



# UiO • Museum of Cultural History

## University of Oslo

### Decolonising Human Sacrifice

Seminar and workshop program

10th and 11th March

Seminar room, St Olavsgate 29

(Zoom: <https://uio.zoom.us/j/67191553023?pwd=YzIYNDhQU3dONHBsQlh0a2d4VEhVZz09>)

*Narratives of human sacrifice are fraught with colonial heritage in multiple ways, from the ways in which accusations of human sacrifice and cannibalism was used as a legitimating tool by colonialist powers to the Eurocentric frameworks of knowledge production which upholds traditional assumed meanings of acts interpreted as sacrifice. The workshop seeks to approach this complex topic from varied viewpoints and materials, to create an environment for open discussion about how we can decolonise the study of multifaceted forms of sanctioned violence and expressions thereof. We will discuss the influence of political and strategic desires to Other those to whom such practices were ascribed, and the residual effects of colonialist frameworks on current knowledge, along with other angles and questions.*

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

14:15-16:00 Dr Elizabeth Graham, UCL,  
*Killing people for gods..... the pastime of the Ancients?*

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

09:00 Welcome and coffee  
*Marianne Moen and the Human Sacrifice and Value project*

09:30 Melanie Giles  
*Bog bodies and sacrificial theory*

10:00 Casper Jacobsen  
*Aztec True Crime? Missionary Manuscripts and the Making of a Human Sacrificer*

10:30 Manuel May Castillo  
*Deconstructing a proof of human sacrifice in the Maya region*

11:00 Coffee break and discussion

11:15 Matthew Walsh  
*Coming to terms with 'human sacrifice.' Context matters.*

11:45 Marianne Moen  
*Killing the weak? The role of gender in narratives of sacrifice*

12:15 Lunch and break

14:15 Melanie Giles  
*Friday seminar at Blindernveien 11,  
Grave goods: objects and death in later prehistoric Britain*