

WORKSHOP

COLONIALISM AND THEORIES OF IMITATION

12-19 April 2011

ICS-UL, Room 2



Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Universidade de Lisboa

&

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Colonial crisis and mimetic encounters in historical and anthropological perspective

Joint Programme funded by DAAD (Germany) and CRUP (Portugal)

Coord: Patrice Ladwig (MPI) and Ricardo Roque (ICS-UL)

Note: This is a closed workshop. If you wish to participate please
contact the organizer: ricardo.roque@ics.ul.pt

DAY 1

Monday, April 11, 09h30-12h30

Reading and discussion (all participants)

Walter Benjamin, Michael Taussig and Gabriel Tarde on mimesis and imitation (texts have been sent around last week).

DAY 2

Tuesday, April 12, 09h30-12h30

09h30-09h40, Opening remarks

Ricardo Roque (ICS-UL) and Patrice Ladwig (MPI)

09h40-10h00

Oliver Tappe (MPI), *Mimetic aspects of inter-ethnic relations in upland Laos*

Reading: Iain Walker, “Mimetic structuration: or, easy steps to building an acceptable identity”, *History and Anthropology* 16, 2 (2005): 187-210.

10h00-10h30

Discussion

10h30-10h50

Patrice Ladwig (MPI), *Buddhist relics and mimetic colonial governmentality*

Reading: Bruno Karsenti, “Imitation: returning to the Tarde-Durkheim debate”, in Matei Candea (ed.), *The Social After Gabriel Tarde: Debates and Reassessments* (London: Routledge, 2010), pp.44-61.

10h50-11h10

Discussion

11h10-11h30 – Coffee-break

11h30-11h50

Ricardo Roque (ICS-UL), *Exemplary centers and mimetic authority in colonial East Timor*

Reading: Stanley Tambiah, "The galactic polity: the structure of traditional kingdoms in Southeast Asia", *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 293, Series 1 Anthropology (1977): 69-97.

11h50-12h20

Discussion

12h30 – Lunch

AFTERNOON

Visits (see side programme)

•

DAY 3

MORNING

Wednesday, April 13, 10h00-13h00

10h00-10h20

Cristiana Bastos (ICS-UL), *My medicines, your medicines, our medicines: substances, commodities and healthcare facilities in colonial settings*

Reading: Jean Langford, "Medical mimesis: healing signs of a cosmopolitan "quack"", *American Ethnologist* 26, no. 1 (1999): 24-46; Cristiana Bastos, "Borrowing, Adapting, and Learning the Practices of Smallpox: Notes from Colonial Goa", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 83, 1 (2009): 141-163.

10h20-10h50

Discussion

10h50-11h10

Carmo Daun e Lorena (ICS-UL), *History and carnival in Cape Verde: the case of Mindelo*

Reading: Christina S. McMahon, “Mimesis and the historical imagination: (re)staging history in Cape Verde, West Africa”, *Theatre Research International*, 33, 1 (2008): 20-39.

11h10-11h40

Discussion

11h40-12h00 – Coffee-break

12h00-12h20

Christoph Kohl (MPI), *Colonisers, Crises, and Carnival: Criticism and Opposition in colonial Guinea-Bissau*

Reading: James Ferguson, “Of mimicry and membership: Africans and the ‘New World Society’”, *Cultural Anthropology*, 17 (2002): 551–569.

12h20-12h50

Discussion

13h00 – Lunch

•

DAY 4

Friday, April 15, 11h00, Sala Polivalente

**Research Seminar, with the SLA - Advanced Reading Seminar LT5
PERMOB**

Patrice Ladwig (MPI, Social Anthropology)

The living palladium and the legitimacy of rule: Transformations of Buddhist statecraft in postsocialist Laos

•

Tuesday, April 19, 1130-1700h

DAY 5

Panel Participation at SIEF Conference:

New histories of anthropology: the hidden emotions of colonial ethnography

Organizers:

Ricardo Roque (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon)

Frederico Rosa (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

This panel intends to bring together researchers interested in the history of anthropology and the study of colonial situations. It will focus on the emotions associated with the individual processes of understanding and classifying 'otherness', either by professional or amateur ethnographers.

SIDE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 12 April, 15h00-17h30

Visit to:

Geographical Society of Lisbon, *Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa*

<http://www.socgeografialisboa.pt>

(TO BE CONFIRMED)

Academy of Sciences, *Academia das Ciências*

www.acad-ciencias.pt

(TO BE CONFIRMED)

Wednesday, 13 April, 15h00-17h30

Visit to:

Overseas Historical Archives, *Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino*:

<http://www.iict.pt/ahu/index.html>

Exhibition “Scientific Travels and Missions to the Tropics, 1883-2010”, *Viagens e Missões Científicas nos Trópicos, 1883-2010*

<http://www2.iict.pt/jbt/?idc=221&idi=16511>

(TO BE CONFIRMED)