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Online Course Offer for the current summer semester

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### **Bones Tales: Understanding Biocultural Diversity in the Past**

Dr. Lumila Menéndez (University of Bonn, Department for the Anthropology of the Americas)

The seminar will provide an Introduction to Biological Anthropology, with a special focus on research avenues for studies that could be conducted with human bones coming from museum collections and/or archaeological excavations.

Starting on: 28.05.2021, 03.06.2021, 10.06.2021, 17.06.2021, each: 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm and: 24.06.2021: 8 – 10 am, 2 – 5 pm.

### [Introduction to the study of Maya Hieroglyphic Writing](#)

Alejandro Garay, M.A. (University of Bonn, Department for the Anthropology of the Americas)

This course will be an introductory seminar/class to the study of Classic Maya Hieroglyphic writing. The basic principles needed to understand this system will be learned and applied. The participants will read different inscriptions and analyze them as sources of information for a better comprehension of the pre-Hispanic Classic Maya culture. By the end, the participants will have acquired the basic knowledge to undergo the basic study of epigraphic inscriptions by themselves, including the steps of sign recognition, transcription, transliteration, translation, and interpretation.

Monday, 4 – 6 pm

### ["On the paths of freedom". Ethnohistory and archaeology of the African diaspora in the Americas](#)

Dr. Caterina Mantilla (University of Cologne, Dep. for History)

This course brings together ethnohistorical and archaeological narratives concerning the African diaspora in the Americas before the independence processes of the nineteenth century. As a legal system through which labor force was organized, the transatlantic slavery created a particular framework for the comprehension of the practices, beliefs and actions of the Africans and their descendants in the colonial societies across the continent. On the one hand, legal categories like "slave, free and maroon" generated distinctions between "oficios" (licit crafts) and places or geographies (cities, "haciendas" or palenques/quilombos). On the other, each classification added new layers for the understanding of their behaviors and knowledges. Thus, "hostiles, dangerous" or "bellacos e idolatras" were characteristics linked to the maroons because of their pursuit of freedom, but also signaled the enacting of cultural and religious practices from free or enslaved people, that could differ from European Catholic traditions.



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Tuesday, 2 – 4 pm

[Language description and comparison of South American languages](#)

Dr. Swintha Danielsen (PostDoc researcher of linguistics, Translator, Expert of indigenous languages of Bolivia, Guarayos, Bolivia)

There is an impressive linguistic variety in South America, and we will get to know the major and minor language families, language isolates, and learn something about language contact and areal linguistics. The main focus here lies on Amazonian or lowland languages, and specific case studies will be presented by the lecturer with Bolivian languages, according to her personal experience. Apart from scrutinizing through the major publications on South American languages, we will find out how languages can be described typologically. In this respect, we will look into specific language descriptions and also get acquainted with the important tools of language examination and subsequent descriptions. Finally, we will investigate languages during the course, based on either our own collected data, or data we excerpt or download from the available language archives, like DobeS, ELAR, AILLA, or the like.

Wednesday, 2 – 4 pm

[Temas claves en la Arqueología de América del Sur](#)

Dr. Gustavo Politis (CONICET, Argentina y Universidad del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires)

Taller de 3 días con los temas poblamiento de America, arqueología de las Tierras Bajas Sud-americanas, Etnoarqueología de cazadores-recolectores del América Sur;

Starting on 25.06.2021: 10 am – 4 pm; 26.06.2021: 9 – 12 am;