

Annual Meeting of the Swiss Anthropological Association

CARE, MAINTENANCE, DECAY

Ways of Attending to Vulnerability in a Transforming World

February 5-7, 2026

University of Fribourg, Social Anthropology Unit

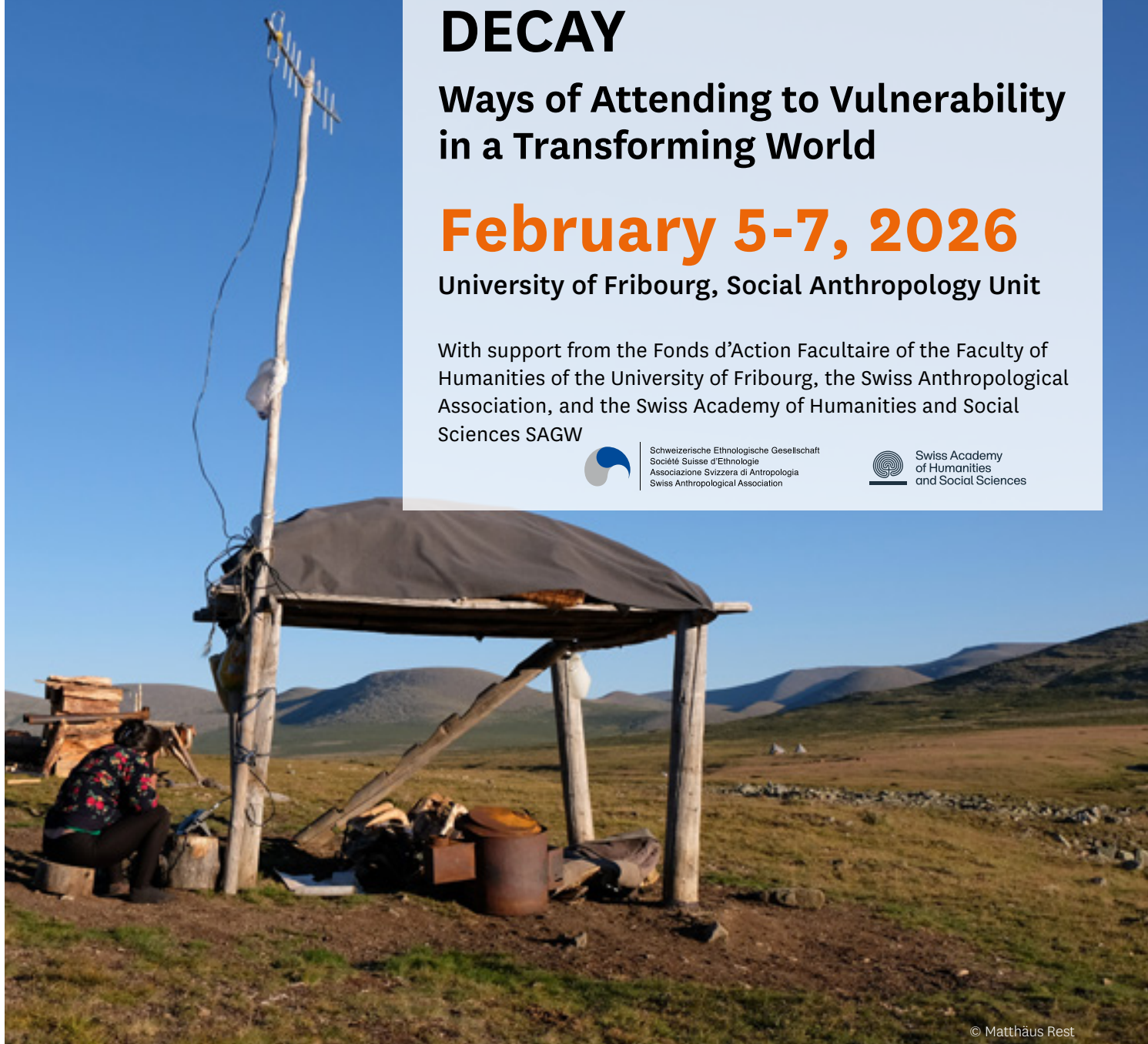
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SHORT PROGRAM

Venue:

University of Fribourg

Building PER 21, first floor (room A120), second floor (rooms E230, F205, F207)

Bd. de Pérolles 90

CH-1700 Fribourg

Thursday, Feb 5

13:00 *Registration opens (ground floor)*

- 14:00-15:30
- **Panel C (Room F207):** Law as Political Labor: Practices and Imaginaries of Legal Care (Insa Lee Koch, Jevgeniy Bluwstein)
 - **Panel J (Room F205):** Holding Together: Care Amidst War and Displacement (Olena Sobolieva, Oksana Ovsiiuk)
 - **Panel D (Room E230):** Caring for Limits in a World of Abundance: The Case of Health (MAS-panel, Nolwenn Bühler, Anna Mann)
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15:30-16:00 *Coffee break (Hall A130, first floor)*

- 16:00-17:30
- **Panel M (Room E230):** Erosion of the Social Contract? Privatising, Invisibilising and Limiting Care in the Neoliberal State (Helena Hof, Anna Wyss)
 - **Panel F (Room F207):** Reproducing on a Broken Planet: Care, Ecological Labour, and Kinship (Mathilde Krähenbühl, Edmée Ballif)
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17:30-18:30 *Apéro (Hall A130, first floor)*

18:30-19:45 **Keynote (Room A120)** Reuse and Repair as Matters of Urban Care: Shapeshifting in a Time of Climate Crisis
Keynote Speech by Christina Schwenkel (University of California, Riverside)



Friday, Feb 6

- 9:00-10:30
- **Panel K (Room E230):** Design and Artistic Collaborations in Wartime: Care and Maintenance through Creative Interventions (Dorota Kozaczuk, Katarzyna Grabska)
 - **Workshop (Room F205):** Caring for Data: A Workshop for Anthropologists (Wiebke Wiesigel, Commission de Réflexion Ethique et Déontologique)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break (Hall A, ground floor)*

- 11:00-12:30
- **Panel Q (Room F205):** Archive is a Verb: On Unsettling Forms of Archival Authority, Resistance, and Liberation (Björn Reichhardt, Andrea Bordoli)
 - **Panel R (Room E230):** Risking Fieldwork With/out Significant Others (Anne Lavanchy, Céline Heini)
 - **Panel E (Room F207):** Remote Care: Caregiving Across Distance, Time, and Borders (Flavia Cangià, Brigitte Suter, Elise Hjalmarson)

12:30-14:00 *Lunch (Mensa)*
Commission Meeting (Mensa): Lunch-Meeting of the DocPostDoc Commission (Stefan Binder, Nina Khamsy, Jonas Köppel)

- 14:00-15:30
- **Panel H (Room F207):** Caring for Lands, Lives and Labours: Between Resistance and (Re)production in Agricultural Practices (Simon Diener, Amanda Jousset, Anna Geiser, Jérémie Forney)
 - **Panel A (Room E230):** Speculation, Futurity, the Otherwise: Material Incompletion as Future-Making (Nitin Bathla, Sabrina Stallone, Jon Schubert)
 - **Commission Meeting (Room F205):** CRED Meeting, Commission de Réflexion Ethique et Déontologique (Anne Lavanchy, Wiebke Wiesigel)

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break (Hall A, ground floor)*



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| 16:00-
17:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel I (Room F205): Caring Beyond Humans: Ecologies and Heritage in Mountain Worlds (Maria Anna Bertolino, Marie Eich, Viviane Cretton)• Panel P (Room E230): Caring for Urban Infrastructure. Towards a Politics of Repair, Attachment, and Mediation (Kathrin Eitel, Julio Paulos, Loïc Riom)• CUSO (Room F207): CUSO PhD Meet-Up (Esther Leemann) |
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18:00	Conference dinner and movie night , <i>co-organized with the Audio-Visual Commission of the SAA</i> (Kino Korso, Pérolles 15, 1700 Fribourg)
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19:30	Film screening: <i>The Memory Guardians</i> (12', by Nnenna Onuoha, 2024); <i>Not Just Roads</i> (67', by Nitin Bathla and Klearjos Papanicolaou, 2021), followed by a Q&A with the directors
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Saturday, Feb 7

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| 9:00-
10:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel B (Room F205): Mediatorship and Transformational Anthropology: Creating Cultures of Care in Learning and Research Communities (Claire Vionnet, Eda Elif Tibet, Susan Mossman Riva)• Panel G (Room E230): Infrastructures of Maintenance and the Social Life of Small-Scale Energy Production (Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi, Elisabeth Schubiger, Hannah Plüss) |
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10:30- 11:00	<i>Coffee break (Hall A130, first floor)</i>
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| 11:00-
12:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel L (Room F205): Politics of Collapse: Layering Anthropology and Art as a Practice of Repair in Times of Erosion (Stéphane Blumer, Sónia Vespeira de Almeida, Sónia Mota Ribeiro)• Panel N (Room F207): Humanitarian Care Beyond Institutions (Gulzhan Begeyeva, Zarina Urmanbetova, Pol Llopart Olivella)• Panel O (Room E230): Unexpected Acts of Care (Michelle von Dach) |
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12:30	<i>End of the conference</i>
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