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“How do we protect things?” – Towards a Political Anthropology of Protection

The question how do we protect things – one of many that French political scientist and feminist activist Francoise Vergès centers her work around – serves as the starting point for this talk. Drawing on ethnographic examples from my various research projects, I explore the aspects of “how”, “we”, “protect/ion”, and “things”, in order to draw out connections between my fields of anthropological engagement. These come together in what I tentatively sketch as a theoretical framework for a ‘Political Anthropology of Protection’. Protecting as political practice, ethnographic lens, and anthropological responsibility are at the heart of this outline.

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