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Recent Developments in relation to the formation of an Applied Section of the Australian Anthropological Society.

Response to the Survey

Following the Annual General Meeting held in Perth in 2000 and the support of the membership to further investigate interest in establishing an Applied Section, a survey was carried out via AASNET to gauge the level of interest and support amongst AAS members for such a section. It was hoped that the survey would provide the AAS Executive with solid information from its constituents regarding potential members, the nature of the services they might anticipate from such a section and the funding range people were prepared to make for such services.

Service and funding

Pleasingly, of approximately 300 current AAS members just under 100 responded positively to the proposal for an Applied Section to specifically support members involved in consultancy work. It was equally encouraging to find that many people recognised the need to adequately fund such a section from membership fees if a sustainable level of service was desired.

Legal issues

While the survey and interest level has helped progress the proposal it has also been necessary to take legal advice on matters associated with the establishment of an Applied Section and the kind of services we can/cannot provide in terms of exposure to liability issues. This advice has now been received and is summarised in its broad detail below. The AAS Executive thanks Paul Burke and James Whittaker for their assistance in these matters.

It should also be noted that some of the proposals for service mooted in relation to the Applied Section also have implications for other activities, in some case, those already undertaken by AAS. One of the proposals in relation to how an Applied Section might operate is as a kind of 'clearing house' for access by members to information relevant to their professional activities. In this respect, AAS would not give advice as such, only provide access to sources of information. The decision as to whether or not to act in relation to these sources would always remain the prerogative of the individual member. Legally it seems the case that:

- a subscription 'clearing house' can be established without amendment to the AAS constitution;
- however, the *NSW Associations Act 1984* under which AAS is incorporated prohibits incorporated associations engaging in trading activities and any 'clearing house' services provided by AAS must not expand in such a way as to allow them to be characterised as trading activities;
- the proposal for an Applied Section can be implemented by a resolution of the Executive Committee;
- providing an email news service could expose AAS to liability for negligent misstatement. This is, of course, a service we already provide to some extent through AASNET

- and the Native Title Bulletin Board. It is thus necessary to protect AAS by use of appropriate disclaimers;
- if an AAS website were to be used for the proposed clearing house service, AAS will need to obtain further advice in relation to the liability issues arising from use of the site;
- additionally, a clearing house service will require AAS to be mindful of obligations imposed by the Privacy Act;
- the AAS Executive will also need to ensure that any proposal can properly be said to be in the interests of AAS as a whole. If there are doubts, then it will be necessary to put the proposal at the AGM or to conduct a postal ballot to avoid liability risks. However, establishing a subscription clearing house under the current AAS constitution does not appear to be a problem, providing the objectives of the proposed functions of the clearing house fall within the objectives of AAS (see clause 3[b] of the Constitution) namely, 'to promote professional training and practice in anthropology'.

There is more detailed advice on aspects of matters outlined above. However, as these are of a technical nature I have not outlined them here. The Executive will consider them further.

Professional indemnity insurance

As many consultant anthropologists know, professional indemnity insurance is now an essential element of their employment contracts, especially for work in indigenous Australia. Of course, anyone who has followed the Hindmarsh Island matter will also be mindful of the

importance of having an adequate level of professional indemnity insurance.

Not surprisingly, a major objective proposed for an Applied Section, and a need identified by many respondents to the questionnaire, was access to a professional indemnity insurance scheme. Respondents desired competitive rates tailored to suit the different spheres in which consultancy work occurs (for example, in native title research, for government, for aid agencies, for developers) and the nature of the work involved. Such a scheme has recently been negotiated with an insurance broker and an insurance underwriter. Further details will be available to members of the Applied Section once this section is established in the near future.

Julie Finlayson

Websites to visit

Queensland Heritage Trails Network is an initiative associated with the Centenary of Federation celebrations. The projects are Commonwealth and State funded and designed to revitalise rural and regional Queensland through creation of jobs etc.

Access the website on: www.heritagetrails.qld.gov.au for more information.

AAS, AIATSIS and Adelaide University: Native Title Workshop 'Expert Evidence in Native Title Court Cases: Issues of truth, objectivity and expertise'. See the registration form on page of this newsletter, and visit the web site for registration and further program details.

<http://arts.adelaide.edu.au/ARCHSS/nativetitle.htm>

AUSTRALIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE 12 MONTHS 1st JULY, 1999 to 30th JUNE, 2000

1998/1999		1999/2000		
\$		\$	\$	\$
	INCOME			
	Miscellaneous Income			
	.Bank Interest	104.33		
800.00	.Contribution from TAJA for new computer			
2.00	.Miscellaneous Income	80.00		
3,321.40	.Receipt of TAJA Subscription Fees by C/C	4,845.00		
6,435.00	.Receipt of 1999 AAS Conference Registrations by Credit Card			
63.99	.Reimbursement of postage by TAJA			
1,307.05	.Surplus from 1998 Conference	-----	5,029.33	
	Membership Fees and Application Fees .			
375.00	.Admission Fee	180.00		
7,380.00	.Fellows	8,050.00		
120.00	.Newsletter Fees	22.50		
3,120.00	.Ordinary Members	3,265.00		
210.00	.Retired Members	210.00		
430.00	.Unsalaried Members	470.00		
			12,197.50	
23,564.44				17,226.83
	EXPENDITURE			
10.45	Bank Fees and Charges .FID	16.81		
23.40	Bank Fees and Charges .GDT	35.60		
	Bank Adjustment .Rejected Credit Card	275.00		
591.72	Credit Card Charges	836.71		
			1,164.12	
	Conference Expenses			
	.Subsidy to 1999 Conference	3,500.00		
			3,500.00	
	General Expenses .			
100.00	.Computing	720.00		
408.00	.Insurance	457.36		
	.General Expenses	309.00		
76.50	.Parking			
366.02	.Stationery	357.65		
	.Reimburse Fees	120.00		
	.Telephone and Fax	276.85		
244.00	.Reeves Report			
2,685.00	.Submission on the Reeves Report - P. Sutton	-----	2,240.86	
3,737.25	Macintosh Computer and Laser Printer			
	Miscellaneous .			
3,803.45	.Reimbursement to TAJA of C/C Income	4,675.44		
5,611.48	.Reimbursement to 1999 Conference of Credit Card Income	4,429.35		
1,000.00	.TAJA Annual Fee	1,000.00		
			10,104.79	
	Newsletter Printing and Production Costs .			
1,948.00	.Printing	1,368.78		
843.75	.Invoicing			
	.Training of New Staff	1,181.25		
600.00	.Preparation of Accounts	200.00		
897.50	.Production Costs	1,350.00		
	.Professional Services .			
4,253.75	Darwood Pty Ltd 28/5/1999 to 30/7/1999	1,025.00		
	6/8/1999 to 3 1/12/1999	1,300.00		
	1/1/2000 to 31/5/2000	506.25	2,831.25	
	S Dean 4/2/2000 to 2/4/2000	440.00		
	9/4/2000 to 28/4/2000	250.00	690.00	
390.00	.Wrapping and Mailing Newsletter	1,295.30	8,916.58	
1,323.53	Postage			
28,913.80				25,926.35
(5,349.36)	NET OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD			(8,699.52)
	Add OPENING BANK BALANCE as at 1st JULY, 1999			13,696.53
	BALANCE as at 30th JUNE, 2000			4,997.01

AAS Conference 2001
27-29 September, Bundoora Campus, La Trobe University, Melbourne
2001 - End of an Odyssey?

Anthropology has ostensibly been in crisis for decades, yet the discipline continues in a clearly recognisable form. Arguably, the sense of crisis is the end of an odyssey - the contemporary outcome of a series of wanderings or a long adventurous journey that began in the confident explorations of colonialism and ended in the decentred loci of postcolonialism. It is commonly said that in Australia, as elsewhere in the world, anthropology lacks its earlier uniformity - that its theory, method and focus have fragmented into mutually unintelligible domains. But this re-framing of the discipline is also an outcome of its expansion into new and exciting areas.

George Marcus (Rice) has agreed to deliver a keynote address on the theme.

First Call for Sessions

We invite anthropologists to consider this predicament at this year's AAS conference hosted by La Trobe University in Melbourne between Thursday 27 September and Saturday 29 September. The organisers especially welcome sessions and presentations that address themes relevant to the discipline's current profile and directions. Such themes might include: the implications of multiple theoretical frameworks; the waning of 'the other' as key anthropological object; the expansion or contraction of anthropology in and out of the academy; the changing significance of ethnography; the challenge of multi-disciplinarity; and the shifting ground on which anthropologists encounter their informants and subjects of study.

The organisers also welcome any other suggestions for conference sessions. A conference web-site is currently being constructed. A poster calling for sessions is also now in preparation. The poster will be placed on AASNet and circulated more widely soon.

A further call for sessions will be posted soon. In the meantime, if you wish to express interest in organising a session, please contact John Morton in the School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic. 3086 - email J.Morton@latrobe.edu.au; phone (+61 3) 9479 1445; fax (+61 3) 9479 2705.

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**Native Title Conference
Expert Evidence in Native Title Court Cases: Issues of truth, objectivity and
expertise**

**Adelaide Research Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences
University of Adelaide, 6-7 July 2001**

**RATES: \$165.00 (includes \$15.00 GST)
 \$110.00 (includes \$10.00 GST) (Concession)**

Registration Form

Please post or fax this form to:

Adelaide Research Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences Telephone (08) 83034817
Adelaide University International 61 8 83034817
Adelaide, South Australia, 5005 Fax (08) 83034882
Australia International 61 8 83034882

Title _____ Surname _____

Given Names _____

Institution _____

Postal Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Please find enclosed my cheque/ money order made payable to Adelaide University

OR

Please charge my Visa/ Mastercard No. _____

Cardholder's name (exactly as printed on card) _____

Cardholder's signature _____ Expiry date ____/____

To the amount of (Tick below AND write amount here): AUD \$ _____ Date _____

Please note: a tax invoice will be issued on receipt of payment

Second Annual
Native Title Representative Bodies Legal Conference

**The Past and Future of
Land Rights and Native Title**

28–30 August 2001, Townsville
Southbank Hotel & Convention Centre

This conference commemorates the 20th anniversary of a national conference ‘Land rights and the future of Australian race relations’ organised by the James Cook University Students Union and the Townsville Treaty Committee in Townsville on 28–30 August 1981, out of which the Mabo case evolved.

Many of those involved in the 1981 conference have passed away recently. The first day of the conference program is being organised along the lines of commemorative sessions, celebrating the work of these prominent Australians in achieving recognition of Indigenous land rights and native title.

Conference Program

Day 1 Tues 28	<i>Commemorative Program</i> Ron Castan address – the role of the High Court and the development of native title Eddie Mabo address – the nature of native title Nugget Coombs address – a national treaty Judith Wright address – reconciliation Stories from the 1981 conference and the <i>Mabo</i> case
Day 2 Wed 29 Conference dinner	<i>Developments in Native Title</i> Framework agreements Compensation Issues arising out of recent High Court and Federal Court cases After-dinner speaker Sir Anthony Mason
Day 3 Thurs 30	<i>Joint session with the National Environmental Law Association</i> Indigenous heritage and the environment Heritage and planning Biodiversity Indigenous rights to wildlife

The conference conveners are Greg McIntyre and Lisa Strelein, with the organisational support of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. Registration forms and brochure will soon be available. Add your details to the contact list by e-mail to the co-ordinator, Jessica Weir, jess@aiatsis.gov.au, tel 02 6246 1158.

UWA Short Course on Native Title

Anthropological Issues in Native Title

Date: 16 – 18 July 2001

Venue: Department of Anthropology, UWA, Perth

The Centre for Anthropological Research at The University of Western Australia is offering an intensive three day course concerned with anthropological issues in native title. The course will be of particular interest to professional research staff of Native Title Representative Bodies, private consultants, and government & industry personnel working in the field of native title.

The course will cover such subjects as the proof and content of native title, the role of anthropology in a legal environment, preparation of expert reports and “connection” reports, research methods and techniques, genealogical research, the role of linguistic skills, social and cultural change and anthropological input into negotiated agreements.

The course will be run by Mr Michael Robinson (MA Anthropology, UWA 1973) & Professor David Trigger (PhD Anthropology, UQ 1986), both of whom are experienced practitioners. The course will be available over 3 days & will enrol up to a maximum of 30 participants.

Day 1: Proof of native title – the role of anthropological research

Day 2: Doing anthropological research: practical issues and methods

Day 3: Building anthropological analysis & models of native title

Cost: \$750 for 3 days, or \$275 for single days (+ 10% gst).

Lunches not included, but includes morning & afternoon teas.

For further information about course content, contact:

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To enrol via the web: <http://www.extension.uwa.edu.au>

Dear All,
My name is Luke Hambly and I am writing to announce the launch of a new coursework degree in the Anthropology Graduate Program at the Australian National University in Canberra (ANU) that may be of interest to you and/or your organisation, the Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development (MAAPD)

MAAPD commences 2nd semester 2001 (mid July), and applications for this first intake close June 30, 2001.

MAAPD aims to provide the student with an understanding of the principal ways in which critical social inquiry and method, principally as developed in anthropology, can be applied to design, development, monitoring and evaluation processes that involve community dynamics and participation. It should enable the student to perform social assessment, and advise on cultural and social impacts that may accompany development projects and other applied work. Prospective students would include people who work, or hope to work, in government and non-government organisations, and in corporate and private business contexts, including as consultants, where social evaluation, impact assessment, planning, monitoring and other social expertise is required.

MAAPD is being jointly developed at the ANU by the School of Archaeology & Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, and the Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies. A feature of this development is the creation of four new units which constitute the core of the MAAPD program.

During the preparation process, consultations on MAAPD direction, structure and content have been held with representatives of several government departments, public and private development organisations, and development management and consulting firms. Indications are that the program would provide the kinds of expertise these agencies look for in their activities.

Consultation of this nature is ongoing as we further develop and refine the MAAPD program in the lead up to to the 2nd semester start, and we would certainly welcome further input/dialogue of this sort from your organisation.

You can access details regarding course content, structure, application procedure and more online through our regularly updated site @ <http://anthropology.anu.edu.au/MAAPD>
We are also preparing a printed MAAPD information-application package for distribution in the coming months, if you would like to be sent a copy of this package please contact me through the details listed below.

I am also very interested in hearing from you directly with any other inquiries, feedback, suggestions and comments you may have regarding any aspect of this program. Thanks for your time, and please feel free to forward this message to whomever you believe may also have an interest in MAAPD.

Cheers

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**Globalisation <Live and Online>
13 July – 10 August**

Online Conference – Call for Papers

Key participants of the Globalisation <live and online> conference include Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri and Slavoj Zizek.

These speakers will be joined by key speakers from a concurrent 'live' series of seminars and lectures, including: Dipesh Chakrabarty, Doug Henwood, Paul Smith, Marian Pastor Roces and Stephen Muecke.

The live series will also contain lectures and discussion panels featuring Vandana Shiva and Saskia Sassen at the Adelaide Festival of Ideas (12-15 July), and exhibitions at the art gallery of South Australia and the Experimental Art Foundation.

Call for online papers

Refereed clusters will include the following topics:

- Global economies – global culture – globalising art;
- Protest movements – local, regional, global dynamics;
- International aid and human rights – global ecologies – the www;
- World administration (WTO, UN, World Bank).

Abstracts of 300-500 words are due 1 May 2001:

Mail to archss@adelaide.edu.au or fax to (+61) 8 8303 4882

How the online conference works

- . Online keynote papers will be available to all registered delegates, and authors will respond to questions in delegate discussion forums.
- . Each cluster will be addressed by a 'panel' of refereed papers and an attached discussion forum.
- . A public discussion forum will also go online on July 16 – registration for this is not required.
- . All participants need a working email address and access to the internet.
- . Key papers and delegate discussion surrounding key papers will be available in both English and French.
- . The conference will be hosted at <http://arts.adelaide.edu.au/ARCHSS/> - more information is currently available at this site.

For questions about the online or live series: contact the ARCHSS administrative officer, Judy Barlow: Ph: (+61) 8 8303 4817 Fax: (+61) 8 8303 4882

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Registration information will be online from May 1, 2001.