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Launch of the Clearing House: our first step toward an Applied Section of AAS

Dear AAS Members,

As you are all aware, for some time now a sub-committee of AAS has been investigating the possibility of establishing an Applied Section of AAS. This has been proposed with a view to providing access to professional services for members who are practising anthropologists, in particular, those who are employed outside universities and research-based institutions.

In 2000 a survey conducted by AAS through AASNET found that at least a *third* of the current membership was interested in such a facility for access to appropriate professional support services. The majority of survey respondents indicated that a willingness to pay between \$100 - \$200 as a membership fee for an Applied Section.

At the beginning of 2001 the Society's first electronic Newsletter explained that the idea was continuing to be developed. AAS had taken the next step in the process by obtaining legal advice as to constitutional issues involved and matters of liability.

The legal advice has now been received and was recently considered by the current Executive. We are very pleased to announce that as a first step toward the full realisation of an Applied Section we are launching the 'Clearing House'!

What is the Clearing House?

The Clearing House will be our first step towards a more ambitious aim of establishing an Applied Section. It is also a step that can be established without any need to amend the AAS

constitution. This has been verified by legal advice.

At this stage, the Clearing House will be an email based service providing information pertinent to matters of professional practice and access to a range of services of interest to consultants in the management of their consultancy work. Access to the email service will be regulated and only available to Clearing House subscribers.

What services will the Clearing House offer?

The Clearing House seeks to provide professional support to anthropologists. This aspiration falls within the objects of the AAS constitution. These objects are to 'promote professional training and practise in anthropology'.

The subscription funds will enable AAS to purchase expert advice. The information-based service will be triggered in two ways. *First*, by responding directly to questions from members seeking information, and *second*, by proactively informing members of conferences, developments in professional and support services relevant to the profession, and potentially including access to information about small business management and growth.

AAS has been able to secure access to professional indemnity insurance as a first step. However, we are also in the final stages of securing services for legal and financial management and capacity building for small businesses.

Our First Initiative for Clearing House members

The first initiative of the Clearing House and one which can be accessed immediately concerns professional indemnity insurance.

Anthropologists who undertake consultancy work have known for some time of the importance of protecting themselves through insurance. However, many anthropologists may not know that a *necessary* condition of any consultancy employment now requires that the consultant have professional indemnity insurance.

In the field of consultancy research with indigenous Australians ATSIC and other government departments makes such insurance a mandatory condition of the contract and the employment eligibility of all consultants.

AAS have already approached a major insurance broker and underwriter regarding competitive rates and policy terms for professional indemnity insurance for AAS members.

How can I join the Clearing House?

Any person who is currently a member of AAS can join the Clearing House. There is subscription fee of \$100.00 to join. But you cannot join the Clearing House without first joining AAS.

We envisage that membership of the Clearing House would constitute a new type of membership in the Society, to which all existing Fellows and Ordinary members would be eligible to join in addition to their current AAS membership. It is anticipated that the subscription, like AAS general membership, will be tax deductible.

This is an *exciting* initiative for AAS members. If you wish to join the

Clearing House please contact AAS for a membership form at the following:

- **By post:** AAS, LPO Box 99A
ANU, Canberra, ACT 2601.
- **By email:** aas@anu.edu.au
- **By fax:** [02] 6125 2711

Please indicate the subscription is for the Clearing House service and ensure that your current email address is enclosed.

Once your membership application and fee is received by AAS, you will receive email instructions on how to access the electronic bulletin board where details of our first service on professional indemnity insurance can be found.

Julie Finlayson

President

STOP-PRESS: AAS WEBSITE

Thanks to the much-appreciated work of Dave Martin and Don Gardner, the AAS at long last again has a functional website:

<http://anthropology.edu.au/aas>

at which membership application forms and much more can be found.

Details of the website for the September 2001 AAS conference, assembled by John Morton and his team, is:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/socpol/aas.htm>

Conference details can also be found under the conference news from page 10 below.

Chris Watson

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Phone (02) 6125 3208 e-mail: aas@anu.edu.au

Date:

Re: Membership form for AAS Clearing House

I.....am currently a member of AAS and wish to apply for membership of the Clearing House.

Name:

Address:

Contact details:

Email:

Phone/Fax

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$100.00 made payable to ‘Australian Anthropological Society’.

Foreshadowed Business for September 2001 AGM

- **A Message from the Secretary: Nominations for new office bearers**

We are now seeking nominations for new office bearers in 2001/2002. These nominations should be made on the accompanying form and posted to me at Department of Anthropology, University of Adelaide, Adelaide 5005 by 27 July. Should anyone request information regarding the duties of the positions available, please contact the relevant office bearer. Please do not post nominations to Chris Watson as she will be away until 8 August.

Thank you,
Fiona Magowan

- **From the Accreditation Committee: Re Overseas applicants**

Background: the Memberships committee needs to be able to deal more effectively with applications for AAS membership from overseas applicants. We have had a few such applications in the last few months from persons overseas, and/or who have studied, worked or otherwise been overseas for such periods of time that current references for them are most suitably written by academics and others at overseas institutions. In some cases, the applicant cites overseas qualifications which need to be considered by the Memberships Committee; but in such cases to date, these qualifications have been found to be easily interpretable. A question has arisen around the acceptability of overseas referees for such people. The committee would be assisted by a specific provision about referees on our books enabling us to deal with such cases more expeditiously.

MOVED: That overseas applicants for AAS membership be allowed to nominate one or more overseas institutional referees, whose references the Membership committee may wish to take up in order to give the application adequate consideration.

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Nomination Form

For the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Members (two positions).

Positions on the Executive Committee must be filled by Fellows of the Society.

IMPORTANT: Nominations must be received by close of business on Friday July 27, 2001 and should be addressed to: The Secretary, Australian Anthropological Society, c/- Department of Anthropology, University of Adelaide SA, 5005. Fax (08) 8303 5733 or E.mail fmagowan@camtech.net.au

Proposer

I hereby nominate
[name] [name]

for election as of the Society.
[specify position]

(signed) /..... / 2000

Secunder

I hereby second the nomination of
[name] [name]

for election as of the Society.
[specify position]

(signed) /..... / 2000

Acceptance

I hereby accept the nomination for the election
[name]

as of the Society.
[specify position]

(signed) /..... / 2001

'Many exchanges: Archaeology, history, community and the work of Isabel McBryde'

Provisional Symposium Program

**Saturday 28th July 2001,
Common Room, University House,
ANU, Canberra**

9.00am - 9.45am

Registration

Morning Session

Chair: Mary-Jane Mountain

9.45am - 10.00am

Introduction and local Indigenous welcome

10.00am - 10.25am

John Mulvaney

A life of archaeological work, including the AIATSIS, ANU

10.25am - 10.45am

Dave Johnston and Robyn Bancroft

Indigenous students' perspectives on archaeology at the ANU

10.45am - 11.05am

Peter Read

Aboriginal History journal: Establishment, continuity and change

Morning Tea 11.05 - 11.45

Afternoon Session

Chair: Wilfred Shawcross

11.50am - 12.10pm

Denis Byrne

'Messages to Manila'

12.10 - 12.30

Mike Pearson

Title to be announced

12.30 - 12.50

Speaker to be announced

ICOMOS/ World heritage Uluru/Willandra Lakes

12.50 - 1.00pm

Rob Paton

Mt William quarries: History and implications

1.00 - 2.30 Lunch

Dave Johnston M.C.

2.30pm - 3.00pm Sharon Sullivan

A tribute (NPWS, AHC)

3.00pm - 4.00

Open forum for discussion, stories, reminiscences, with a focus on the exchange theme and how it runs through the diverse aspects of Prof McBryde's work.

4.00pm Music and drinks

End 4.30/5.00pm

Guide to accommodation on ANU campus:

University House - The Hotel

Tel 02 6125 5211 Internet www.anu.edu.au/unihouse

Single room \$96, Twin room \$106, double \$110. Special internet rates available.

Liversidge Court Apartments

Brian Lewis Crescent (off Liversidge St)

Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200

Tel (02) 6243 3100

Recently refurbished apartments in quiet location opposite University House.

Other accommodation within reasonable walking distance of ANU:

Novotel Hotel

Northbourne Avenue, City

Tel 02 6245 5000

Standard Room \$154

Waldorf Apartments

2A Akuna Street, City

Tel 02 6229 1234 FREECALL 1800 188 388

One Bedroom Apartment \$148.00

Canberra City Backpackers

7 Akuna Street, City

Tel (02) 6229 0888 Fax (02) 6229 0777

Single \$60.00, Double \$95 with ensuite

**For further information about accommodation options, please contact Canberra
Tourist Information: (02) 6205 0044**

Registration Form

'A symposium to celebrate the work of Isabel McBryde'

**Saturday 28th July 2001,
Common Room, University House,
ANU, Canberra**

9.00-9.45 a.m. registration

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Please indicate if you intend sending or bringing photographs or other material for display:

I am unable to attend the conference but would like the attached message to be read out at the conference.

Registration cost is \$65.00, and includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch, wine and music (please let us know if you would like to perform).

Cheques payable to 'Aboriginal History Inc.'

Please send to: Aboriginal History Inc

c/o Robert Paton, 58 Cleopatra St, Blackheath, NSW 2785

(M) 0419 736459 Fax (02) 4787 5115 by 20 July 2001

**AAS Conference 2001
27-29 September
Bundoora Campus, La Trobe University, Melbourne**

**Conference Theme
'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.

The conference organisers invite you to consider this predicament throughout the conference. However, conference sessions will not be limited by their direct relevance to the conference theme.

**Keynote Speaker
Professor George E. Marcus (Anthropology, Rice University)**

Professor Marcus' keynote address is titled:

*Beyond Malinowski and After Writing Culture:
On the Future of Cultural Anthropology and the Predicament of Ethnography*

Conference Website

The conference website has been partly constructed and will be regularly updated in the coming weeks.

The url is: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/socpol/anthropology/aas.htm>

Further Call for Sessions and Papers

After the initial call for papers, the conference organisers have so far received full details of eight proposed sessions (see below) and incomplete details for a further five. That makes thirteen possible sessions at the present time, although the organisers are expecting there to be more than this number. **The deadline for session proposals has been extended (see below)**. Proposals for posters, individual papers or any other form of presentation are all also welcome.

If you wish to propose a session you need to do so by the **extended deadline of 27 July** at the latest.

Full details of sessions (number of speakers, titles of papers and abstracts of not more than 250 words) will have to be ready by **the extended deadline of 24 August**. Collation of this material will, in the first instance, be the responsibility of session convenors.

Please address all enquiries and details about sessions to:

Dr John Morton
Sociology & Anthropology
School of Social Sciences
La Trobe University
Victoria 3086
Email: J.Morton@latrobe.edu.au
Telephone: (+61 3) 9479 1445
Fax: (+61 3) 9479 2705

Registration

Costs

The prices below include:

- Basic conference fee
- Morning and afternoon tea/coffee
- BBQ dinner (including drinks) on Friday 28 September

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| Full fee | \$125 |
| Full fee (discounted – must register by 3 August) | \$105 |
| Concession fee (full time students & unemployed – proof required) | \$75 |
| Concession fee (discounted – must register by 3 August) | \$60 |

Procedure

A registration form is now available and is appended below. A copy of the form will also be found soon on the conference website. Once you have filled in and sent the form, you will be mailed a copy of your registration and given a confirmation number. Please quote this number in all subsequent matters.

Return your registration form by fax or mail (contact details below). The conference organisers are also hoping to introduce a secure line on the website so that payment can be made electronically. People are free to register by email, but please note that email is not fully secure in relation to your credit card details. If you do register by email, please make sure you follow the format of the registration form.

Payment options

You may attach a cheque to your mailed registration form and send it to:

AAS Conference Registration
Sociology & Anthropology
School of Social Sciences
La Trobe University
Victoria 3086

Alternatively, enter your credit card details (Bankcard, Mastercard & Visa only accepted) on the mailed or faxed registration form. The fax number is:

(03) 9479 2705

As stated earlier, you can register by email (although this is not recommended) and it may be possible in the near future to register through the website. If you do register by email, send your details to J.Morton@latrobe.edu.au

Further Information

For all further information about the conference (including available accommodation), please consult the conference website, which will be continually updated.

Registration Form

**Australian Anthropological Society Conference 2001
27-29 September
Bundoora Campus, La Trobe University, Melbourne**

Title **First Name**

Surname

Institutional Affiliation (as you wish it to appear on name tag)

.....

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Fee Category (please tick the appropriate box)

| | | Place tick here |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| Full fee | \$125 | |
| Full fee (discounted – must register by 3 August) | \$105 | |
| Concession fee (full time students & unemployed – proof required) | \$75 | |
| Concession fee (discounted – must register by 3 August) | \$60 | |

Payment Method

Option 1: I enclose a cheque for \$.....

Option 2: Please debit my credit card to the sum of \$.....

BANKCARD / MASTERCARD / VISA (please circle)

Card number

Expiry date

_____ / _____

Signature

Registration number (office use only)

Mail to: AAS Conference Registration, Sociology & Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic. 3086. Or fax to: (03) 9479 2705.

Calls for Papers by Session Organisers

The following five calls for papers have previously been posted on AASnet. There are at least eight further sessions currently being organised, but the organisers have not posted calls for papers in any public forum. The conference organisers expect the number of sessions to exceed the thirteen possibles that have so far been mooted.

1. Encounters: Exploring an Epistemology of Personal Acquaintance

Starting at the end of Fabian's (1983:156) critique of the distancing mechanisms in anthropological writings, but expanding on his brief remarks, we ask the questions: What would be the "points of departure of a theory of coevalness" rather than its denial? In what ways, in contrast to "contemplative theories of knowledge" (ibid: 160), could and do we encounter the presence of the other (marking a shift, as we might call it, from a "talking ABOUT" the other to a "talking WITH" the other)? Beyond language as praxis (ibid. 161ff), what is the nature and possibility of these interactions? In what ways are these encounters productive? If, by focusing on these issues of copresence and copresencing, we change the type of knowledge we produce in anthropology, what might these "new knowledges" look like or entail?

We would like to invite contributors to consider the ways in which particular encounters (as established in the field and deepened over subsequent years) open up the chapter of an epistemology of personal acquaintance which might be critically addressed and analytically explored.

Contact

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or

Franca Tamisari . email: franca.tamisari@anthropology.usyd.edu.au (Anthropology, University of Sydney, NSW 2006)

2. The Anthropology of Water

The cultural ideas attached to water, and the social interactions in which it is involved, are increasingly significant subjects of inquiry in Australia and elsewhere. While water is central to all human lives and histories, there is considerable variation - and also many cross-cultural continuities - in the beliefs, practices and sentiments associated with water.

The convenors of this session seek papers which address anthropological analyses of water in a range of ethnographic settings. Contributors may wish to focus on topics which include fresh and saltwater sources; cultural meanings attached to interpretations of water; the relationship between land and water; political and ecological consequences of environmental degradation; the changing relationship between water sources, humans and

other life forms. Responses to the effect of the absence or presence of water may also provide a distinct line of inquiry. Interested participants are invited to contact one of the convenors with a title and abstract of no more than 100 words.

Contact

Sandy Toussaint. email: toussain@cyllene.uwa.edu.au (Anthropology, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, WA 6907. Telephone: 08.9380.3884)

or

Veronica Strang. email: v.strang@appleonline.net

3. The Study of Rural Cultures in Settler Societies: An emergent research theme in Anthropology?

Ethnographic research on the nature of "rurality" in settler societies is increasingly being undertaken among anthropologists. Topical issues include: an entrenched cultural hierarchy operating between cities and the bush; senses of history and identity (with the land, for example) among settler descendant populations in rural settings; and "place" as a basis for identity politics that has been ignored amidst researchers' over-riding concerns with race, gender and class.

Some studies suggest that awareness of theoretical fashions among intellectuals, as well as their own urban locations, do not position scholars well to achieve nuanced studies of rural cultures. This panel invites contributions that engage with such issues in a wide range of settings beyond urban environments.

Interested participants are invited to contact the convenor with a title and abstract of no more than 100 words.

Contact

Stephanie Hammill. email: shammill@cyllene.uwa.edu.au (Department of Anthropology, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, WA 6907)

4. New Directions in Indigeneity and Identity Research

This panel will explore new theoretical and topical developments in research on identity formation in relation to indigeneity. A number of challenges to and extensions of the concept of 'identity' have emerged over the past decade. Some of these have developed out of work on indigeneity, while others have not yet been fully explored. This panel will be particularly interested in exploring contemporary indigenous identity in relation to globalisation, migration, and intersections with other identifications such as race, sexuality, and/or class, with a view to analysing how these processes and categories problematize formulations of and assumptions about indigeneity and identity as representational concepts.

Interested participants are invited to contact one of the convenors with a title and abstract of no more than 100 words NO LATER THAN 25 July 2001.

Contact

David Murray. email david.murray@adelaide.edu.au (Department of Anthropology, Adelaide University, SA 5005; phone 08 8303 4285)

or

Erez Cohen. email erez@picknowl.com.au (Department of Anthropology, Adelaide University, Adelaide, SA 5005)

5. Anthropologists and Native Title: Research at the Rock Face

Anthropological research for native title must be among the most 'applied' methodologies to date. Emphasis on 'quick' short-term research versus the more sustained (and detailed) work that two or more years allow is one of the practical difficulties besetting the field anthropologist, whether he/she is a consultant or in-house with a land council or legal service. I am fortunate to have been an in-house anthropologist for four years, focussed exclusively on native title for a particular land claim. But the nature of the work was so different from what I had done in the past that my oral history methodology needed to be re-appraised and adapted. Probably others have similar experiences. The quality and quantity of research material that can be worked through in straightened circumstances is a related issue. Are these matters additional symptoms of fragmentation? Papers are invited to explore the range of issues that such generalisations suggest. The application is broad, constrained only by the conference's general theme and your inventiveness.

Contact

Bruce Shaw, Noongar Land Council, Perth WA. Email: bruces@noongar.org.au
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brucom@highway1.com.au Phone (08) 9314 2513

6. EAT ME! An Anthropological Examination of Food

...life involves before everything else eating and drinking...
Karl Marx, *Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy*

It stays there a detailed obsession like the memory of being loved.
Philip Hodgins, *Milk*

Articulating the material assumptions of human existence expressed above by Marx, anthropologists have collected vast repertoires of ethnographic detail concerning the social, political, economic, religious and symbolic significance of food. Nevertheless, the

cultural materiality of food is in no way exhausted by discussions of production, distribution and symbolic meaning. A number of anthropological argonauts have attempted to find a place for corporeality at the generative core of meaning-making, extending the materialist trajectory into the more intimate waters of subjectivity, embodiment and culture as experience. Do these heroic gestures signal the homeward leg of a lengthy and harrowing odyssey or port-calls on just another pleasure-cruise?

This panel will examine the materialities of food as the stuff which is *eaten*—that which is consumed and experienced at once as both imperative and pleasure. The moment of eating is a corporeal blending of economics, politics, sociality and aesthetics, entwined in life-history and cultural memory. The aim of the panel is to bring together the breadth of anthropological insight concerning wider productive and social processes and the experiential modalities of consumption.

We invite grounded, theoretically-luscious, ethnographically-succulent papers which examine these complexities. Some starting points for thought and discussion might be:

- taste and meaning (cf. Stoller)
- eating and embodiment
- hunger and satiation
- food preparation, presentation, consumption (cf. Elias)
- meal sharing and the erotics of public intimacy
- cuisine and identity
- food, memory and nostalgia (cf. Seremetakis)
- eating the Other (cf. Hage)
- taste sensations, fieldwork & insight

We look forward to a diverse range of papers which will stimulate the anthropological imagination.

Contact

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7. Roger Sandall's *The Culture Cult: A Symposium*

From time to time something written by an anthropologist makes the news. This has recently been the case in relation to Roger Sandall's *The Culture Cult: Designer Tribalism and Other Essays*. Reactions to the book have been mixed, but they have been widespread, with extracts or commentaries appearing in newspapers and on radio in the both Australia and the USA. This popular appeal is not difficult to account for. The book is direct, highly readable and very controversial. Some have praised it to the hilt; others have slammed it; and some have suggested that, whatever its merits or shortcomings, the book raises extremely important issues that need a public airing – particularly in relation to Indigenous affairs in the English-speaking world.

The following lines are taken from the book's cover blurb:

The Culture Cult is an acerbic critique of that longing widespread in society today to 'retreat from civilization'. From Rousseau and the Noble Savage to modern defenders of ethnicity such as Isaiah Berlin and Karl Polanyi, a prominent intellectual fashion has over-romanticized the virtues of tribal life. In contrast, another tradition, represented by Karl Popper, Michael Polanyi, and Ernest Gellner, defends modern values and civil society. ... The romantic insistence on the superiority of the primitive is increasingly grounded in a fictionalized picture of the past – a picture often created with the aid of well-meaning but misguided anthropologists. Such idealizations work to the detriment of the very people they are meant to help, for they isolate minorities from such undeniable benefits of modern society as literacy and health care ...

There is clearly much here for anthropologists to discuss. Moreover, given the public airing of the book, discussion might be said to be urgent. Broad topics that could be profitably pondered in relation to a critical discussion of the book include:

- the history of the concepts of culture and civilization;
- the relationship between the idea of the Noble Savage and other idealizations of the primitive;
- contemporary uses and critiques of primitivism in anthropology;
- the impact of primitivist idealizations on public policy and attendant practices.

Some people have already been invited to speak on this panel (including Roger Sandall, who declined to participate), but the session organiser welcomes any further suggestions for presentations.

Contact

John Morton. Email j.morton@latrobe.edu.au

(Sociology & Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic 3086. Phone 03 9479 1445; Fax 03 9479 2705)

8. More Than a Game? - Perspectives on Australian Rules Football

This year's annual conference of the Australian Anthropological Society is a Melbourne event, and it happens to coincide with another significant Melbourne landmark in the Australian calendar – the AFL Grand Final, to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 29 September at the MCG. Many conference goers will be pleased to know that there will be a special large-screening of the Grand Final in La Trobe University's Eagle Bar. But what will Aussie Rules fans do to occupy their time in the morning?

One possibility would be to talk footy.

The anthropology of sport is a burgeoning field, closely allied to similar growth in sociology, cultural studies, history and other related disciplines. I would like to know if any commentators (not necessarily identified as anthropologists) would be willing to join an AFL panel and give presentations on Grand Final morning. A number of people have been invited to be on this panel, but I am keen to hear about paper proposals from others. There will probably be room for about 6-8 presentations.

If you are interested, please submit a title and abstract (c 100-150 words) to the organiser by Friday 27 July.

Contact

Stella Coram. Email Stella.Coram@education.monash.edu.au
Telephone (03) 9578 7874 (h)

Books

Books request

The East African University in Bosaaso, Somalia, is asking for donations of books. "The University presently offers courses in business administration, Islamic studies and Shari'a law, and education. It has specifically requested books on history, education, sociology, anthropology, linguistics, law, management, business and English language, as well as computers and educational materials such as maps. The Somali community in Melbourne has raised the funds for a container load, which they would like to send off in November or December. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated"

Since the AAS conference is coming up in September it would be an ideal time to bring along with you any books you can donate!

For further details contact:

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OR . Dr Helen Morton (Sociology and Anthropology, La Trobe University
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Websites to visit for other enrolments or registrations

- **UWA professional development native title course**

http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/AnthropWWW/current/nt_course.htm

Please note that the number of enrolments will be limited to 30 places and anyone interested in enrolling should do so as soon as possible.

- **'The Past and Future of Land Rights and Native Title' conference**

People wishing to register for AIATSIS' conference, The Past and Future of Land Rights and Native Title should visit the following website:

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ntru_conferences.htm

Recent publications

- ***Native Title in the New Millennium Native Title Representative Bodies Legal Conference 16-20 April 2000: Melbourne, Victoria*** Bryan Keon-Cohen, editor

This publication presents 31 papers from a conference jointly sponsored by the Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corp. and the Native Title Unit of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. The papers were presented by legal practitioners, industry leaders, academics, consultants and staff from Representative Bodies and the National Native Title Tribunal. Their coverage is inclusive and the intention has been to offer a thorough description of the current state of native title law and practice. A CD of the complete proceedings is included.

The book has sections on constitutional issues, the federal courts case management, State and Territory alternative schemes, economic development, alternative approaches, issues related to particular claims and methods, Indigenous Land Use Agreements, Indigenous land claims in Canada, New Zealand and South Africa and the application of international law and conventions in Australia. (2001) 480 pages, indexes of cases, statutes and topics, bibliography, maps, 25 x 17.5 cm, paperbound. CD included providing links to cases and statutes and complete proceedings. ISBN 0 85575 376 5. Price \$59.95.

- ***Aboriginal Sydney: A Guide to Important Places of the Past and Present***, by Melinda Hinkson with photographs by Alana Harris, Aboriginal Studies Press, AIATSIS. 200pp, RRP \$33 + postage.

A new book by social anthropologist Melinda Hinkson with photographs by renowned Wiradjuri/Ngannawal photographer Alana Harris explores the Aboriginal heritage of the greater Sydney region. Researched and produced in consultation with Sydney's major Aboriginal organisations, land councils and community representatives, the 50 places profiled in *Aboriginal Sydney* include camping areas, rock engravings and shell middens, as well as sites of more recent historic events and places which are the focus of Aboriginal cultural expression today. *Aboriginal Sydney* is both a guidebook and something of an alternative social history of Sydney. As a guide it provides practical information including maps, street directory references and detailed discussion of the significance of each site. Read cover to cover the book provides an overview of Sydney's Aboriginal history before and since colonisation.

Aboriginal Sydney will be of interest to residents and visitors to Sydney, as well as those keen to know more about the Aboriginal heritage of Australia's largest metropolis.

Both publications are available from: Customer Service
Aboriginal Studies Press, AIATSIS
GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601 sales@aiatsis.gov.au

As we go to press: News of a new book from Oxford University Press www.oup.com.au:
Working on Country: Contemporary Indigenous management of Australia's lands and coastal regions, (eds) Dr Richard Baker and Dr Jocelyn Davies. 300pages A\$49.95

International Conferences

- **Ninth International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS 9).**

Edinburgh, Scotland, 9-13 September 2002.

Theme: 'Hunter-gatherer studies and the reshaping of anthropology'.

There is still space in several sessions. If anyone wants to attend and has not yet submitted an abstract, please do so as soon as possible by e-mail to Alan Barnard.

Details of sessions and a pre-registration form available from the conference **website:**

<<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology/chags9.htm>><http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology/chags9.htm>

Co-convenors: Alan Barnard (A.Barnard@ed.ac.uk), and Tim Ingold (tim.ingold@abdn.ac.uk).

- **International SYMPOSIUM UNESCO in co-operation with the CNRS.
Second part (17 and 18 May 2001):
New Technologies, Anthropology, Museology and Indigenous Knowledge**

French and English abstracts of this conference are now available on line. Access to the abstracts is via

<http://ausanthrop.iinet.net.au/>

- **Mediating Human Rights and Democracy:
Indonesia, Australia and the Netherlands
Curtin University of Technology,
Perth, Western Australia
4-5 February 2002**

Democratic transformation in Indonesia has given citizens new freedoms. It has also led to unprecedented ethnic and religious violence. In the globalised politics and culture of the 21st century, such violence as has occurred in Aceh and Muslim-Christian wars in Maluku is never a matter of national politics alone. Other nations and communities are implicated in Indonesia's transformations by virtue of their colonial legacies, political relationships and media coverage.

The conference aims to address pressing issues of international responsibility in the present crisis, focusing in particular on the roles that might be played by Australia and the Netherlands, in conjunction with Indonesians at the national level. Given that representation plays a crucial part in the creation and resolution of humanitarian crises, the central theme of this conference will be to explore the complex relationship between the media, democracy and human rights.

Call for Papers:

This is an international, interdisciplinary conference which invites problem-centred and analytical papers focusing on one or more of the following issues and themes:

- . media representation of conflicts
- . media and democratisation
- . media and human rights
- . Indonesia and media constructions of Australia and the 'West'
- . post-colonial nationalisms
- . media and international diplomacy
- . international actions for Aceh, Maluku, Papua, Kalimantan
- . being foreign correspondent
- . global media and national politics
- . international journalism and its consequences
- . public broadcasting in a democracy
- . colonial history and conflict
- . media regulation

Dates:

- 28 September 2001 Submission of abstracts
- 20 October 2001 Notification of acceptance of paper
- 20 December 2001 Submission of full paper
- 30 November 2001 Early registration rate closes

Paper formats:

Individual papers are twenty minutes plus ten minutes discussion. Workshops and panels are ninety minutes maximum, though may be shorter. Please specify in your submission.

Proposals should include the following:

- Title
- Abstract (no more than 250 words). Indicate format of paper (paper, workshop, panel)
- Author(s), including biodata (50 words)
- Equipment needs (OHP, VCR, Ethernet connection etc)
- Institution of affiliation
- Email, fax, phone

Proposals can be sent by email to: mediating@api-network.com (electronic versions are preferred), or faxed to 61 8 9266 3152. The deadline for proposals is 28 September, 2001. Abstracts will be posted on the website in October-November.

Registration:

Registration on line via the website <http://www.api-network.com/mediating> is preferred.

Registration fees:

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| Paid by November 30, 2001 | \$ 297.00 |
| Paid after November 30, 2001 | \$352.00 |
| One-day registration | \$198.00 |

Further details:

<http://www.api-network.com/mediating>

- **Re-Thinking Indigenous Self-Determination**
**An International Conference on the Theory and Practice of
Indigenous Self-determination**

**The Centre for Democracy
The University Of Queensland
Brisbane, Queensland
25 —28 September 2001**

Aims of the Conference

The conference aims to promote critical evaluation of the theory and practice of Indigenous self-determination in Australia, Canada, Scandinavia and elsewhere. One objective is to broaden the terms of reference by which we understand Indigenous self-determination. The conference will also draw out theoretical problems and practical possibilities for Indigenous self-determination.

The significance of the conference will be in:

- . Recognising the variety of ways in which Indigenous peoples around the world have both deployed the idea and pursued the goal of self-determination,
- . Undertaking a re-evaluation of the concept to reveal the variety of political options available for the pursuit of Indigenous self-determination, and
- . Examining the application of international human rights law to Indigenous self-determination.

The conference offers the opportunity for Indigenous people, scholars and policy formulators engaged either in the study or the practice of Indigenous self-determination to share their experiences.

Conference Themes

Five broad themes and a number of sub-themes have been identified for the conference:

- . **Theory and practice** : the history, theory, philosophy, politics and current developments in Indigenous self-determination
- . **Comparative perspectives** . experiences, models and case studies from Australia, Canada, Scandinavia, New Zealand and elsewhere
- . **Law** . legal practice, constitutional models and institutions of self-determination, the interface between international and domestic law
- . **Governance and accountability** . accommodating indigenous self-determination in liberal democracies, the accountability interface, models and case studies
- . **Transforming Conflict** . indigenous processes, conflict resolution, alternative dispute resolution, mediation.

Two distinguished Indigenous keynote speakers will address the conference:

- . **Professor Larissa Behrendt**, Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies and Director of the Jumbunna Unit, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. Professor Behrendt will deliver a keynote address on Wednesday 26 September
- . **Dr Tom Happynook**, Chairman, World Council of Whalers, Canada. Dr Happynook will address the conference dinner on the evening of Thursday 27 September.

Program

As the conference program develops, details will be posted on the conference website: www.uq.edu.au/politics/risd

Papers

Abstracts of conference papers should be submitted by **1 June 2001** and full papers by **1 July 2001**. Papers will be accepted until September 1. Abstracts and papers received will be posted on the conference website. It may not be possible, however, to put papers submitted after July 1 on the website.

Examples of conference sessions are as follows – please check conference website for full details.

‘Indigenous Self-Determination and Transforming Conflict’

A stream within ‘Re-Thinking Indigenous Self-Determination’, a conference to re-evaluate the theory and practice of Indigenous self-determination.

Arising out of their experiences of colonisation, Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in post-colonial nation-states are faced with a legacy of fear, mistrust and alienation. Within such states there often exist intense intercultural conflicts. As a consequence, a wide range of mechanisms for transforming conflict (from distinctly Indigenous justice and harmony ceremonies to Western conflict resolution, mediation and alternative dispute resolution) are promoted as ways of peacemaking, peacebuilding and moving toward reconciliation. This stream of the conference aims to explore the various methods of transforming conflict with a view to contributing to the theory and practice of Indigenous self-determination.

We invite those interested to present papers that:

- share experiences of the recovery of Indigenous methods, realities, and ways of knowing through conflict processing,
- formulate critiques of mechanisms for transforming conflict in terms of their relation to Indigenous self-determination,
- offer theoretical, empirical or experiential reflections on the relationship between Indigenous self-determination and transforming conflict within and between communities.

Papers will be considered for an edited publication arising from the conference stream.

Abstracts due: 1 June, 2001
Papers due: 1 July, 2001

Conference Registration

For registration, details for submission of papers, accommodation etc., please visit: www.uq.edu.au/govt.risd1
For further details about the transforming conflict stream, please contact: Morgan Brigg & Polly Walker (61 7) 3346 1401 m.brigg@mailbox.uq.edu.au
Registration Form and Tax Invoice (This document will become a tax invoice for GST upon payment.)

To register, please complete the form below and mail (or fax if paying by credit card) to:
Peter Balmer, Centre for Democracy, School of Political Science and International Studies The University of Queensland, Brisbane QLD 4072, Australia
Fax: + 61 73365 1388

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Payment Details

Payment must be forwarded with this registration form and be by cheque (made payable in Aust dollars to The University of Queensland) or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Bankcard only).

The University of Queensland
ABN 63 942 912 684.
All prices include GST.

Registration fee

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| Standard fee (to be paid by 1 September 2001): | \$A275 | \$A |
| Early bird fee (to be paid prior to 1 July 2001): | \$A220 | \$A |
| Concession (full time students, unemployed) | \$A150 | \$A |
| <i>Conference Dinner</i> (Thursday 27 September): | \$A20 | \$A |

Total: (The total price includes GST)

There will be a daily registration rate of \$AIOO payable between 9 and 10am daily.

Credit Card Details:

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