



Anthropological approaches to technics

Seminar series, May 2016

Tuesdays 3-5 pm

Seminar Room, 64 Banbury Road

Anthropology has shown a productive if uneasy interest in the study of technics and techniques stretching back to the earliest pioneers of the field. A great variety of frameworks are available to understand how technics intersect with society at different scales, recruiting knowledge, bodies and materials in the process. In May we take stock by inviting scholars who, in one way or another, have developed inventive approaches to the study of technics. They present work that turns observations from the field into engaging and original accounts of people and the worlds they inhabit.

- 3 May** **Sam Kinsley, Exeter**
An Algorithmic Imaginary: Anticipation and Stupidity
- 10 May** **Ludovic Coupaye, UCL**
From the Anthropology of Technics to the Anthropology of Technology: Theories, Methods and Questions
- 17 May** **Lambros Malafouris, Oxford**
A Material Engagement Approach to the Study of Technological Change
- 24 May** **Antonia Walford, UCL**
The Nature of Data: Getting Real About Digital Abstraction, Scientific Compaction, and Anthropological Comparison