



# Off the Beaten Track in Malta, Maritime Ethnographies and More

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The year is nearing it's end, so now is as good a time as ever to start thinking



about what to do in 2019. Whether you plan on going ‘off the beaten track’ in Malta raving about motorbikes among other things or you’re more of a boat person, security and morality will no doubt be high on your research agendas! Before switching off for the Christmas holidays, do consider attending the EHESS symposium on doing ethnography in the US.

As always, if you want your event to feature in our next events list or if you wish to write a short report, don’t hesitate to get in touch with our events assistant at [events@allegralaboratory.net](mailto:events@allegralaboratory.net)



### **Symposium: [Les Etats-Unis comme terrain ethnographique](#)**

14 décembre 2018, EHESS, salle M. & D. Lombard  
96 bd Raspail, Paris

Omniprésents dans le monde contemporain, objet d’attraction et de répulsion, saturés de stéréotypes, les Etats-Unis demeurent pourtant un objet d’étude en marge des sciences sociales. En dépit de la position hégémonique des anthropologues américains, ils sont de fait un « centre » déserté par l’anthropologie française et plus largement européenne. Cette journée d’étude invite à dépasser cette défection en réunissant des anthropologues et des sociologues étatsuniens travaillant sur les Etats-Unis avec deux objectifs : engager une réflexion sur la place des Etats-Unis comme terrain ethnographique ; offrir l’occasion aux étudiants qui souhaitent se spécialiser sur les Etats-Unis de participer à un débat sur les enjeux, les problématiques et les pratiques de l’anthropologie nord-américaine.[[more](#)]



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**Scholarship Call: [Off The Beaten Track: Summer School for Anthropologists](#)**

Summer 2019, Gozo, Malta

This call is aimed at budding researchers with creative and open minds towards the challenges of applied research.

We offer a unique learning opportunity in a multidisciplinary research project on the isle of Gozo, Malta. Expeditions and the University of Leuven offer a 20.000 euro ( $\pm 24,000$  USD or  $\pm 160.000$  CNY) scholarship fund to cover part or all of the tuition fee for the 2019 Malta Summer School. Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis, based on a research proposal.

Call directed at

- Undergraduate and graduate students
- PhD students
- Everyone with a genuine interest in cultural anthropology
- Previous participants of the project

Selection is not based on academic merit, originality or complexity. We aim for enthusiasm, dedication and creativity. In the past years also students who were not enrolled in an anthropology program received scholarships for the project.

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**Deadline for application: 5 January 2019**



EASA Anthropology of Security Network

**Conference: [Security and Morality: Critical Anthropological Perspectives](#)**

28-29 March 2018, University of Oslo, Norway

Security is omnipresent in today's politics and media; we are bombarded with images and narratives of proliferating internal and external security threats, conflicts, destabilization of international relations, chaos, and disorder. Many of these striking cultural products of the current politics of fear serve to legitimize new modes of surveillance, expansions of military and other policies in the name of security. 'Anthropology's concern with global/local articulations as well as its case-study approach, cross-cultural comparative engagement, and emphasis on the intersections of discourse and practice in specific historicized contexts ... uniquely position anthropology to contribute to a critical study of security' (Goldstein 2010: 489). But anthropology also has a solid track record in dealing with issues of morality and ethics, especially over the last decade and is thus well suited to critically engage with the intersections of morality and security.

This conference sets out to investigate (1) the significance of diverse moral legitimizations and constructions of moral authority in security discourses and practices, (2) the lived experiences of morality and ethics related to security (Feldman 2016), (3) different forms of 'securitization of moral values' (Østbø 2017), and (4) the ethical problems related to anthropologists' own involvement in security institutions and to the larger structures of funding of anthropological research for security. This conference thus brings together the critical anthropology of security (Schwell and Eisch-Angus 2018, Goldstein 2010, Maguire



et al. 2014) and anthropology of moralities, while also inviting others, from neighboring disciplines such as history, cultural studies or political science working on the same questions to join into the debate. [[more](#)]

**Deadline for application: 10 January 2019**

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**Workshop: [Maritime Missions: Religion, Ethnography and Empires in the Long Eighteenth Century](#)**

May 24-25, 2019, German Historical Institute (GHI), Washington DC

“Maritime Missions” seeks to build on a recent upsurge in maritime history, today one of the most vibrant and multifaceted fields in historical research. Critical revisions in this field have brought the cultural historical perspective to the fore, highlighted the relevance of the maritime even to hinterland communities, engaged with postcolonial analysis of maritime empires, and embraced interdisciplinary cross-pollination. While rich studies have conceptualized oceanic regions like the Méditerranée, the Black Atlantic, or the Pacific Sea of Islands as discrete but interlinked, this conference also seeks to explore the fluidity *between* these regions. Specifically, we will investigate how imperial maritime exploration, transoceanic networks, and global missions fostered the study of ethnography and race, and will also engage recent history of science scholarship that emphasizes globalization and encounters with and awareness of non-Western indigenous knowledge and cultures. In focusing on the emergence of ethnography out of religious as well as scientific missions in the imperial maritime world, the workshop will also contribute to the ongoing reevaluation of the role of religion in the Enlightenment, pushing back on residual resistance to bringing them together under the same analytic lens.[[more](#)]

**Deadline for application: 30 January 2019**





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**Workshop: [A European Perspective on War Disability in the Twentieth Century](#)**



28 June 2019 - 29 June 2019, University of Siegen, Germany

The topic of war injuries increasingly becomes a subject of historical research. In the light of only a few recent examples - the Yugoslav Wars in the 1990s, the Gulf Wars, or the current 'war against terror' - the need for an historical interpretation of the effects of military conflicts on the countries involved seems to grow. The questions regarding the strategies of dealing with and compensating disabled veterans is of growing public interest, as the current debates about PTSD (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder) show.

With this in mind, the workshop sets out to discuss the meaning of disabled veterans subject to physical and/or mental injuries for the history of modern European societies. The workshop aims to combine different research perspectives. Possible topics are discourses on war disability, individual or collective experiences of suffering, or questions regarding the politics of welfare and compensation. Contributions which offer a methodological/conceptual approach to the topic are just as welcome as comparative or transnational perspectives or analyses of specific cases. [[More](#)]

**Deadline for application: 31 January 2019**

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