



## – Institute’s Colloquium –

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### **Situated speech: Anthropology’s unique lens to online aggression**

This talk presents a case for anthropology’s unique analytical and theoretical merits in understanding the rise of online aggression and extreme speech. Charting three global scenarios of extreme speech clustering around online networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, the talk asks how anthropology can contribute to ongoing concerns about the “dark side” of the Internet by bringing an ethnographic sensibility to cultural difference, local practices and meanings drawn by users themselves in everyday lived environments. It will be argued that everyday meanings of online aggression can be understood by acknowledging online media affordances and cultures of use as a context in itself, with palpable resonance on a global scale.

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**Everybody is welcome!**