

**THE VAST GARDEN OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
AND ITS ENDLESSLY FERTILE PLOTS**

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Abstract

Contemporary anthropology in southeast Europe must be a matter of acknowledging the value of diverse scholarly traditions. This article explores the contributions of various disciplines and their foreign and local practitioners. The power relations between Western scholars and their colleagues in countries on the periphery will never be equal but the author pleads for mutual understanding and respect for other methodological and theoretical positions in order to build a forward-looking, cohesive, and socially-engaged discipline.