



# TOWARDS AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEFECATION

## An open lecture presented by Water Supply & Sanitation in Emergencies

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### **Venue:**

University of Copenhagen  
Centre for Health and Society (CSS)  
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Room 15.3.01

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As an introduction to the world of perception of dirt and latrines Van Der Geest has written the brilliant paper "Akan Shit: Getting Rid of Dirt in Ghana" in *Anthropology Today*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Jun., 1998), pp. 8-12.

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