

Sussex Anthropologist

Newsletter of the Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex

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- Sussex Anthropology's MA Programmes are still recruiting. For more information go to: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/anthropology/pgstudy/madegrees>
- Sussex Anthropology appoints new Professor in Development Studies. We are very pleased to welcome **Professor Andrea Cornwall**, who joins us from the Institute of Development Studies.
- New research grants for work on the impact of global recession on UK communities, water security in Uganda, Visions of the Virgin Mary.

Sussex Anthropology Launches New Website



wishing to find out about us. As you can see here, the new site features a much more colourful design with plenty of photographs from our research. It also contains full information about the Department and its research, Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes—both MAs and the PhD—and links to People and Contacts.

Whether you are already part of the Department, or interested to find out more about the life and work of Sussex Anthropology, please visit the site and let us know what you think.

The URL remains:

www.sussex.ac.uk/anthropology

Alongside the other Departments in the School of Global Studies, Sussex Anthropology has been working for the last year or so on a new website, which has now gone live.

In keeping with the University's new website design, the site provides all the information needed by both members of the Department—students and staff at all levels—and those from outside

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Welcome to Sussex—and to Arts C!

A number of Visiting Researchers and Postdoctoral Fellows have visited Sussex over the last term, from all parts of the world.

David Picherit joined us from Paris I Sorbonne, and works on labour worlds, migration, development and politics, particularly in India. **Roberta Bivar**

Carneiro Campos joined us from Universidade Federal de Per-

numbaco, Brazil. She works on religious pluralism, religion, body and emotion in Brazil. **Heath Cabot** joined us from University of California, Santa Cruz, and works on migration, rights and asylum in Greece.

Paul Clough also visited from the University of Malta, one of our European Erasmus exchange partners, who taught sessions for

the DPhil students and those on the Anthropology of Africa course.

Finally, welcome to Arts C all the DPhil students and Postdoctoral Researchers who had offices in Arts D and E. These buildings are due for demolition in the summer, and we are very glad to have their previous residents as our new neighbours.

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Anthropology and Representation



Jo Goodman, who has been elected at University of Sussex Students Union sabbatical officer for Welfare, 2010-2011

As Edmund Leach confirmed, communication is central to successful social process. In Anthropology, the main points of communication between faculty and students are the Representatives who attend meetings and discuss the direction of the Department.

We are lucky to have a fantastic team of Representatives, for both students, researchers and tutors. The Representatives are:

Year 1 Representative: Situation Vacant: please consider taking on the role!

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Associate Tutor Representative: Benji Zeitlyn—
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Post-Doctoral and Early Career Researcher Representative (Global Studies): Alice Street—A.Street@sussex.ac.uk

If you have any issues you would

like to raise, then please do get in touch with your Representative.

The recent University of Sussex Students Union (USSU) elections have given broader representative roles to two Sussex Anthropology students, who have been elected as sabbatical officers for 2010-2011. **Jo Goodman** has been elected as Welfare Officer **Sol Schonfield** has been elected as Communications Officer.

Meanwhile, **Jon Mitchell** takes over as **Head of Department** in July 2010. He is looking forward to working with the reps.

Recent PhD Successes

A number of PhD students have successfully defended their theses in viva examinations.

Anna Arnone was passed with minor corrections for her thesis *Being Eritrean in Milan: the Constitution of Identity*. **Genner Llanes Ortiz** also passed the viva for his thesis *Indigenous Universities and the Construction of Interculturality: the case of the Peasant and Indigenous University Network in Yucatan,*

Mexico. Our third recent completion was **Benji Zeitlyn** for his thesis *Growing up Local in London and Sylhet*.

Sussex Anthropology was also successful in securing two ESRC studentships to start in October 2010. **James McMurray** will begin a 1+3 programme of Msc+PhD to examine language and religion among the Uyghur minority of Xinjiang Province,

Western China. **Jamie Barnes** will begin a PhD, building on his MSc, to examine new Christian networks across the Balkans.

This is the last year of the current ESRC funding regime, and the Department is involved in a bid for future funding as part of a Sussex-wide ESRC Doctoral Training Centre. We should hear later this year whether this has been successful.

Congratulations:

to **Dimitrios**

Dalakoglou, Lecturer

in Anthropology, who

received a **Global**

Studies Teaching

Award in March.

Book Corner

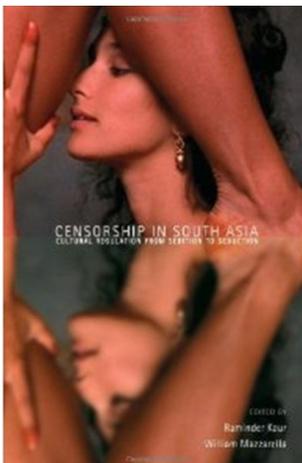
A number of books have appeared in recent months, by authors based at Sussex, or whose research was conducted at Sussex.

Pamela Kea (Lecturer in Anthropology) published *Land, Labour and Entrustment: West African Female Farmers and the Politics of Difference* (Brill Publishers: African Social Studies Series)

Raminder Kaur (Senior Lecturer in Anthropology) published *Censorship in South Asia: Cultural Regulation from Sedition to Seduction* (Indiana University Press) jointly edited with William Mazzarella (University of Chicago) (pictured left).

Filippo Osella (Reader in Anthropology) published *Islam, Politics, Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell) jointly edited with Benjamin Soares (Leiden University).

Ralph Grillo (Emeritus Professor) published *Legal Practice and Cultural Diversity* (Ashgate) jointly edited with Roger Ballard (Manchester), Alessandro Ferrari (Milan), Andre Hoekema (Amsterdam), Marcel Maussam (Amsterdam), Prakash Shah (Queen Mary University)



Recent Research Grant Successes

Sussex Anthropology's success has been underwritten by our ability to attract outside funding for our research projects.

In recent months, a number of Sussex faculty and research fellows have successfully competed for research funds, in a variety of different areas.

Buzz Harrison (Senior Lecturer in Anthropology) has a grant from the Joseph Rountree Foundation to look at the effects of economic recession on the local coastal town of Newhaven. This consolidates her ongoing

research in Newhaven on ageing and urban development.

Mark Leopold (Lecturer in Anthropology) has received a Research Fellowship from the Nuffield Foundation to give him time to work on his biographical work on the former Ugandan President, Idi Amin: *Idi Amin: Africa's Icon of Evil*. Mark also has a research grant, jointly with Jan Selby of the International Relations Department, to look at water security in Uganda.

Jon Mitchell (Reader in Anthropology) has received a grant from

the British Academy to look at the Visions of the Virgin Mary at Borg-in-Nadur, Malta and the local debates about science and secularism they have sparked. Jon has also received a grant from the Wenner Gren Foundation to host a workshop at Sussex, jointly with Michael Bull of the Media, Film and Music Department, on Cognition, Performance and the Senses.



Idi Amin—the subject of Mark Leopold's Leverhulme Fellowship research: *Idi Amin: Africa's Icon of Evil*

Anthropological Alliance

Many Congratulations to **Alice Street** and **Jamie Cross**, two Sussex Anthropologists who recently married.

Alice is currently a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department. Her current research focuses on relationships between governance, biomedicine and development in Papua New Guinea with particular attention to biomedical institutions as sites

of 'state-building'. Other research interests include relationships between emerging markets and public health in the third world, the anthropology of Christianity, the anthropology of interdisciplinarity and collaboration. **Jamie** is a former PhD student in the Department, and currently an ESRC Fellow at Goldsmiths College. His current research explores the cultural politics of India's new economic

zones, one of the country's most controversial arenas of contemporary planning, investment, and global industry. This builds on his PhD research *Knowledge, identity, place and (cyber)space : growing up male and middle class in Bangalore*.

Alice and **Jamie** have also started writing together:

'Anthropology at the Bottom of the Pyramid' *Anthropology Today* 25,4: 2009

Congratulations:

to *Ines Hasselberg*, PhD student in Anthropology, on the birth of her daughter, *Teresa*, in February.

Featured Anthropologist: Evan Killick

Evan Killick did his first degree at the University of Durham, and his PhD at the London School of Economics (LSE). He held teaching and research posts at Brunel University and LSE, before joining Sussex Anthropology in January 2010, with a post in Development Studies.

Although now at Sussex, Evan is continuing his research fellowship, funded by Nuffield Founda-

tion, which he started at LSE, entitled 'An inter-disciplinary study of the relationship between soybean cultivation and poverty in the Brazilian Amazon'. The research combines econometric and anthropological methods to assess the relationship between the growth in soybean cultivation and local levels of poverty.

This builds on Evan's doctoral research, which focused on the

Ashéninka of Peruvian Amazonia and their relations to Peruvian national society. This work focused on this indigenous group's interactions with the timber industry, as well as their social relations, hierarchy and notions of exchange.

Evan's general research interests include identity, inter-ethnic relations and development throughout the Amazon region.



Evan Killick (Lecturer in Development Studies, Department of Anthropology)

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Sussex Anthropology is a vibrant and energetic community of students, teachers and re-searchers with a strong commitment to anthropology that addresses contemporary social and political problems. We have long been world leaders in the anthropology of gender, and of international development, whilst more recently Sussex Anthropologists have pioneered work in the anthropology of human rights, of migration, of medicine and biogenetics, and of religion. Our regional expertise centres on South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe, though we also have colleagues working in East and Southeast Asia, Amazonia and the Caribbean.

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Elsewhere: First Anthropology 'A' Level Launched

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) has announced the accreditation of the first 'A' Level in Anthropology. The GCE AS and A2 qualification has been developed by the Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) and the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA).

The new GCE has been designed to give A level students a grounding in Anthropology across the discipline's range—both biological and social/cultural branches—through exploration of themes such as 'Being Human', 'Becoming a Person', 'Global and Local Processes' and 'Practising Anthropology'. Students taking the

subject at A2 will conduct small-scale personal investigation on a topic of their choice, and so gain a taste of real research.

Dr Mike Cresswell, AQA director general, said: "AQA is committed to providing the opportunity for breadth of study and well-rounded learning. We are therefore delighted to be offering this new qualification and to be working so closely with the RAI to deliver the best support to our teachers and learners."

Hilary Callan, director of the RAI, said: "Anthropology is an inherently fascinating subject and has a natural place alongside cognate disciplines as a key part of a contemporary liberal

education. Yet up to now it has been almost absent from pre-university curricula in the UK. The new GCE fills this gap. It is intellectually challenging and will demand much of students. Those taking it, whether or not they go on to study Anthropology at University, will gain an understanding of human life in society, and of diverse ways of seeing the world, that will serve them well as the globally educated citizens of the future."

The new A level will be available from September 2010.

(This entry taken from www.epolitix.com)



Some A Level Students, yesterday