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### Drifting Conservation? Navigating Between Environmental Exploitation and Protection on the St. Lawrence River

**Tuesday, 28 November | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Cornett Building, Room B129**

Presented by the [Anthropology Department](#)

The St. Lawrence River is one of Quebec's landscape icons and shelters numerous and abundant marine species. This is less and less true, however, in spite of conservation efforts to protect them. This is particularly the case with three emblematic species, namely the beluga, eel, and black sturgeon. This paper examines the conservation mechanisms applied to these species, their underlying logic, and the resulting positions that are adopted between protection and exploitation. To do so, it explores, from a political ecology perspective, the social and environmental consequences of capitalist development in recent history and their impact on conservation and resource management.

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Alternative farmers imagine and work with the environment in ways that promote, among other things, organic production and biodiversity, place-based territorialized food production, short-distance exchanges, environmental awareness, collaboration, innovation, and social commitment. Some argue that they are inducing a paradigmatic shift from our current dominant, modern, and globalized relationship with nature. This question is examined here in the light of an ethnographic study conducted in the Alt Emporda, Catalonia.

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