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The project brings together top scholars in a broad range of disciplines to investigate the philosophical consequences of the impact of culture on the mind and the cognitive and evolutionary foundations of culture. These disciplines include anthropology, archaeology, cognitive psychology, comparative psychology, developmental psychology, economics, history, neuroscience, and philosophy.

The AHRC Culture and the Mind Project is organised around three subprojects:

1. [Folk psychology and folk epistemology \(2006 to 2009\)](#).
2. [Norms and moral psychology \(2007 to 2010\)](#).
3. [Artefacts and material culture \(2008 to 2011\)](#).

Each subproject involves a number of workshops and philosophically informed anthropological fieldwork, and will culminate in a major international conference that will be open to the public.


[Publications based on project research](#)


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Project fieldsites

Publications

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All project publications

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