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**EXOTIC ORDINARY:
SPIRIT MEDIUMS IN MADAGASCAR**

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In Madagascar many people find themselves intruded upon by the ancestors of living monarchs. These spirits speak through their hosts in lively and dramatic performances, and shape their lives in ways that can be enhancing or painful. In turn, spirit mediums creatively draw from the repertoire of ancestral figures to perform as others and to act in ways that have political, cultural, and deeply personal significance. The talk describes the experience of an educated, middle-class man and reflects on the ethical and aesthetic aspects both of living with spirits and of anthropological depiction.

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