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Andrew Dawson is Professor and Chair of Anthropology at the University of Melbourne. An ethnographer of contemporary Britain, Former Yugoslavia and Australia, Andrew’s work considers identity politics and mobility. He has also written extensively on the issue of ageing and care. His authored books include Ageing and Change in Pit Villages of Northeast England. His edited volumes include After Writing Culture, Migrants of Identity and Moralities of Care in Later Life. Recently he won the Australian Anthropological Association’s Best Article Award for, ‘Driven to Sanity: A Critique of the Senses in Automobilities’. With colleague Professor Simone Dennis (ANU) Andrew is currently undertaking large-scale research on “Responsible Drinking”.

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11.11.2019 3:30-6pm | Hörsaal A
Andrew Dawson (University of Melbourne)
Work, structures of affect and care: A comparative analysis
This comparative ethnography explores structures of affect engendered by collective forms of labour in England and Bosnia and Herzegovina. It explores how these structures of affect have altered through post-industrial and post-socialist transformation respectively. Nevertheless, finally it considers their reinvigoration in contemporary everyday practices of care and political critique of the care regimes of states, especially during the British General Election of 2017 and the ‘Bosnian Spring’ of 2014.

Rebecca Kay (University of Glasgow)
‘She’s like a daughter to me’: Insights into care, work and kinship from rural Russia
This ethnography explores intersections between care, work and kinship in a state-funded homecare service in rural Russia. By examining the relationships between homecare workers and their elderly wards the research explores the ways in which references to kinship, as a means of authenticating paid care and explaining its emotional content, reinforce public/private oppositions and do little to relieve the tensions and conflicts of care work. The discussion brings together detailed empirical insight into local ideologies and practices as a way of generating new theoretical perspectives on care, work and kinship in post-socialist contexts and beyond.

12.11.2019 9-12am | Sitzungszimmer
Discussion with the speakers
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