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On the Historiography of Malinowski or Thoughts provoked by the centenary of *Argonauts of the Western Pacific*.



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sity of Edinburgh, and then moved to Cambridge for his doctoral studies. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in rural Turkey, looking at the relationship between religion, politics and government, with a special study of the Turkish Alevi community. Over the last decade he has been exploring the historical development of modern social anthropology between the end of the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century.

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27.04.2022 **María Fernanda Olarte-Sierra**

When a Pandemic Hits Peace: Forensic Practice, Victim Identification, and Transitional Justice in (Post)Conflict Colombia.

04.05.2022 **Jessica Greenberg**

Culture Goes to Court: Reproducing "East" and "West" at the European Court of Human Rights.

Argonauts of the Western Pacific remains an iconic text, one that will be celebrated in many conferences around the world in this, the hundredth year since its publication. As well as being inspirational for economic anthropology, it has served as a methodological primer for many generations of social anthropologists. Yet, how are we to appreciate Malinowski's place in the creation of the modern discipline, looking back now over the past 100 years? In this lecture, I argue that Malinowski has much more in common with the previous generation of anthropologists than is commonly understood and that, in parallel fashion, examining the archives shows us that we need to think of multiple individual, and institutional sources of social anthropology. Doing so, enables us not only to gain a better understanding of the events that led to the emergence of social anthropology but also to approach his predecessors – such as Westermarck – in new ways.

