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DR. SUBHASHIM GOSWAMI
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who will present a paper

on

**"THE ETHNOGRAPHIC OBJECT:
A COMPOSITE AT PLAY"**

on

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ABSTRACT

This paper re-envision the framing of an ethnographic object as an object which is continuously in the making by using the mutually overlapping yet distinct conceptual relationship between an event and the everyday. If an ethnographic object is an object always in emergence; then, can we characterise this emergence as a particular kind of “event-ing” the everyday? By using the ethnographic elaboration of a play in the making, this paper argues that an ethnographic object seen through the interplay between the notion of an event and everyday can be conceptualised as an act of time in constitution which is forever at play. Drawing from Deleuze’s (1988) conception of a “zone of intensities” in a constant flux, Bergson’s (2001[1919]) understanding of “duration” as method and Serres’ (1997) conceptualisation of “foldable time,” this paper argues that an ethnographic object is a constant play of heterogeneous discrete elements which remain at play as a composite.