Please note that this list may not be entirely up to date (i.e. some clusters of books may have already been sent out for review).

Added May 30, 2018:

Memory politics in the context of violence and war: Nguyen’s Nothing Ever Dies: Viet Nam and the Memory of War; Robben’s Argentina Betrayed: Memory, Mourning, and Accountability; Kesselring’s Bodies of Truth: Law, Memory, and Emancipation in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Cross-border imaginaries and immigration: Dick’s Words of Passage: National Longing and the Imagined Lives of Mexican Migrants; Bloch’s Sex, Love, and Migration: Postsocialism, Modernity, and Intimacy from Istanbul to the Arctic; Mahdavi’s Crossing the Gulf: Love and Family in Migrant Lives

The political consequences of new materialism: Behar ed.’s Object Oriented Feminism; Chin’s My Life with Things: The Consumer Diaries; Gintis’ Individuality and Entanglement: The Moral and Material Bases of Social Life

Urbanism and poverty in global perspective: Alves’ The Anti-Black City: Police Terror and Black Urban Life in Brazil; Bogaert’s Globalized Authoritarianism: Megaprojects, Slums, and Class Relations in Urban Morocco; Chance’s Living Politics in South Africa’s Urban Shacklands

Reconfigurations of Kinship and the State: Thelen & Alber’s Reconnecting State and Kinship; Rodriguez’s Fragile Families: Foster Care, Immigration, and Citizenship; Buch’s Inequalities of Aging: Paradoxes of Independence in American Home Care

The global circulations of American religion: Hollinger’s Protestants Abroad: How Missionaries Tried to Change the World but Changed America; McGreevy’s American Jesuits and the World: How an Embattled Religious Order Made Modern Catholicism Global

Changing dynamics of the US military: Allen’s America’s Digital Army: Games at Work and War; Eckert’s Outsourcing War: The Just War Tradition in the Age of Military Privatization; Long’s The Soul of Armies: Counterinsurgency Doctrine and Military Culture in the US and UK

Gambetta’s Engineers of Jihad: The Curious Connection between Violent Extremism and Education; Miller-Idriss’ The Extreme Gone Mainstream: Commercialization and Far Right Youth Culture in Germany; Nayar’s The Extreme in Contemporary Culture: States of Vulnerability


Violence as political ideology and means: Hinton’s Man or Monster? The Trial of a Khmer Rouge Torturer; Dubai’s Against Humanity: Lessons from the Lord’s Resistance Army; Bergholz’s Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community

Community politics and energy infrastructures in the US: Biolsi’s Power and Progress on the Prairie: Governing People on Rosebud Reservation; Powell’s Landscapes of Power: Politics of Energy in the Navajo Nation; Wylie’s Fractivism: Corporate Bodies and Chemical Bonds

The powers of comparative analysis: Engelke’s How to Think Like an Anthropologist; Salaita’s Inter/Nationalism: Decolonizing Native American and Palestine; Van der Veer’s The Value of Comparison
Language and the politics of postcolonialism: Heller & McElhinny’s Language, Capitalism, Colonialism; Rafael’s Motherless Tongues: The Insurgency of Language amid Wars of Translation; Shulist’s Transforming Indigeneity: Urbanization and Language Revitalization in the Brazilian Amazon


Border politics and the changing role of the state: Staudt’s Border Politics in a Global Era; Knight ed.’s Immigration, Emigration, and Migration; Berda’s Living Emergency: Israel’s Permit Regime in the Occupied West Bank

Experiments with sovereignty: McConnell’s Rehearsing the State: The Political Practices of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile; Wilson’s Sovereignty in Exile: A Saharan Liberation Movement Governs; Wolin’s Fugitive Democracy and Other Essays

Added May 1, 2018:


The edges of capitalism, particularly in Asia: Hastings’ A Most Enterprising Country: North Korea in the Global Economy; Maurer et al’s Money at the Margins: Global Perspectives on Technology, Financial Inclusion, and Design; Campbell’s Border Capitalism, Disrupted: Precarity and Struggle in a Southeast Asian Industrial Zone

Automobility, transportation, and modernization: Green-Simms’ Postcolonial Automobile: Car Culture In West Africa; Mostowlansky’s Azan on the Moon: Entangling Modernity Along Tajikistan’s Pamir Highway; Sopranzetti’s Owners of the Map: Motorcycle Taxi Drivers, Mobility, and Politics in Bangkok

The enduring racial politics of the US-Mexico borderlands: Thompson’s Chasing the Harvest: Migrant Workers in California Agriculture; Villanueva’s The Lynching of Mexicans in the Texas Borderlands; Chavez’s Sounds of Crossing: Music, Migration, and the Aural Politics of Haupango Arribeno

Added April 9th, 2018

Religion as an integral function of modern nationalism – Vaughan’s Religion and the Making of Nigeria; Castor’s Transnational Pathways from Black Power to Ifa in Trinidad; McBrien’s From Belonging to Belief: Modern Secularisms and the Construction of Religion in Kyrgyzstan

Transnational displacements and youth cultures – Bibler Coutin’s Exiled Home: Salvadoran Transnational Youth in the Aftermath of Violence; Cervantes-Soon’s Juarez Girls Rising: Transformative Education in Times of Dystopia; Irwin & Umemoto’s Jacked Up and Unjust: Pacific Islander Teens Confront Violent Legacies

Nationalism in Mexico, 1876-Present: Yeh’s Passing: Two Publics in a Mexican Border City; Blood Contingent: The Military and the Making of Modern Mexico, 1876-1911; Sheppard’s A Persistent Revolution: History, Nationalism, and Politics in Mexico since 1968

On gender in indigenous politics in North America – Jarvenpa’s Declared Defective: Native Americans, Eugenics, and the Myth of Nam Hollow; Kaye’s Responding to Human Trafficking: Dispossession,
Colonial Violence, and Resistance among Indigenous and Racialized Women; Lux’s Separate Beds: A History of Indian Hospitals in Canada, 1920s-1980s

On food as a political-economic medium – Burnyeat’s Chocolate, Politics and Peace-Building: An Ethnography of the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia; Rakopoulos’ From Clans to Co-ops: Confiscated Mafia Land in Sicily; Itcaina, Roger & Smith’s Varietals of Capitalism: A Political Economy of the Changing Wine Industry

International diplomacy and policy as ethnographic sites – Hurd’s How to do Things with International Law; Dittmer’s Diplomatic Material: Affect, Assemblage, and Foreign Policy; Brands’ Making the Unipolar Moment: US Foreign Policy and the Rise of the Post-Cold War Order

Added March 1st, 2018 or before:


On postcolonial environmentalism and dispossession – West’s Dispossession and the Environment: Rhetoric and Inequality in Papua New Guinea; Neale’s Wild Articulations: Environmentalism and Indigeneity in Northern Australia; Sapignoli’s Hunting Justice: Displacement, Law, and Activism in the Kalahari


On racial politics in Europe – Stankiewicz’s Europe Un-Imagined: Nation and Culture at a French-German Television Channel; De Genova’s The Borders of ‘Europe’; Fekete’s Europe’s Fault Lines: Racism and the Rise of the Right; Mack’s The Construction of Equality: Syrian Immigration and the Swedish City

The politics of the senses – Maudlin’s Made to Hear: Cochlear Implants and the Raising of Deaf Children; Wood’s Clearing the Air: The Rise and Fall of Smoking in the Workplace; Frost’s Biocultural Creatures: Toward a New Theory of the Human

On theories of corruption – Balleisen’s Fraud: An American History from Barnum to Madoff; Hough’s Analysing Corruption; Rosenmuller’s Corruption in the Iberian Empires

On the future of the Middle East – Gutman’s Memory Activism: Reimagining the Past for the Future in Israel-Palestine; Hermez’s War is Coming: Between Past and Future Violence in Lebanon; Khosravi’s Precarious Lives: Waiting and Hope in Iran

On the politics of worldbuilding – Zigon’s Disappointment: Toward a Critical Hermeneutics of Worldbuilding; Ahuja’s Bioinsecurities: Disease Interventions, Empire, and the Government of Species; Tsing et al.’s Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet

The politics of domination – Redi-Pharr’s Archives of Flesh: African America, Spain, and Post-Humanist Critique; Schleitwiler’s Strange Fruit of the Black Pacific: Imperialism’s Racial Justice and Its Fugitives; Singh’s Unthinking Mastery: Dehumanism and Decolonial Entanglements

The persistence of Marx’s political theory – Walker’s The Sublime Perversion of Capital: Marxist Theory and the Politics of History in Modern Japan; Roberts’ Marx’s Inferno: The Political Theory of Capital

On education and anthropology – Ingold’s Anthropology and/as Education; Sims’ Disruptive Fixation: School Reform and the Pitfalls of Techno-Idealism; Blum’s I Love Learning, I Hate School: An Anthropology of College
On class and race in public school – Fordham’s Downed by Friendly Fire: Black Girls, White Girls, and Suburban Schooling; Vansie Leghem et al.’s Afterschool: Images, Education, and Research; Scribner’s The Fight for Local Control: Schools, Suburbs, and American Democracy

On race in US gentrification – Logan’s Historical Capital: Preservation, Race, and Real Estate in Washington DC; Mele’s Race and the Politics of Deception: The Making of an American City; McIvor’s Mourning in America: Race and the Politics of Loss

On the politics of neuroscience – Singh’s Multiple Autisms: Spectrums of Advocacy and Genomic Science, Sampson’s The Assemblage Brain: Sense Making in Neuroculture, Pitts-Taylor’s The Brain’s Body: Neuroscience and Corporeal Politics

On Chinese economic globalization – Nyiri and Tan’s Chinese Encounters in Southeast Asia: How People, Money, and Ideas from China are changing a Region; Rojas & Litzinger’s Ghost Protocol: Development and Displacement in Global China; Hearn’s Diaspora and Trust: Cuba, Mexico, and the Rise of China

On gender and sexuality in the Middle East – Wynn & Foster’s Abortion Pills, Test Tube Babies, and Sex Toys: Emerging Sexual and Reproductive Technologies in the Middle East and North Africa; Adelman’s Battering States: The Politics of Domestic Violence in Israel; Naghibi’s Women Write Iran: Nostalgia and Human Rights from the Diaspora


On trans politics – Brubaker’s Trans: Gender and Race in the Age of Unsettled Identities; Snorton’s Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity; Plemons’ The Look of a Woman: Facial Feminization Surgery and the Aims of Trans-Medicine


On the politics of race in South America – Dawson’s In Light of Africa: Globalizing Blackness in Northeast Brazil; Goett’s Black Autonomy: Race, Gender, and Afro-Nicaraguan Activism; Roth-Gordon’s Race and the Brazilian Body: Blackness, Whiteness, and Everyday Language in Rio de Janeiro