa Stevenson: “Not Elsewhere”
- 17:50 Discussion

## March 1: Evening

Il Palco APS - Via Lavinio, 1 ([map](#))

- 19:00 Dinner onsite
- 20:00 Mattijs van de Port: “Where Can I Get Lost?” (screening and discussion)
- 21:15 Eduardo Kohn: “Animismo Animado”

*Note for non-speakers: ARCI membership (8 €) is required to access Il Palco Aps*

## Saturday March 2: Morning

Sapienza University of Rome - Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia - Aula Chabod (3rd Floor) ([map](#))

- 09:00 Khytie Brown: “Sixty and Sixty-One: Spiritual Journeys and Rituals of Becoming in Jamaican Revival Zion Religion”
- 09:20 Emily Pierini: “Trance-formative Encounters: Embodied Epistemologies and Ethnographic Epiphanies in the Vale do Amanhecer”
- 09:40 Discussion
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Sasha Huber & Petri Saarikko: “Remedies & Reparative Interventions”
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 Cecilia Draicchio: “It’s (not) Madness: Making Space for the “Extraordinary” in Mental Health Research and Practice”
- 11:50 Abou Farman: “Infra and Ultra Secular: Finding Our Way Beyond the Senses”
- 12:10 Angelantonio Grossi: “In-tensions In-between—temporalities in the Breaks of”
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch at Bonario, Via dei Volsci, 121 (*speakers only*)

## Saturday March 2: Afternoon

Libreria GRIOT - Via di Santa Cecilia, 1/A ([map](#))

- 16:00 Matteo Aria: "On My Body. Experiences and Discourses"
- 16:20 Felicity Aulino: "Experience of Time without the Dominance of the Real"
- 16:40 Matteo Gallo: "Exploring Uncertainty through the Invisible World: Youth, Transmission, and Transgression"
- 17:00 Discussion
- 17:30 Break
- 17:45 Final Discussion

## Saturday March 2: Evening

- 19:00 Dinner at I Vascellari, Via dei Vascellari, 21 (*speakers only*)

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