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The Anthropology Cine  
Scene Club invites

## HOW WE GOT HERE – DECISION MATTERS

2018, dir. Helene Basu, with Arjun Jesani, Raj-  
jal Jesani and others, 36 min, Gujarati, with  
English subtitles

The ethnographic documentary film was pro-  
duced in a project on marital decision making  
in India as part of the Collaborative Research  
Group (SFB 1500). Drawing on fieldwork and  
ethnographic footage from the late 1990s and  
beyond, the film was recorded finally in 2018.  
It engages with members of one family belong-  
ing to a caste of farmers and pastoralists in ru-  
ral India telling a history of decision-making  
across three generations. The story begins  
with the self-decision of one man that effected  
marital decisions upon close relatives of his  
own and subsequent generations. Through a  
combination of oral narratives and visualiza-  
tion of the setting, the film depicts an arrange-  
ment of decision-making linking gendered  
emotions, cultural values and marital practices  
in a specific socio-ecological environment.

**Thursday, 4th February 2021,  
5 pm**

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