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Anthropology of Personhood

Personhood Revisited: From salvage life-stories to relational affect and post-humanist selves

This course explores and challenges Mauss' canonic French text on 'the person,' by reconsidering it in contrast to the salvage ethnography life-stories which preceded it, to the American culture and personality which competed with it, to the post-modernist insistence on studying 'selves' instead, and finally to more recent insistence on relational affect and post-humanist selfhoods.