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For social and cultural anthropology, logic is both an intellectual resource and an object of research. As scientists, anthropologists have to build rational and logical arguments. Studying traditional and non-Western modes of thought, however, they constantly wonder about the universality of logic. Are there pre-logical or just differently logical cultures? Is logic a by-product of human societies, or is it the limit of cultural and social variations? The relativist doubt, essential for rational thinking, does not want to build a kind of illogical Other: but to understand rationality as linked to human forms of life rather than to formalized properties of the Mind.