

## **Anthropology in London Day 2012**

### **Certainty?**

To what extent is 'certainty' a viable starting point for 21st-century anthropology?

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**Monday 11 June 2012**

### **Programme**

**9.15am: Arrival and registration**

**9.45 am- 11am: Introductory remarks and opening plenary**

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

#### **Introductory remarks**

Narmala Halstead (UEL) and Lane DeNicola (UCL)

#### **Opening plenary**

Chair: Mark Jamieson (UEL)

Richard Fardon (SOAS): Trials and convictions

Jean La Fontaine (LSE): Uncertainty and open minds

**11am-11.30am: Tea/coffee (Common Room)**

**11.30am 1.30pm: Morning parallel sessions**

#### **Panel 1: Landscape and waste**

**Chair: Pauline von Hellermann (Goldsmiths)**

Venue: Room 129

Luna Glucksberg (Goldsmiths): A better future? Regeneration and recycling in south-east London

Sona Lutherova (Institute of Ethnology, Slovak Academy of Sciences): Sweet property o'mine: housing strategies in the process of home-making in post-socialist Bratislava

Alina Branda (Babes Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania): External interventions and new landscapes. A case study from rural Transylvania

William Wheeler (Goldsmiths): Aral-88: waste, ecology and perestroika

Zuzana Hrdlickova (Goldsmiths): The birth pains of Indian disaster management institutions

**Panel 2: Uncertain migrant futures**

**Chair: Parvathi Raman (SOAS)**

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

Rueben Andersson (LSE): Ceuta blues: irregular migrants and the politics of time in a Spanish enclave

Anna Tuckett (LSE): Permits, passports and moving on: migrants' imaginings of the future and their experiences with the Italian documentation regime

Isabel González Enriquez (Dept. of Social and Cultural Anthropology, UNED, Spain): Permanent chaos: the Colombian case

Ana Mourao (Brunel): "Don't think so much": living the 'present' in a migrant council estate in suburban Lisbon

Melanie Griffiths (Oxford): Living with uncertainty: long-term incarceration in British immigration detention

**Panel 3: Bodies and health**

**Chair: Andrew Sanchez**

Venue: Room 130

Karin Eli (Oxford): Through certain illness: beginning to recover from eating disorders

Emma Jayne Abbots (SOAS): Searching for certainty in the supermarket: expatriates' bodies and the risky business of eating in Highland Ecuador

Rodney Reynolds (UCL), Bob Fryer (Department of Health and True Blue Consultancy), Ruth Mowlam (UCL) (joint presentation):  
Web based communities of practice and public health  
WEBWISE: a methodology for transcultural health research  
Reducing teen parents' vulnerability through web based 'interaction'

**Panel 4: Materiality, media and play**

**Chair: Lane DeNicola (UCL)**

Venue: Daryll Forde room

Adam Connelly (Brunel): Some assembly required: learning the Jesuit way in Darjeeling, India

Nick Gadsby (UCL): Certainty through contingency: transformations in massively multiplayer online games

Tom McDonald (UCL): Internet connections, place, and the struggle for familial co-presence in a south-western Chinese town

Barbara Knorpp (Brunel): Invisible films, memories and dreams: ethnography of a national film archive

Rachel Scicluna (Open University): The kitchen is good to think with

### **1.30pm-2.15pm Lunch**

### **2.30pm-4.30 pm: Afternoon parallel sessions**

#### **Panel 5: Environmental certainties and uncertainties**

**Chair: Richard Irvine (Cambridge)**

Venue: Room 129

Richard Irvine (Cambridge): Environmental certainties and uncertainties, introduction

Barbara Bodenhorn (Cambridge): Risky decision: Inupiat, ice and changing conditions

Joe Webster (Cambridge): The eschatology of global warming in a Scottish fishing village

Tristram Barrett (Cambridge): Unsustainable sustainabilities in Baku, Azerbaijan

Hannah Fair (Cambridge): Maldivian stories of the sea: understanding climate change through narratives of landscape and seascape

#### **Panel 6: Politics, violence and memory**

**Chair: Isak Niehaus (Brunel)**

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

Ana Santos (Brunel): 'It's not my story to tell': violence, memory and the search for certainty in Mocimboa da Praia, Mozambique

Giorgia Doná (UEL): Uncertain memories: virtual memorialisation and the politics of performative remembering in Rwanda

Tom Selwyn (SOAS): Heritage and its puppeteers: capital, contention, and Euro-Mediterranean 'heritage'

Toni Baum (SOAS): Surprising reality in Israel-Palestine

Jason Hickel (LSE): Liberalism and anarchy in Occupy Wall Street

#### **Panel 7: Work**

**Chair: Sophie Day (Goldsmiths)**

Venue: Daryll Forde room

Elena Gonzalez Polledo and Victoria Goddard (Goldsmiths): Mis-recognitions and visions of the future: generations and change in the steel industry

Johanna Woydack (Kings): Uncertainty in a post-Fordist labour market, standardisation practices and outbound call centres: an ethnographic critique

Theodoros Rakopoulos (Goldsmiths): Anti-mafia cooperativism as certainty? Changing experiences of labour in Sicily

Mark Jamieson (UEL): Cocaine, land and money: uncertain futures on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast

Jennie Gamlin (UCL): Certainty, risk and knowledge among Huichol tobacco pickers

### **Panel 8: Religion and knowledge**

**Chair: Trevor Marchand (SOAS)**

Venue: Room 130

Adnan Khan (Brunel): Doing Pukhto through participation in sorrows and joys; fieldwork experiences in North West Pakistan

Lokesh Ohri (University of Heidelberg): Casting aside caste: enacting the certainties of caste and egalitarianism in the Western Himalayas

André Chappatte (SOAS): Adventures through the certainty of God in southwest Mali

Sarah O'Neill (Goldsmiths): The power of the water and the enticement of the money economy: competing knowledge practices between Fulani fishermen and other castes in the Senegal riverbasin

**4.30pm-5pm: Tea/coffee**

### **5pm-6pm Roundtable**

'To what extent is "certainty" a viable starting point for 21st-century anthropology?'

**Chair:** Narmala Halstead

**Participants:** Chris Pinney (UCL), Isak Niehaus (Brunel), Catherine Alexander (Goldsmiths), Mathijs Pelkmans (LSE)

**6pm-7.30pm: drinks reception**