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Both humans and nonhumans have habits. Habits are located between interiority and exteriority, between affecting and being affected, between self and other. A habit can be a mental and bodily disposition; a physical appearance; a posture or demeanour; a way of dwelling and of being in the world. The notion that anthropologists study "habits" is both very old and very new. Mauss, and later Bourdieu, established "habitus" as a key object of inquiry, but in many ways they also deepened the hiddenness of habit. Over the past few years, habit has made a comeback in the humanities and social sciences, including political theory, feminist cultural theory, and the philosophy of action. Renewed interest in habit comes from rediscovering the writings of the nineteenth-century philosopher Ravaisson, who saw habit as both generated by change as well as a disposition toward future change. To date, however, anthropologists have had surprisingly little to say about habit. In this talk, I explore what difference habit could make to how we define anthropology, and propose that "habitography" (rather than ethnography) opens up new possibilities for collecting, and making sense of, the evidence we collect. My examples are drawn from long-term fieldwork on psychiatric practices in India.



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