



# Lecture Series in Social Anthropology

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## Queering Heritage: Augment, Undo, Hijack

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The increasing attention to the relation between gender and heritage has led to a variety of critiques and interventions. In this talk, I will consider three such efforts: (1) the add-women-and-stir approach, as illustrated by *les Journées du Matrimoine* in France; (2) attempts to complexify and undo the binary categories on which so much heritage policy rests, as exemplified by an 2014 exhibit from the Budapest Museum of Ethnography; and (3) demonstrations of what gender critique does to the very notion of heritage, as described in Renaud Chantraine's ethnography of the varying destinies of AIDS activists' heritage in France. I argue that queering heritage, were it to play itself out in full, should turn heritage policy and practice on its head.

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