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In this article, I argue that there is a close relationship, a mutual implication, between philosophy and anthropology, analysing in particular the ways in which the latter needs an epistemological foundation that can be recovered through a critical study of the former. I then consider the legacy of Wittgenstein's philosophy that has, on several occasions, enriched anthropological discourse, attempting to distinguish between notions and methods that can be used to shed light on ethnographic data, thus raising them to a level of generalisation, and which notions, on the other hand, provide insight into transcendental forms of the human. In other words, notions that cannot be derived ulteriorly and that constitute the a priori foundation of the anthropological discipline.