CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL ISSUES
2017 COMPETITION

The editors of HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory are delighted to launch an international competition for special issues to be published in 2017. Selected special issues, after publication in the journal, will be made available in paperback by HAU BOOKS, printed and distributed by the University of Chicago Press.

We wish to reach out and engage the widest community of scholars working in or from any part of the world to contribute, with groundbreaking work, to the emergence of new ethnographically-inspired theories. HAU welcomes proposals on all topics, especially those which consider: indigenous ontologies and systems of knowledge; forms of human engagement and relationality; cosmology and myth; magic, witchcraft, and sorcery; truth and falsehood; indigenous theories of kinship and relatedness with humans and non-humans; hierarchy; materiality; perception; environment and space; time and temporality; personhood and subjectivity; and alternative metaphysics of morality.

Proposals should include:
• A list including names, emails, affiliations, and a short biography of the guest editor(s)
• A description of the special issue (1000–1500 words in length), including a working title, proposed aims and scope, and an overview of the special issue’s intended focus.
• A list of contributors with an article title and abstracts (max 200 words), who have all committed to contribute should the proposal be selected.

Proposals should be as precise as possible, and should meet the following criteria:
• Guest editors’ main editorial task will be to ensure that all contributing authors submit according to schedule, provide critical feedback on manuscripts, and to contribute an introductory essay to the special issue.
• Proposals should contain clear evidence that the resulting volume and introductory essay, if selected, will be authoritative and will meet the highest academic standards.
• Proposals should be submitted in the confident expectation that, if short-listed, a complete manuscript can be supplied by 30 September 2016 or earlier.
• Collections, including individual contributions, should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere.
• The planned length of the published collection should be maximum 120,000 words, all features and articles included. HAU special issues include nine to fourteen contributors.

On the basis of the proposals received, the editors of HAU, in consultation with Editorial Board members, will select a shortlist for further consideration, and will notify guest editors about the acceptance within six months after the submission of the complete manuscript. Those short-listed will be asked to give names and contact details of 3 referees who have agreed, if requested, to give their confidential appraisal of the entirety of the submitted manuscript. Review reports will be requested from only one of these nominated referees as well as external reviewers nominated by the journal. The failure of referees nominated by the proposers to produce a timely report may lead to the rejection of the manuscript for publication. Final reports will be evaluated by the editors and selected members of the Editorial Board and a winner of the competition will be nominated.

Proposals should be submitted by the 28 February 2016.
Near complete manuscripts will be required by 30 September 2016.
A final decision based on reader’s reports will be given by March 2017.
The winning collection will be published in Summer, Autumn, or Winter 2017.

To submit a proposal, please contact Giovanni da Col, Editor-in-Chief at giovannidacol@haujournal.org.