Alternative me? Anthropology and self-alteration

Contemporary life across the globe is awash with activities, enterprises, programmes, and practices that purport to foster self-alteration. Young and not so young alike are inveigled and mobilized to take-up or buy into myriad projects of self-change, through education, training, mastery of new skills, spiritual-development, therapy, community participation, voluntarism. But can we be whatever we want? How easy is it to alter one’s self? This paper discusses a number of questions concerning anthropology about the processes and experiences of self-alteration.

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