

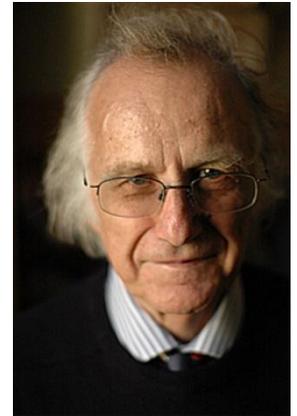


Special Public Lecture

Stanley Kubrick and Western Cosmology

Tuesday 29th October with Professor Bruce Kapferer, University of Bergen (Norway) and Honorary Professor, University College London

The lecture presents an anthropological analysis of Kubrick's 2001 and its significance for an understanding of modern Western cosmology. The argument explores Kubrick's interpretation of Nietzsche and the question of humanity's relation to technology. The discussion ends with a consideration of Kubrick, Nietzsche and the nature of anthropological critique. A short clip of Kubrick's film will be presented.



About the Presenter

Bruce Kapferer's critical and theoretical contributions to anthropology include bringing cosmological understandings of nationalism, particularly how state constructed mythologies and sacred rituals related the production of ethnic and political violence. A major current concern of Bruce's research is the dynamics of ancient and modern state forms with particular reference to contemporary global processes. Comparative research is being conducted in India, Sri Lanka, South Africa and in Australia with particular attention to nationalism, violence, shifts in bureaucratic and corporate structures, and the implications of the transition from nation-states to contemporary corporate state assemblages. He is currently directing a research project on Egalitarianism.

Bruce Kapferer founded the Anthropology Department at the University of Adelaide after studying under Max Gluckman and Clyde Mitchell at the University of Manchester and is currently Professor of Anthropology at the University of Bergen and editor of the journal *Social Analysis* and co-Editor of *Anthropological Theory*. He has published widely including the titles, *Legends of People, Myths of State. Violence, Intolerance and Political Culture in Sri Lanka and Australia* (1988, 1998, 2011); *The Feast of the Sorcerer. Practices of Consciousness and Power* (1997); *A celebration of demons. Exorcism and the Aesthetics of Healing in Sri Lanka* (1991, 1987); and *Strategy and Transaction in an African Factory* (1972), and many edited volumes and articles. A new book is to be published by Chicago next year.

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Date **Tuesday 29th October 2013**
Time **4.00 – 6.00pm, followed by refreshments**
Location **Anthropology Museum, 1st Floor Michie Building
The University of Queensland**