



Royal Anthropological Institute

Annual Report 2006





6th Form students have a chance to experience participant observation for themselves during the “BaLi ethnographic experience,” one of the workshops at the London Anthropology Day 2006 held at the British Museum.

The workshop was originally developed by Dr Luke Freeman (member of the RAI Committee on Anthropology in Secondary and Further Education) and Dr Jerome Lewis from the London School of Economics and Political Science as part of the DART project (Digital Anthropological Resources for Teaching) to give first year undergraduates insight into some of the dilemmas of anthropological fieldwork. The students are divided into two groups and taught how to behave as members of two caricatured cultures, the Ba and the Li. “Anthropologists” from each group are then sent to conduct “fieldwork” amongst the other group and figure out what is going on. In this picture one member of the Li tribe prostrates himself in front of the monarch in return for tokens of prestige, while others engage in competitive staring contests to win cards.

Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland

Patron

HRH THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
KG, GCVO

Aims and organisation of the RAI

The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (commonly known as the RAI) traces its origins to a merger in 1871 between the Ethnological Society of London (founded in 1843) and the Anthropological Society of London (founded in 1863). It became a Royal Institution in 1907. It is a non-profit registered charity (no 246269) and a company limited by guarantee.

The RAI has as its object “the promotion of the study of the Sciences of Man”. As such it seeks to serve and represent the discipline of anthropology in its most inclusive sense. This encompasses not only academic practice, teaching and research, but the public understanding of anthropology and its application in practical and policy-related environments.

The RAI is governed by an elected Council, whose members are Trustees

for the purpose of charity law.

Management is the responsibility of a Director and small staff, accountable to Council. The Honorary Officers are: the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Hon Librarian. These, together with members of Council and the Institute’s Committees, give their services without remuneration.

Comments and feedback

Comments and suggestions on any of the Institute’s activities or services are welcome, and should be addressed to the Director in the first instance.

Fellows, Members and Student Associates

In December 2006 there were 1013 RAI Fellows in all categories of Fellowship, 448 Members and 118 postgraduate Student Associates.

Message from the President

Professor
Alan Bilsborough

2006 saw the successful inauguration of the JRAI Special Issue series (see page 3), with the publication of *Ethnobiology and the Science of Humankind* edited by Roy Ellen. Two important conferences held during the year illustrate the Institute's growing academic and policy outreach in contrasting ways (see pages 10-11). *Ethnic and religious communities in the Caucasus* brought interdisciplinary insights to bear on an under-researched region. *Periphery and Policy*, opened by our Patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester, brought together an international gathering of anthropologists and other professionals to explore the concerns of peripheral communities and borderlands, however defined.

The Institute aims, when possible, to distribute events around national venues. The September Council meeting and AGM were held in Bristol during the conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists. A highlight of the occasion was an outstanding Henry Myers lecture by Dr. Piers Vitebsky (see page 15). My own Presidential Address on *Species, Pattern and Adaptation in Human Evolution* was kindly hosted at Kent in November.

Among ongoing activities, the Munro project deserves special mention (see page 9). Support from the Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation made possible essential preparatory work for the digitisation programme.

I was pleased to represent the Institute at a reception at Buckingham Palace in October, hosted by HM the Queen. The Director participated in the crucial ESRC International Benchmarking Review of UK Social Anthropology, the first of a series of disciplinary reviews. Gratifyingly, the review produced an extremely positive evaluation of UK Social Anthropology's rigour, diversity and originality.

The Institute has continued to press for anthropology's representation in pre-university education. The funding secured in 2005-6 through HEFCE's *AimHigher* allocation has been continued for a further three years by a grant from the ESRC's *Science in Society* programme. This makes possible the development of a comprehensive, sustainable education programme at pre-university level, described on page 7. The Institute's support for undergraduate study is reflected in the decision to fund a new annual RAI Student Essay Prize, alongside the established Hocart Essay Prize for postgraduates.

It was a personal pleasure to present the Rivers Medal to Professor Paul Sillitoe, and the Huxley Medal to Professor Leslie Aiello, Director of the Wenner-Gren Foundation. I am pleased to record my appreciation of the expertise and commitment of the many committee and Council members,

the Institute's Officers, and the Director and her colleagues on the RAI staff. Through their efforts the Institute is in good heart, contributing effectively to the flourishing of anthropology within the rapidly changing landscape of Higher Education and beyond.

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Joining the RAI

The RAI, as a professional academic association, provides a range of services to its membership as well as generalised support to the discipline of anthropology.

Individuals may join the RAI as Fellows, Members or Student Associates. Institutions are not eligible to join, but may subscribe to the RAI's journals (for details visit www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/ANTH). Fees are reviewed annually, and published in *Anthropology Today*.

Fellowship of the RAI

Fellowship is primarily intended for those who have an academic or professional engagement with the social sciences, but amateurs are warmly welcomed. There are several categories of Fellowship. Those under the age of 30 in the year of Fellowship may join as Junior Fellows at a reduced fee. All Fellows are elected by the Council of the RAI. Fellows are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, including the Special Issue published annually
- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
- Online access to the entire back files of both journals, up to five years before the current year, through JSTOR (for details visit www.jstor.org)
- The right when in the UK to borrow up to 10 books (4 for Junior Fellows) from those donated by the RAI to the Anthropology Library. Postal borrowing is also possible in the UK.
- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment (see page 9)
- Free or reduced-rate admission to RAI events
- Voting rights and eligibility for election to the RAI Council
- 25% discount on Blackwell publications ordered via Blackwell

Membership of the RAI

Membership is open to all who have a general interest in the study of humanity, without the need for election. Members are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
- Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment (see page 9)
- Free or reduced-rate admission to RAI events
- 25% discount on Blackwell publications ordered via Blackwell

Student Associateship of the RAI

Student Associate status is available, without the need for election, to all registered postgraduate students on taught or research programmes in any sub-field of anthropology, at Higher Education Institutions anywhere in the world. Proof of postgraduate student status is required on renewal. Student Associates are entitled to:

- Print subscription and online access to *Anthropology Today*
 - Online access to the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*
 - Free access to The RAI Collection by appointment (see page 9)
 - 25% discount on Blackwell publications ordered via Blackwell
- For a small supplemental fee, Student Associates may also become Associate Members of the Association of Social Anthropologists (for details visit www.theasa.org).

For more information on joining the RAI and current fees, visit the RAI website at www.therai.org.uk, and follow links to the Blackwell Publishing website.



Pre-university student finding out about the RAI at the London Anthropology Day.

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Honorary Editor of the JRAI:

Glenn Bowman

Honorary Reviews Editor:

Dr Geert De Neve

The JRAI is the RAI's 'flagship' academic publication. It has a unique heritage as the world's oldest journal of anthropology, and is a showcase for original and excellent work in every area of current anthropological research. Widely read and cited internationally, the Journal appears four times a year, publishing challenging work by young anthropologists as well as seminal articles by established scholars.

Each issue contains around ten substantial peer-reviewed papers together with approximately 50 book reviews and other items including comments, readers' correspondence, occasional debates and review essays. While the fields of social and cultural anthropology are most widely represented, the Journal welcomes submissions in other fields within anthropology, such as biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology and archaeology.

The Journal's greatest strengths are its diversity and its openness to new developments across the field. It aims to stand at the forefront of debates both within and beyond the major anthropological sub-disciplines, encouraging productive controversy at an international level. The Editors are committed to a policy of prompt turnaround of submissions, combined with thoroughness and fairness in the evaluation of articles submitted. Decisions on most submissions are reached within three to four months. While new production technology now improves the speed and efficiency of the decision process, our aim is to preserve the direct personal contact between authors, editors and readers which has been a hallmark of the JRAI from its earliest days.

In 2006 a Special Issue Series of the JRAI was introduced in cooperation with Blackwell Publishing. The annual Special Issue is selected by open competition, advertised in the RAI's journals and on its website. It is produced by Blackwell Publishing and distributed without charge to RAI Fellows and to libraries subscribing to the Journal. The inaugural volume, entitled *Ethnobiology and the Science of Humankind*, was edited by Roy Ellen and distributed in 2006. The second volume in the series, *Wind, Life, Health: anthropological and historical perspectives* edited by Chris Low and Elisabeth Hsu, will be distributed in 2007.

The RAI publications programme

Chair of the Publications Committee:
Professor Wendy James

The RAI's publishing programme as a whole is overseen by the Publications Committee on behalf of the RAI Council. The Committee advises Council on the development and overall strategic direction of the RAI's publications, on new publishing initiatives, and on technical matters such as copyright and publisher relations. It manages the submission and selection process for the annual Special Issue of the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, inaugurated in 2006.

Anthropology Today

*Editor of
Anthropology Today:*
Dr Gustaaf Houtman

Anthropology Today is a bi-monthly publication aiming to provide a forum for the application of anthropological analysis to public and topical issues, while reflecting the breadth of interests within the discipline. It is committed to promoting debate at the interface between anthropology and areas of applied knowledge such as education, medicine and development, and between anthropology and other academic disciplines. The journal is international both in the scope of issues it covers and in the sources on which it draws. All substantive contributions are peer-reviewed.

As well as editorials, articles, narratives and comments, *Anthropology Today* publishes conference, film and exhibition reviews and obituaries, together with letters, news and a calendar of anthropological events. Some of these, such as vacancies and events, are also placed online.

In 2006 65 items were published, excluding news, calendar or cover captions; of these 32 were substantive articles and 33 were shorter items such as obituaries,

comments and letters. Topical themes addressed during the year included: technology in Iran, social unrest in France, saving children, medical anthropology, war in Uganda, corruption, anthropology of extra-terrestrial life, popular anthropology and film, exhumations in Spain, Islamic charity, academic freedom, professional ethics, tsunami relief, Alistair Cook's bones, and the 'war on terror'. In line with emphasis on debate, a large proportion of contributions concerned responses to previously published items.

Anthropology Today achieved an increase of over 5% in the number of institutional subscriptions during the year (from 3109 to 3259 institutions, including combined subscriptions with the *JRAI*.) An additional 2557 institutions gained access through licensed databases. Online readership increased by an estimated 20%.

Anthropology Today depends greatly on the anonymous referees, its team of freelance consultants and volunteers, and to the editorial board, who all breathe life into the publication.

*The six issues of
Anthropology
Today
Volume 22,
2006.*



Anthropological Index Online

Honorary Editor of the Anthropological Index Online:
Dr David Zeitlyn

Launched in its present form in 1997, the RAI's *Anthropological Index Online* is an index of current periodicals in the Anthropology Library at the British Museum's Centre for Anthropology. The RAI employs the three specialist *Index* staff, who are located at the Centre. Technical supervision and support are provided by the Centre for Social Anthropology and Computing at the University of Kent. Some 1000 scholarly journals are currently indexed; published in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, German, Dutch/Flemish, Chinese, Japanese, Catalanian, Romanian, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Slovenian, Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Russian, Belorussian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Estonian, Latvian, Armenian and Kazakh.

The *Index* is an indispensable bibliographic resource for researchers, teachers and students of anthropology worldwide. New material is indexed on a continuing basis. Access is free to individual users. Institutional users (except those in developing countries) who make frequent use must pay an annual subscription to help cover direct running costs.

The largest task for the *Index* in 2006 has been the changing of data input software to enable diacritics to be entered using international standards. As part of this process, the system of keywords has been revised. Previously entered data have been reprocessed so that diacritics are now accessible from the online service, which has been further refined to allow selection among results: a long-requested feature. This is currently available, in parallel to the existing service, at <http://aiotest.anthropology.org.uk/aiosearch/>.

Usage of the direct RAI service at Kent remains high: 376,000 accesses were made in 2006 from 44,639 distinct computers worldwide. Access has also been provided until 2006 by the Research Libraries Group through subscription to Anthropology Plus, a service which includes both the *Index* and Harvard's *Anthropological Literature*. During 2006, the Research Libraries Group merged with the Online Computer Library Centre, Inc (OCLC), which now administers the service.



Isabelle De Groot from University College London taking 6th form students on a "Journey through human evolution" at the London Anthropology Day.

The Anthropology Library

Honorary Librarian: Professor Tom Selwyn
The Anthropology Library within the British Museum, incorporating the original Library of the RAI, is effectively Britain's national anthropology library. The RAI contributes substantially to Library acquisitions and staffing. Fellows have special borrowing privileges (see page 2).

The Library is open to the public for reference and research. RAI Fellows may borrow books and journals donated by the RAI (about 60% of total holdings). There are 50 seats for readers and six OPAC terminals in the reading area, through which the Library catalogue and the *Anthropological Index Online* (see page 5) may be searched. A selection of recent acquisitions and current journals is on display. A changing exhibition of materials of interest to pre-university students, and those new to anthropology, was instituted in 2006. The British Museum's Department of Africa, Oceania and the Americas hosts regular seminars in the Centre. The Department's Collections Enquiries service is also situated within the Library environment.

During 2006, the Library was visited by individuals and groups from a wide range of ages and backgrounds. 2813 readers, including 319 Fellows, used the Library in person. Other Fellows made enquiries by post, telephone or e-mail. 1193 loans were made to RAI Fellows. 8871 books and journals (both RAI and Museum purchases) were used for reference in the Library by all readers. The RAI donated 626 books and 1471 journal issues to the Library. International exchange arrangements are also in place with scholarly institutions, under which the Library receives publications in exchange for RAI journals.

2006 marked the departure of the Department's Senior Librarian, Sheila Mackie, after 18 years' service to the Library. The RAI wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the contribution made by Sheila Mackie to the successful partnership between the British Museum and the Institute.

Address: Anthropology Library, The British Museum, Centre for Anthropology, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG Telephone: 020 7 323 8031; e-mail: anthropologylibrary@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00-16.45; Thursday 12.00-19.00. Closed weekends and Bank Holidays.

The Mass Observation Archive

Director of the Archive: Dr Dorothy Sheridan
RAI Trustees: Professor Ruth Finnegan, Professor Brian Street
The Mass Observation Archive specialises in collecting material about everyday life in Britain. It contains papers generated by the original Mass Observation social research organisation (1937 to early 1950s), and newer material collected continuously since 1981. During 2006 the Archive has worked with Adam Matthew Digital to produce Mass Observation Online, a subscription database which includes all the original Mass Observation books, 3,000 summary reports produced by Mass Observation, and the first instalment of personal writing by volunteers (including the wartime diaries for 1939-40). Further details can be obtained from www.amdigital.co.uk. In the autumn a film 'Little Kinsey', directed by Steve Humphreys and based on Mass Observation's 1949 survey of attitudes to sexual behaviour and morality, was shown in the BBC4 *Lost Decade* series.

2007 marks the 70th anniversary of Mass Observation, and a celebratory conference is planned.

The Archive is housed in the Special Collections of the University of Sussex Library. Visitors are welcomed (by appointment); research enquiries should be sent to library.specialcoll@sussex.ac.uk. For full details of Archive activities and recent publications, visit www.massobs.org.uk.

Anthropology in pre-University education

*Chair of the
Committee on
Anthropology in
Secondary and Further
Education:*
Professor Brian Street

The RAI believes that promoting knowledge of anthropology at secondary and FE levels is in the interest of the discipline, and also in the broader interest of education through the contribution anthropology can make to the creation of globally well-informed citizens. Currently, with the exception of an optional course within the International Baccalauréate, anthropology is not taught as a distinct discipline at pre-University level in the UK.

The RAI's Education Committee has worked actively throughout 2006 to develop a broadly based, sustainable programme of education in anthropology designed primarily for students and teachers at pre-university level. A one-year grant awarded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, under its AimHigher National Rolling Programme, made possible the appointment of an RAI Education Officer with a brief to develop teaching and learning resources and national outreach activities in anthropology with schools and FE colleges. A further grant awarded at the end of 2006 by the Economic and Social Research Council under its Science in Society scheme provides co-funding for the RAI's education programme over three years, which will enable the Education Officer post to be sustained through that period. This grant places the programme on a sound financial footing until December 2009.

The education programme is organised around three strands: an information strand, an activity strand, and a curricular strand. The information strand aims to provide clear, good-quality, audience-appropriate materials on anthropology designed for pre-university students, teachers, careers advisers and parents. Much of the information will eventually be web-based, and a dedicated Discover Anthropology website (www.discoveranthropology.org.uk) will be launched in 2007. In support of these activities, the Education Officer has compiled a list of anthropology graduates working in the education field on whom we can draw in the various syllabus and curriculum projects. The activity strand has included a series of actions in 2006, a highlight of which was the third London Anthropology Day held at the British Museum in July, and co-organised by the University of East London, the Museum and the RAI. 11 University anthropology departments in London and the South East participated in the event, and 150 students and teachers attended. The curricular strand seeks to develop a presence for anthropology within school and FE curricula at several points. The focus during 2006 has been on designing a possible A level qualification

in anthropology, promoting anthropology within the citizenship curriculum, and introducing anthropological content into other subject areas. A draft syllabus has been designed and will be sent to appropriate Examining Boards.

The RAI thanks the following for generous grants, sponsorship and donations during 2006:

Grants and donations to the Library and RAI Collection: William Buller Fagg Charitable Trust, Wilfred Beaver, Jonathan Benthall, Evy Johanne Haland, Katya Mihailova, Terje Oestigaard, Paul Stahl, Dr S. Zivanovic

Other grants and donations: Higher Education Funding Council for England, Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, National Museum of Japanese History, Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Charitable Trust, University of Cambridge Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, an anonymous donor

Support for RAI Fellowship programmes: Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research, Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research

Support for RAI events during the year was given by Blackwell Publishing, the British Academy, UCL, College of St Mark and St John, Cornwall County Council. We also thank the publishers of journals who provide complimentary or concessionary subscriptions for titles to be included in the *Anthropological Index Online*.

Ethnographic Film and Video

*Chair of the Film
Committee:*
Dr André Singer

The RAI, through its Film Committee, acts as contact point in the UK for information, networking and advice in visual anthropology, organises film screenings and lectures, and provides a base for international visitors. In addition it supplies a service based on the acquisition, hiring out and sale of ethnographic films and videos for educational and academic purposes. The biennial RAI International Festival of Ethnographic Film, a major showcase for documentary film-makers and audiences from throughout the world, will next be held in June 2007 at the University of Manchester.

The RAI's film-based outreach activities have expanded in 2006 through screenings within the public programme of the British Museum, participation in the Museum's North American Film Festival, and screenings during the Annual Conference of the European Association

of Social Anthropologists and British Association Festival of Science. International links with organisers of other European film festivals have been strengthened, and the RAI has arranged lectures and screenings at UK institutions for a number of celebrated scholars and film-makers based abroad. By invitation of the hosts, the RAI was represented at a meeting in China on ethnographic documentary, and further links between the Institute and Chinese visual anthropology professionals are expected to develop.

Owing to expanding DVD distribution, video sales reached a record volume in 2006, and make a significant contribution to the RAI's overall income. Several film holdings in obsolete 16mm format are being digitised to make them available once more to researchers and the general public. A number of new titles have been added in 2006 to both the sales and the archive reference holdings. Growing numbers of film company researchers and broadcasters now consult the RAI film materials.

The video holdings now form part of the combined RAI Collection; see page 9 for a report on Collection activities in 2006.

The RAI Photographic Library

*Chair of the
Photographic
Committee:*
Dr Christopher
Wright

The RAI photographic library is unique. Consisting of over 75,000 historic prints, negatives, lantern-slides, drawings, paintings and other images, the earliest of which date from the 1860s, it provides a scholarly service to a large number of academic researchers, students and responsible commercial users. It contributes strongly to public awareness of the RAI, and provides a practical interface between the Institute and a wide range of audiences and disciplines.

During 2006, the photographic library contributed original images of Sámi people taken in 1884 by Prince Roland Bonaparte (an Honorary fellow of the RAI) to an exhibition entitled *Peoples of the North – anthropological conceptions of the 19th and 20th centuries*, organised by

the Bildmuseet, Umeå University, Sweden. The Hayden Album of nineteenth-century photographs of North American Indians, held by the RAI, has been digitised. A photo exhibition was organised to accompany the London Anthropology Day (see page 7). A collection of photographs from the Middle East, taken by Emrys Lloyd Peters and Stella M. Peters, was presented to the photo library by their son, Brian Peters.

The photo library now forms part of the combined RAI Collection; see page 9 for a report on Collection activities in 2006.

The RAI Collection: photographic, film and textual resources

Chair of the Manuscripts and Archives Committee:
Professor Tom Selwyn

The RAI Collection, launched in 2004, now incorporates the Institute's film, video and photographic collections (see page 8) and its Manuscript and Archive holdings. The integration of the Collection opens new opportunities for researchers. Visitors are welcome by appointment. Textual material and photographic images can be studied, ethnographic videos previewed and copies ordered. Access is free to RAI Fellows, Members and Student Associates, and to undergraduate students; other users are charged an access fee. Visitor numbers are increasing, and many users go on to become RAI members.

Additions have been made during 2006 to the manuscript and archive section of the Collection, including materials relating to the Bedouin collections of Emrys L. and Stella M. Peters (see also page 8), the MS archive of Professor Harry Powell, and a database of the MS in the possession of Professor Alan MacFarlane. Cataloguing of previously held material has continued, thanks to the invaluable volunteer assistance of Mrs Beverley

Emery. Eight newly catalogued individual MS collections within the RAI's historical holdings are now available for reference; for details please contact archives@therai.org.uk. Work is proceeding on making the catalogues available online.

The Munro Project

The Munro project, an international collaboration inaugurated in 2005, has progressed in 2006. The RAI Collection holds important records (manuscripts, letters, photographs and a version of the celebrated film *The Ainu Bear Ceremony*) relating to N.G. Munro's studies of the Ainu people of Hokkaido, Japan, in the early twentieth century. Complementary material is held in other collections in the UK and Japan. The project aims to digitise the Munro materials as a whole; and to make the combined digital record available to scholars throughout the world under copyright and licensing agreements. A consortium established for this purpose includes the RAI, the Historical Museum of Hokkaido, National Museum of Japanese History, Shimonaka Memorial Foundation, Tokyo Cinema Inc, the London School of Economics, and the National Museums of Scotland. Representatives of the Ainu people act in an advisory capacity to ensure that the community's interests are fully represented and respected.

Members of the RAI staff visited Japan early in 2006 to consult with Japan-based consortium members. Funding secured by the Japanese members enabled a delegation to visit the UK-held collections later in the year, and to digitise the materials held by the RAI. A plenary meeting of representatives of all consortium members, together with members of the Ainu community, was held at the British Museum in December 2006.

The William Buller Fagg Charitable Trust

The Trust was created under the Will of the late Mr Fagg, the eminent scholar of African art. It has provided regular funding for the RAI manuscript and archive collection, and has given long-term ongoing support to the Anthropological Index Online. A grant from the Trust, together with other funding, made possible the first stage (2004-7) in the establishment of the RAI Collection as an integrated research resource. The RAI is grateful to the Trust for its continuing support.

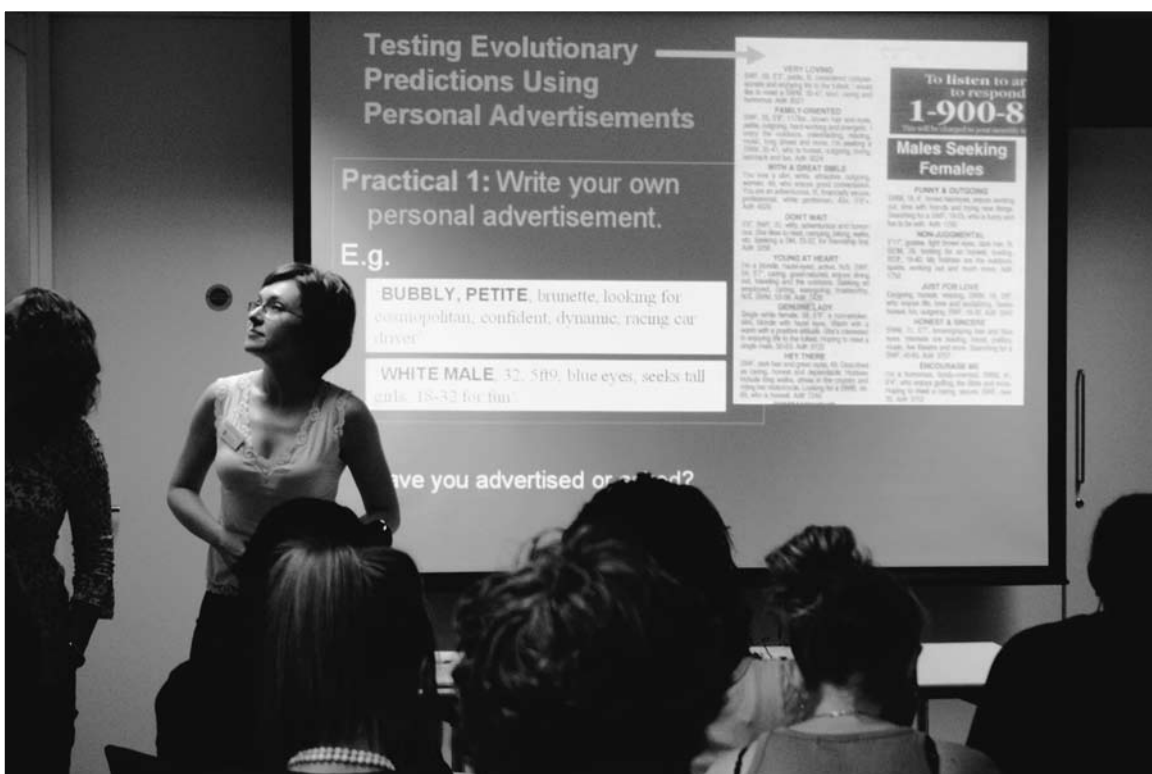
Ethnic and religious communities in the Caucasus

Conference organiser:
Dr Florentina
Badalanova Geller,
RAI

This two-day conference, organised by the RAI with generous support from the British Academy and University College London, was held at the Warburg Institute on 27 and 28 March 2006. The conference covered a wide range of anthropological, socio-cultural, ethno-confessional, linguistic, historical and geopolitical aspects of the Caucasus by bringing together a group of experts on the region who work in different fields of study. The programme thus encouraged a cross-disciplinary approach to the ethnic and religious

communities of the Caucasus. The presentations and discussion ranged over ancient Caucasian languages, mythology and oral tradition, the interwoven threads of the monotheistic religions (the 'Christian', Moslem' and 'Jewish' Caucasus), its threatened languages, and the presence of minority sects and heterodox communities. In contrast to current academic discussion of the Caucasus, which tends to concentrate predominantly on politics and conflict, the conference took a refreshingly non-political approach, with close scrutiny of the ethnic origins and beliefs of the region's communities, and their interrelationships.

It is intended that the proceedings of the conference will be published in book form. Further details of the event can be found on the conference website at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hebrew-jewish/ijs/caucasus-conference/>.



Students composing lonely hearts ads in a workshop on Evolutionary Anthropology and Human Mate-Choice by Dr Sarah Johns from the University of Kent and Dr Mhairi Gibson from the University of Bristol.

Periphery and policy

Chair of the Conference committee:

Dr Michael Ireland

This two-day conference, organised by a partnership between the RAI, the College of St Mark and St John (Plymouth) and Cornwall County Council, took place in Truro on 21 and 22 April 2006. It was opened by the RAI's Royal Patron, HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG, GCVO.

The aim of the conference was to examine, critically evaluate and (where appropriate) refine practices relating to concepts of 'centre' and 'periphery' as these are understood and used in academic, professional and policy environments. The programme covered a wide range of disciplinary and practitioner perspectives, and brought together individuals from very diverse backgrounds who rarely have an

opportunity to meet and exchange experiences: academic specialists, public policy researchers, local government professionals, planners and policy-makers at regional, national and transnational (including European Union) levels. The conference attracted an international group of participants, among whom were visitors from as far afield as the Indian sub-continent, Lebanon and Palestine. Themes addressed in the panels included imagining the periphery, rural identities, tourism, migration, coastal societies and

environments, displaced people, theorising the periphery, kinship on the periphery, and regeneration and social policy in the periphery.

During 2007, the conference team are working on proposals for publishing as many of the conference papers as possible in book form. Further details of the programme and papers can be found on the conference website at <http://www.peripheryandpolicy.com>.

*6th Form students
visiting the
Anthropology Library
at the British
Museum to explore
the "Anthropology
for the Uninitiated"
table created by acting
Senior Librarian
Lucia Navascues,
RAI Library Officer
Janice Archer and
RAI Education Officer
Gemma Jones.*



Anthropology, medicine and health

Chair of the Medical Anthropology Committee:
Dr Helen Lambert

The points of intersection between anthropology and medicine have stimulated some of the most innovative recent debates in both fields. Through its Medical Anthropology Committee, the RAI is actively engaged with anthropological research and teaching relating to health and medical issues. The Committee provides information and advisory support to the RAI on these matters. It also aims to promote anthropological understanding among non-anthropologists working in health-related fields. It seeks to provide a forum for contact between those teaching courses in medical anthropology, a means for those trained in medical anthropology but working outside the academy to keep in touch with the discipline, and a platform for those seeking to advance medical anthropology within anthropology departments or in the clinical/health care context.

During 2006, members of the Committee have participated individually in a variety of activities and projects. These include the establishment of a Medical Anthropology Network within the European Association of Social Anthropologists, the preparation of a booklet on medical anthropology courses in Europe, and a workshop on obesity in Oxford. A national meeting on Medical Anthropology, organised by the Committee, will be held in 2007.

The RAI online

Chair of the Web Development Group: Dr David Shankland

The RAI's website www.therai.org.uk is intensively used and has earned high praise within the membership and among the broader anthropological community. During 2006, the RAI Council embarked on a review of the Institute's web-based activities, and an expert working group was established to carry this forward. It is intended that, over the coming years, new web-based services will be developed both for the membership and for the discipline at large; and that the RAI website, redesigned as necessary, will become an interface for anthropological resources worldwide as well as a comprehensive point of access to the Institute's own range of activities.



6th Form students take a well-earned lunch break at the London Anthropology Day 2006 in front of the careers display board created by RAI Education Officer Gemma Jones and work experience student Elinor Walpole.

The RAI programme of Fellowships in Urgent Anthropology

Chair of the Urgent Anthropology Committee:
Dr Eric Hirsch

The RAI programme of Fellowships in Urgent Anthropology was inaugurated in 1995. It is funded jointly by the Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research, whose Founding Sponsor is Dr George N. Appell of Brandeis University, USA, and by the host institution. From 2001-2006 the Fellowship programme was hosted at Durham University; from 2007 it moves to the University of Kent.

The purpose of the programme is to support ethnographic research on currently threatened indigenous peoples, cultures and languages. Its aim thus differs from that of applied anthropology, although it is to be expected that high-quality research will be of positive benefit to peoples whose cultures and languages, or even their physical survival, may be under threat. Those holding the Fellowships are expected to publish the results of their research, but are also encouraged, wherever possible, to make their findings available to the peoples concerned for the improvement of their own situation. Awardholders are, for example, encouraged to make records available to the peoples studied for use in constructing their own futures; or to stimulate interest in collecting oral histories and traditions for incorporation into educational systems; or to facilitate the assimilation of local medical knowledge and practices into modern health-care delivery systems.

Dr Evan Killick from LSE demonstrates how to be a member of the "Li" to students in the role-playing Ba-Li ethnographic experience (see cover image).

Those holding Urgent Anthropology Fellowships during 2006 were:

Dr Tatiana Bulgakova, recipient of a special grant from the Fund to conduct a project entitled 'Bringing traditional Nanay knowledge from the archive to the school'

Dr Mark Jamieson, for a project entitled 'Language and identity among the Sumu people of the Rio Siquia, Eastern Nicaragua'

The 2006-2007 Fellowship was awarded to Dr M. Thanuja, for a project entitled 'The Konda Reddis: perspectives on their social organisation and shifting cultivation overlooked by developmental intervention.'

The Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research

This is a unique Fund, supported entirely by the voluntary individual contributions of anthropologists. Its Founding Sponsor is Dr George N. Appell of Brandeis University, USA. It was launched in 1993 to support basic ethnographic research on threatened or disappearing cultures and languages. Such research aims to make fundamental contributions to knowledge; and also, wherever possible, to further the interests of peoples under threat. Donations to the Fund are invited; details can be obtained from the RAI



Fellowships and awards

The RAI administers a number of Trust Funds from the income of which it is able to award Fellowships at postdoctoral level, and limited financial support to postgraduate students. Fellowships are held in various Departments of Anthropology at institutions in the UK; and the RAI is grateful to these institutions for their support. Full details of the awards may be found on the RAI's website and are regularly advertised in *Anthropology Today*.

The **Radcliffe-Brown Memorial Fund for Anthropological Research**, jointly funded by the RAI and Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, provides small grants annually to assist social anthropologists handicapped by lack of finance to complete a doctoral thesis. Outstanding applicants may be given supplementary awards funded by endowments bequeathed to the RAI and ASA by the late Professor Sir Raymond Firth and his family.

The **Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research**, founded and endowed by the late Professor Sir Edmund Leach, supports the annual Leach-RAI Fellowship. In addition, it makes substantial contributions to RAI activities. The Leach/RAI Fellowship is co-funded by the Esperanza Trust and the host university, and is awarded for one year to enable the Fellow to complete a piece of research for publication. The host institution from 2007 will be the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, in succession to the University of Sussex.

The **Emslie Horniman Anthropological Scholarship Fund**, established in 1944, provides annual scholarships to encourage recent graduates to pursue fieldwork, develop their careers as anthropologists, and contribute to the discipline.

The **Ruggles-Gates Fund for Biological Anthropology**, established by the late Professor and Mrs L. Ruggles-Gates, provides small grants annually for research in biological anthropology.

Thanks to generous gifts from the **Sutasoma Trust**, the RAI is able to make special **RAI-Sutasoma Awards** to successful applicants for grants from the Radcliffe-Brown and Emslie Horniman Scholarship Funds, whose projects are judged to be of particular merit.

The RAI also administers the **Fellowship Programme in Urgent Anthropology**; see page 13.

Recipients of awards in 2006

Radcliffe-Brown Memorial

Fund: I. Praet, N. Tassi, M. Chew, A. Jarpe, J. Mair, D. Murakami, M. Adams, L. Douny, A. Portisch, K. Zorbas, O. Lupu, P. Sawkins, K. Davis, C. Cummings

Sutasoma Awards: G. Gowlland, K. Martin, I. Van Wyk, R. Prentice

Emslie Horniman Fund:

K. Manning, D. Gordon, E. Saleh, G. Orlando

Sutasoma Award: S. Vincent

Ruggles-Gate Fund: K. Nowak, C. Shaw, S. Nasanen-Gilmore

Medals, Special Lectures and Prizes

The RAI has seven honours and distinctions at its disposal, for the purpose of recognising achievement of the highest order in anthropology.

The Huxley Memorial Medal and Lecture, instituted in 1900 in memory of Thomas Henry Huxley, is the RAI's highest honour and is awarded annually by the RAI Council. The recipient in 2006 was Professor Leslie Aiello, President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Professor Aiello's lecture, entitled 'The evolution of humans and the human diet' was given at the British Museum on 7 December.

The Rivers Memorial Medal is awarded at Council's discretion for a body of recent work which makes, as a whole, a significant contribution to social, cultural or physical anthropology or to archaeology. The Medal was awarded in 2006 to Professor Paul Sillitoe of Durham University.

The Lucy Mair Medal for Applied Anthropology is awarded annually at Council's discretion for achievement in the application of anthropology to the relief of poverty and distress; and to the active recognition of human dignity. The Medal was awarded in 2006 to Dr Alex de Waal of Justice Africa.

The Wellcome Medal for anthropology as applied to medical problems is supported by the Wellcome Trust and awarded in alternate years following the recommendation of specialist expert judges appointed by Council, and at their discretion. The award of the 2006 Medal will be announced in 2007.

The Patron's Medal is awarded from time to time by the RAI Council, for distinguished service to anthropology and to the Institute. No award was made in 2006.

The Curl Lecture is given in alternate years by a Lecturer under 40 years of age elected by Council, on a topic in the field of biological anthropology, archaeology, material culture, ethnomusicology or linguistics. The next Curl Lecture will be given in 2007.

The Henry Myers Lecture is given in alternate years by a Lecturer elected by Council, on a subject related to the role of religion in society. The 2006 Lecturer was Professor Piers Vitebsky of the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge University. His lecture, entitled 'Loving and forgetting: a farewell to ancestors' was given at the University of Bristol on 20 September.

The RAI also now awards five regular prizes:

The Curl Essay Prize is awarded annually at the discretion of judges appointed by the RAI Council, to the author of the best essay relating to the results or analysis of anthropological work. The 2006 Prize was awarded to Dr Richard Vokes of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, for an essay entitled 'Charisma, creativity and cosmopolitanism: a perspective on the power of the new radio broadcasting in Uganda and Rwanda'.

The Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology is awarded annually

to the author or authors of the most valuable work submitted for competition and published in the year of the award. Judging for the 2005 award took place in 2006; the Prize was awarded jointly to *The Pan-African nation: oil and the spectacle of culture in Nigeria* by Dr Andrew Apter of UCLA, and *Kupilikula: governance and the invisible realm in Mozambique* by Dr Harry West of LSE; both published by University of Chicago Press.

The J.B. Donne Prize on the Anthropology of Art is awarded in alternate years. No award was made in 2006.

The Arthur Maurice Hocart Essay Prize is awarded annually at the judges' discretion for the best essay in anthropology submitted by a student of any nationality registered at a British or Irish institution of higher education. The 2006 award will be announced in 2007.

A new RAI Student Essay Prize was inaugurated in 2006. The prize will be awarded annually at the discretion of judges appointed by the RAI Council. The competition is open to students of any nationality registered for a first degree in anthropology at a British or Irish institution. The award of the 2006 prize will be announced in 2007.

Honorary Fellowship

Honorary Fellows, elected by the RAI Council, are persons eminent in anthropology not normally resident in the United Kingdom.

Honorary Fellows in 2006

Australia: Ian Dunlop, John Mulvaney

Austria: Gertrud Hauser, Gerhard Kubik

Belgium: Luc de Heusch

Brazil: Roberto C. de Oliveira, Francisco M. Salzano

Bulgaria: Nickolai Kaufman

Canada: Cyril Belshaw, K.O.L. Burridge, Robert Paine

China: Wu Rukang (J.K. Woo), Song Shuhua

France: Yves Coppens, Philippe Descola, Claude Lévi-Strauss, Maurice Godelier

Germany: H. Baitsch

Ghana: J.H. Nketia

Guatemala: Ricardo Falla S.J.

Iceland: Gísli Pálsson

India: T.N. Madan, André Béteille

Israel: Emanuel Marx

Italy: Bernardo Bernardi

Jamaica: Alston Barrington Chevannes

Japan: Chie Nakane

Mexico: Lourdes Arizpe

Nepal: Dor Bahadur Bista

Netherlands: Johannes Fabian

New Zealand: Dame Joan Metge

Norway: Fredrik Barth, Signe Howell

Poland: Andrzej Paluch

Portugal: Joao de Pina-Cabral

Russia: Mikhail Kryukov

South Africa: Phillip V. Tobias

Spain: Carmelo Lisón-Tolosana

Sweden: Ulf Hannerz

Switzerland: Jacques Hainard, Hans Kummer

USA: Noam Chomsky, Elizabeth Colson, Richard G. Fox, Clifford Geertz, F. Clark Howell, Marshall Sahlins

No Denominated State: Jane Goodall

We record with regret the deaths of Honorary Fellows Roberto C. de Oliveira and Clifford Geertz in 2006.



An exhibition of RAI archival photographs at the London Anthropology Day.

Financial report for 2006

Honorary Treasurer
Dr David Shankland

The RAI continued to enjoy a modest expansion in its financial resources during 2006, aided by the steady stock market, and by the growth in revenue under our publishing contract. The special issue of our Journal appears to have been a marked success, and our sense remains that our publications are well-placed to take advantage of the globalisation of anthropology as a discipline, though we will continue to monitor the situation carefully in the future. In contrast, fellowship income has slightly fallen and we are taking active steps to try to ensure that costs to individual Fellows remain as reasonable as possible in the future.

During the year, we devoted a significant proportion of our resources to the essential maintenance of our premises at Fitzroy Street, including redecoration of the outside of the building (both front and back), repairs to the heating system, and repairs to the exposed roof of the extension between the main building and the annex. These were completed successfully, and it is only appropriate to congratulate the staff on seeing these works through efficiently and effectively, meaning that we were able to remain within budget for the year as a whole.

Last year, the Institute enjoyed a marked success in gaining support for an Education Officer post through HEFCE. In 2006, the RAI was delighted to gain an ESRC grant that will enable us to maintain this position throughout 2007, with further part-funding in the subsequent two years. We are seeking at present ways within which to match this funding for the future but are exceedingly grateful to the ESRC for their support for such an important initiative.

In sum, the Institute may be regarded as having reached its targets successfully in 2006.

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2006

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Designated Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>2006 Total £</i>	<i>2005 Total £</i>
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary Income and grants received	47,721	935	72,842	121,498	220,737
Investment Income	52,276	3,177	3,546	58,999	53,165
Other Income	5,459	-	-	5,459	3,090
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Fellowship and Membership	77,069	-	-	77,069	77,710
Publications	414,297	-	-	414,297	343,770
RAI Collection	32,136	-	-	32,136	27,356
Total Incoming Resources	628,958	4,112	76,388	709,458	725,828
Resources Expended					
<i>Charitable Activities</i>					
Policy and Profile	62,348	3,739	29,153	95,240	84,506
Fellowship and Membership	29,075	2,200	-	31,275	24,714
Publications	315,004	2,800	-	317,804	269,999
RAI Collection	68,444	7,000	32,683	108,127	101,783
Library	89,198	1,800	-	90,998	90,028
Education Programme	31,018	2,800	22,235	56,053	29,076
Governance	10,123	-	-	10,123	9,861
Total Resources Expended	605,210	20,339	84,071	709,620	609,967
<i>Net Incoming Resources</i>	<i>23,748</i>	<i>(16,227)</i>	<i>(7,683)</i>	<i>(162)</i>	<i>115,861</i>
Gain on Investments	33,560	2,383	9,860	45,803	61,614
Transfers between funds	(204,394)	198,645	5,749	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	(147,086)	184,801	7,926	45,641	177,475
Fund Balances at 1 January 2006	469,101	389,991	243,152	1,102,244	924,769
Fund Balances at 31 December 2006	322,015	574,792	251,078	1,147,885	1,102,244
Voluntary Income					
Gifts in kind of journals to the Institute				45,168	
Other donations				2,553	
Grants Receivable					
Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research				18,000	
W B Fagg Charitable Trust				4,449	
Anthropologists' Fund for Urgent Anthropological Research (USA) for research				17,205	
HEFCE for Education				24,320	
Grants of less than £5,000 each				9,803	
				121,498	

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2006

	2006 £	2006 £	2005 £	2005 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets		689,978		693,775
Investments at Market Value		<u>537,347</u>		<u>520,961</u>
		1,227,325		1,214,736
Current Assets				
Debtors	181,553		131,181	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>360,070</u>		<u>323,822</u>	
	541,623		455,003	
Creditors-amounts falling due within one year	<u>(346,063)</u>		<u>(292,495)</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>195,560</u>		<u>162,508</u>
		1,422,885		1,377,244
Creditors-amounts falling due after one year		<u>(275,000)</u>		<u>(275,000)</u>
		<u>1,147,885</u>		<u>1,102,244</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Funds		251,078		243,152
Unrestricted Funds				
Designated Funds		574,792		389,991
Other Charitable Funds		<u>322,015</u>		<u>469,101</u>
		<u>1,147,885</u>		<u>1,102,244</u>

These summarised accounts are extracted from the full unqualified audited accounts approved by the trustees on 30 May 2007. For further information, the full statutory accounts, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and the Charity Commission, should be consulted. These can be obtained from RAI offices at 50 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 5BT.

Auditors' statement on the summary accounts to the members of the Royal Anthropological Institute

We have examined the summary accounts set out on pages 17 to 19 inclusive.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

These summary accounts presented on pages 17 to 19 are the responsibility of the trustees. It is our responsibility to report our opinion on their consistency with the full financial statements, on which we reported on 30 May 2007.

Our report on the full financial statements of the Institute includes information on the responsibilities of the trustees and the auditors relating to the preparation and the audit of those financial statements and on the basis of our unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summary accounts are consistent with the full financial statements from which they have been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary accounts on pages 17 to 19 are consistent with the full financial statements of the Royal Anthropological Institute for the year ended 31 December 2006

H.W. Fisher & Company
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Dated: 30 May 2007

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Professor Chris Stringer from the Natural History Museum, London, giving a special guest lecture on the Early Human Occupation of Britain at the London Anthropology Day 2006.




Donations, sponsorship and legacies

Like other comparable institutions, the RAI has limited resources and is in constant need of funds from external sources. Donations in cash or in kind (such as books and equipment) are always welcome. There are many opportunities for sponsorship of RAI activities and events, which bring valuable publicity to the sponsoring organisation among target audiences. All donations and sponsorship are fully acknowledged.

Legacies to the RAI are welcome, and are always used according to the wishes of the testator.

Donations, sponsorship and legacies can be tax-efficient for UK and USA residents. Further information can be obtained in confidence and without obligation from the RAI Director.



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The London Anthropology Day is an annual university taster day held at the British Museum for Year 12, 13, FE students, careers advisers and teachers. In 2006 it was organised by the Royal Anthropological Institute as part of the *Discover Anthropology* outreach programme, in collaboration with the University of East London and the British Museum. 11 university departments were represented on the day and over 150 pre-university students and teachers took part in a range of interactive workshops. More photographs from the 2006 day and further information about future days can be found on www.londonanthropologyday.co.uk or contact the Royal Anthropological Institute Education Officer, Gemma Jones, on education@therai.org.uk, 020 7387 0455.

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