

Department of Cultural Studies would like to invite you to the public lecture by emeritus, visiting professor **dr. Robert Parkin** from University of Oxford, Institute of Social & Cultural Anthropology

## **From honour and shame to cognatic kinship: what anthropology has had to say about kinship and gender in Europe?**

Time and place of the lecture: **2019, 23 October, (Wednesday) at 15:00.**

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The lecture will be held in English.

This lecture will provide an overview of how anthropology has treated the topics of kinship and gender in Europe, asking what is distinctive about the continent in these respects, given especially the traditional concentration of kinship studies on other parts of the world. It will cover, inter alia, the honour and shame debate, family forms and whether the nuclear family really is a European phenomenon as often depicted, the impact of different forms of inheritance on class formation, and marriage practices, especially in respect of whether they are free or arranged. The overall argument is that Europe is not uniform in these respects, nor particularly distinctive compared to other parts of the world.

