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WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

26.04.2023, 17:00 Uhr, HS-C (and online)
IKSA, NIG, Universitätsstraße 7, 1010 Wien, 4. Stock

Franz Krause (Universität zu Köln)

Sharing life: Inuvialuit whaling and the politics of respecting animals



Franz Krause's anthropological research revolves around water in social and cultural life. He has conducted research on irrigation in the Philippines, life along a river in Finland,

flood memories in England, wetland uses in Estonia and deltaic transformations in Canada. He is co-editor of *Delta Life: Exploring Dynamic Environments Where Rivers Meet the Sea* (Berg-hahn, 2021), co-author of *Deltawelten | Delta Worlds: Leben Zwischen Land Und Wasser | Life between Land and Water* (Reimer, 2022) and author of *Thinking Like a River: An Anthropology of Water and Its Uses Along the Kemi River, Northern Finland* (Transcript, 2023).

kommende Termine

10.05.2023 **Ayşe Seda Yüksel-Pecen**
Wealth and War: Local Context of Urban Entrepreneurialism in Southeastern Turkey

25.05.2023 **Ashley Carse**
Over the Threshold: Port Development in the Age of Environmental Mitigation

The Inuvialuit of the Western Canadian Arctic are skilful hunters, and the annual beluga whale hunt in the Arctic Ocean constitutes a key moment in their annual round of traditional subsistence activities. Based on ethnographic research since 2017, this presentation discusses Inuvialuit whaling in the context of marine conservation policies and Indigenous resurgence. It argues for understanding the hunting of whales and other animals in the local idiom of sharing. As is widespread among hunter-gatherer groups around the world, people are obliged to share with each other, but they also share with the non-human environment that provides for them and expects shares in return. The example of a regional marine protected area illustrates the commonalities and differences between ideas and practices geared at respecting animals, based on sharing on the one hand and conservation on the other. The presentation proposes that Inuvialuit whaling is a form of respecting animals, where killing is an integral part of sustaining life rather than its violent end. Life, in this understanding, does not inhere so much in individual bodies as in the larger web of life, which cannot be based on antagonism but is firmly grounded in mutuality.

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