Friends and Colleagues!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Symposium.

This will be, we are sure, one and half days of lively, varied and perhaps urgent discussion. “Anthropology and the Ends of Worlds” is theme to set the hares running and the sheep huddling! Each of our speakers and discussants knows the difficulties of wrestling with the contradictory emotions and recalcitrant epistemological and methodological questions it provokes. We hope that all participants will feel eager to join in and share their wisdom. The global times seem increasingly dark to many, and if we can generate some collective light we will have taken a step beyond collective paralysis. Nor is the atmosphere of “endings” without promise. Possibilities, too, live in the shadows, as do insights waiting to be born. For us at the Department of Anthropology, this is the beginning of a process that we expect will include other symposia and conferences in the future. We hope you will be there with us! We hope we will be there with us!

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