

Hearing Voices



Tanya Luhrmann

Wednesday, May 29, 5-6 PM

McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB

Tanya Luhrmann is the Watkins University Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Stanford University. Her research, which has examined neo-pagan witches, psychiatry residents, evangelical Christians, and homeless people struggling with mental illness, focuses on the way that ideas held in the mind come to seem externally real to people, and the way that ideas about the mind affect mental experience. Her books include *Persuasions of the Witch's Craft*, (Harvard, 1989); *The Good Parsi* (Harvard 1996); *Of Two Minds* (Knopf 2000) and *When God Talks Back* (Knopf 2012). One of her recent projects compares the experience of hearing distressing voices in India and in the United States. Luhrmann has recently written about her work for CNN's Belief Blog and as an Op-Ed guest columnist for the New York Times. The Boston Globe has described her writing as "evocative, often brilliant [she] make[s] the strange familiar and the familiar strange."

This lecture is part of the conference **Personhood, Place, and Possession: Embodiment and Emplacement in Special Contexts**

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Free and Open to the Public

This conference will explore social, cognitive, philosophical, and religious conceptions of personhood. Presenters will offer cross-disciplinary theories and methods for imagining the creation, transformation, and loss of personhood in a variety of cultural and religious settings.

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