Meets with ANTH-E600

Questions of value are at the heart of anthropological discussions of personhood, kinship, gifts, money, commodities and art. In this seminar we will consider anthropological approaches to value through a critical survey of past and recent debates in the field. Readings range from classical theoretical and ethnographic materials to recent reformulations focusing mainly on Africa and the Pacific. Through seminar presentations and a paper, students will participate in addressing the central questions of this course and turn these questions towards their own research.