



INTRODUCTION ANTHROPOLOGY 2025



DEPARTMENT OF
ANTHROPOLOGY
AARHUS UNIVERSITET



MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

09:00-09:30	Welcome breakfast for Master's students from Anthropology and Human Security at Moesgaard Campus. Breakfast, coffee and tea are provided • Welcome to Moesgaard by <i>Nina Vohnsen</i>, Head of the Department of Anthropology Building 4204 – 114 (The canteen)
9:30-11:15	Introduction • Round of presentations • Introduction to the MSc in Anthropology, structure and courses with track coordinators <i>Martin Demant Frederiksen (almen)</i> and <i>Steffen Köhn (visual)</i> • Time for questions and discussion Anthropology track: Building 4206-129 Visual Anthropology track: Building 4206-125
11:15-12:00	Lunch break - Bring your own food or buy it in the canteen
12:00-15:00	First lecture of the semester: Advanced anthropological theory Building 4205-212 (Lab 3)



TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

PROGRAM

09:00-12:00	Elective course: Nyere antropologiske temaer: Almen antropologi Building 4206-121 (Note that this is an elective course)
12:00-15:00	Elective course: Contemporary anthropological themes: General anthropology Building 4206-121 (Note that this is an elective course) Lecture: Contemporary anthropological themes: visual anthropology Building 4206-129 (Only for the visual track.)

WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

PROGRAM

09:00-10:00	Introduction to Brightspace and other student portals by <i>Birthe Aagesen</i> (This is relevant only for students that are new to Aarhus University) Building 4206-129
10:15-11:15	Introduction to the Moesgaard Library and library portals (This is relevant only for students new to Moesgaard) Building 4206-129
11:15-12:15	Lunch - Bring your own food or buy in the canteen
12:15-13:30	Introduction to Arts Career and TheKitchen (AU's Startup Hub) • Introduction by Katrine Mauritzen (Arts Career) and a staff member from TheKitchen Building 4206-129

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

PROGRAM

09:00-12:00	Lecture: Advanced Anthropological Theory Building 4206-129
12:00-12:45	Lunch - Bring your own food or buy it in the canteen
12:45-13:45	Introduction to the Study Counsellor at Anthropology Building 4206-139 Auditorium/Foredragssalen
14.15-16:00	Moesgaard Autumn Lecture: <i>Doomsday Deposits and Other Rituals of Preservation</i> by Shannon Lee Dawdy, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago Abstract The Arctic World Archive is a vault designed to store human “memory” for thousands of years. It lies in an abandoned coal mine below the permafrost in Svalbard, inspired by the so-called “Doomsday Seed Vault,” just down the road. These are among several deep-future archives, objects, and deposits that have proliferated in the 21st century. Others include the “Clock of the Long Now,” set to tick for 10,000 years inside a mountain owned by Jeff Bezos in Texas, and the Future Library in Norway, a curated archive of new texts written by well-known authors not to be read for 100 years. These curious projects seem to simultaneously project our worst dystopian fears and embody our utopian hopes for a better world. While symptomatic of our anxious present, they share a kinship not only with time capsules of the 20th century and projects like Voyager’s Golden Record, but with precedents found in antiquity. For thousands of years, humans have been burying or cave-caching small assemblages for no apparent practical reason, from Palestine to Mexico, Scandinavia to Japan. Archaeologists have started to notice that these deposits correlate with peak periods of social and ecological strain. I argue that the acts of creating these assemblages are more important than their contents – they represent what I call rituals of preservation. What ties them together is an aim is to preserve human life or a known world by soliciting the intercession of other-worldly beings – whether gods, aliens, or our better angels. Building 4240-020 (MoMu Auditorum)
16:00	Fun and games in the park at Moesgaard and Friday bar

INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIVE COURSES

In the 1st semester, you must choose between the course *Nyere antropologiske temaer (Almen antropologi)*, which is taught in Danish, and the course *Contemporary Anthropological Themes (General Anthropology)*, which is taught in English. Please note that the two courses differ not only in the language of instruction but also in the anthropological themes they cover. You can read more about the course content in the course catalogue.

You must register for the elective course between **August 5–10**, and you will receive further information on your AU email. If you missed the registration during the registration period, you should contact UVAEKA Team 4 at team4.uvaeka.arts@au.dk as soon as possible, to arrange a late registration. Please note that if you register late, there is a risk that one of the courses may already be full.

CAMPUS MOESGAARD

Transport to Campus Moesgaard

Transport to and from Moesgaard can either be done by car, by bike or by bus. Bus 18 has the end station at Moesgaard Museum and the route crosses the University Park, Nørreport, Busgaden, Park Allé and Stadion Allé. At weekdays the bus runs every 20. Minute. After 18pm the bus runs only one time per hour.

Bus 100 runs from Oddervej (1km from Campus Moesgaard).

If you download the app *Rejseplanen* you can see all the public transport systems in Denmark.

Moesgaard Campus Map

Campus Moesgaard: Moesgaard Allé 20, 8270 Højbjerg.

The Auditorium (4240-020) is located at Moesgaard Museum. You can download the app *AU Find*, where you can access a Campus Map showing the entire Aarhus University.

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