

## **Anthropological Perspectives on Organizations (SAM 211)**

Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, advanced level course

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