

Contents

<i>List of Figures and Boxes</i>	<i>page vii</i>
<i>Preface and Acknowledgements</i>	<i>ix</i>
Introduction: The Ontological Turn in Anthropology	1
Three Ontological Turnings	9
An Overview of the Book	24
1 Other Ontological Turns	30
Philosophy and ‘Object-Oriented Ontology’	33
Science and Technology Studies	37
Alternative Ontology	46
Deep Ontologies	55
Our Ontological Turn	65
2 Analogic Anthropology: Wagner’s Inventions and Obviations	69
American Convention	71
Culture as Invention	76
The Obviation of Meaning	87
Myth and Its Obviation Sequences	94
Wagner’s Ontology	104
3 Relational Ethnography: Strathern’s Comparisons and Scales	110
Relations Everywhere	112
Comparison All the Way Down	121

Contents

Postplural Abstraction	130
Deep Hesitation	140
Trans-temporal Comparison	145
Strathern and Ontology: An Awkward Relationship	151
4 Natural Relativism: Viveiros de Castro's Perspectivism and Multinaturalism	157
Amerindian Perspectivism	160
Savage Structuralism	166
Anthropology as Ontology	173
Taking People Seriously	184
Conceptual Self-determination	194
5 Things as Concepts	199
From Humanism to Posthumanism	201
Thinking Through Things	209
Rethinking Things	214
Powder and Its Conceptual Affordances	220
Talismans as Thought	227
Pragmatology, or Art Backwards	238
6 After the Relation	242
Christian Conversion and the New Melanesian Ethnography	246
The Great Indoors: A Case of Christian Conversion	253
Taking Transcendence Seriously	264
Faith in Motion? A Speculative Illustration	271
How to Keep Turning	278
Conclusion	282
Post-critical Anthropology	288
The Politics of Ontology	293
<i>Bibliography</i>	299
<i>Index</i>	333