



Seminar Series 2024 (part 1)
Online Roundtable

The Politics of Scale: Perspectives from and on Anthropology of History

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As the kick-off event of the NAOH Seminar Series this online Roundtable foregrounds scaling in anthropology of history not only as a basic epistemological-methodological concern. It also explores how temporal scaling unfolds through zooming into particular topics and processes (biographies, imperial legacies, rituals, environmental changes, heritage, changing migration patterns etc.) and in this way produces accounts of history, which carry and/or can be infused by particular political-ideological claims and implications.

The Roundtable will unfold in a *dialogical, research-experiential, and collaborative* manner. Four scholars are invited to open the space of exchange by sharing research experiences and ethnographic examples on how and why they scale history in particular ways; what this opens up and limits; and which potential pitfalls emerge. Colleagues from the audience will be invited to join in the conversation based on their research experiences and raise wider questions related to present-day political and economic contexts of how anthropologists produce particular knowledges on history.