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**ANNUAL REPORT, 1995-1996**

by Toon van Meijl

The Centre for Pacific Studies (C.P.S.) is proud to celebrate its first lustrum at the end of this year. Since its (re-)establishment in 1991 it has achieved a number of successes on the basis of which it has established a good reputation on national and international platforms of research. In view of the continuing imbalance between the number of tenured positions and the number of positions held by temporary staff and unemployed volunteers, however, there is no reason to sit back and relax. To maintain and improve its present standard the Centre has no option but to invest a great deal of time in the development and realization of large-scale research programmes (see Section 1). By continuing its quest for funding of research projects and research positions, the C.P.S. is aiming at contributing to the further development of Pacific Studies at the University of Nijmegen as well as in the Netherlands at large.

**1. Research Programme**

Last year the Centre submitted an extensive outline of a proposal for a long-term research programme, provisionally entitled 'Social Change and Individual Agency: Between Culture and Context', to the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO). The proposal was developed in cooperation with the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Sociology of Development of the Free University of Amsterdam and the Irian Cluster of Leiden University. The WOTRO Board did not discuss the proposal until October 1995, and a final decision is still to be made. WOTRO has indicated, however, that the subject matter of the research programme is found interesting and important, but that it has received a total of six proposals of which a selection has to be made. Before the end of the current academic year a limited number of research groups or coalitions

will be invited to work up a research programme for a period of five years and submit a grant application of which only one can be awarded.

In the meantime, the Board of the Centre for Pacific Studies has also invested a great deal of time in the preparation of an application for another large-scale research programme. These efforts have been applied in the context of the cooperation between the research school Center for Resource Studies for Human Development (CERES), in which the research projects of many C.P.S. members are formally embedded, and the Centre of Non-Western Studies (C.N.W.S.). An extensive research programme has been drawn up, entitled 'Representations of Identity' (formerly 'Rituals and Representations') that will be submitted to the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (N.W.O.). It is hoped this programme will open a number of possibilities for both junior and senior staff of a number of research groups within C.N.W.S. and CERES, including the Centre for Pacific Studies. There is a lack of clarity, however, about the responsibility for funding the increasing number of research schools in the Netherlands, whether this should be done by the universities or by external, governmental or non-governmental funding agencies.

Although in the Netherlands there is a marked tendency towards the development of large-scale research programmes that function as an umbrella for individual research projects, there must, of course, always remain space for individual creativity that does not necessarily follow the terms of research parameters as stipulated by the increasing number of academic bureaucrats. For that reason, too, the Centre for Pacific Studies continues to encourage individual students to develop their own ideas, formulate a research proposal and submit it to funding agencies. Research applications of students affiliated to the Centre, however, occur generally under the auspices of the Centre and also under the terms of the Centre's research programme. This year two research students have lodged an application for a subsidy to the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research; one is entitled "Fluid exchanges: exploring bodily substance and Melanesian identity in Lavongai, Papua New Guinea", the other is entitled "Processes of globalisation and localisation: the role of the Catholic Mission in cultural change and identity formation in Solomon Islands village communities". We hope that at least one of these proposals will be awarded with a subsidy so that the research programme of the Centre for Pacific Studies is assured of a necessary expansion.

## **2. Teaching Programme**

The interest for the teaching programme on the Pacific remains steady, and there may even be a slight increase in numbers of students who have decided to complete their research assignment for an M.A. degree in the Pacific. It does, however, remain rather costly for Dutch research students to conduct fieldwork, or in most cases: a pilot study, in the Pacific. To maintain the interest of advanced students in the Pacific and secure the continuity of Pacific Studies at the University of Nijmegen in the future, the Board of the Centre for Pacific Studies has therefore decided to suggest, alongside the normal range of options for fieldwork in the Pacific, topics for research assignment regarding the Pacific that may be conducted in the Netherlands. We are thinking in particular of bibliographic and/or archival research projects, possibly in cooperation with museums, religious orders and congregations. We are also contemplating the possibility of involving students in existing research projects of both junior and senior staff.

Alongside the regular curriculum of courses on the Pacific at the University, the chairman of the Centre for Pacific Studies taught an extramural course on Australian Studies. This course was set up with a subsidy from and in cooperation with the Australian Embassy in the Hague. Interest in Australia and Australiana is presently booming, which, among other things, has been reaffirmed by the high number of enrolments for the course.

## **3. Seminar Series**

Last year's experiment, to integrate the Post-Fieldwork Seminar Series for Master Students into the seminar series that the Centre for Pacific Studies organises in cooperation with the Nijmegen Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology and the Anthropological Students' Union Quetzalcoatl, has been continued this year. It has been rather satisfactorily to have staff and students speak in alternate weekly sessions so that a tradition has probably been established. Over the past two semester speakers included, apart from PhD Students presenting pre- or post-fieldwork seminars and staff from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Nijmegen, Yoni Ryan (Queensland/Australia), Jelle Miedema (Leiden), David Henley (Leiden), Marscha Berman (Papua New Guinea), Charles Coppel (Melbourne/Australia), Vincent Loth (Nijmegen), Fridus Steijlen (Amsterdam). All in all it may be concluded that the Brown Bag Seminar Series provides a useful platform for discussion on ongoing research in the Pacific (and elsewhere).

#### **4. Documentation**

The Documentation Centre is gradually obtaining more information on the region and also, what is increasingly important, better access to other information sources on the Pacific. A major objective of the Documentation Centre remains updating a bibliographic database that, contrary to most other databases, also includes an extensive number of keywords that enables users to search for specific publications in relation to their specific research interests. In addition, the bibliographic database of the Centre for Pacific Studies contains comprehensive references to book reviews that have appeared in a large number of scholarly journals. At present, the database includes references to approximately 3000 publications on the Pacific which have appeared since 1991; in the future it will be backdated to 1985. Plans to make the database publicly accessible on the electronic network are presently being held up because of financial constraints.

#### **5. Oceania Newsletter**

Over the past year only one issue of the Oceania Newsletter has appeared due to a reorganisation of the editorial board following the resignation of the previous Editor-in-Chief. The Oceania Newsletter is currently edited by a team of staff from the Centre without a co-ordinator, which obviously entails a number of logistic problems. However, in the future the teamwork should result in the publication of two issues a year again.

The Manager Electronic Information Services of the Centre, Fred Melssen, has recently completed his project of making the Oceania Newsletter available on World Wide Web (WWW). At the moment, all issues that have been wordprocessed on a personal computer, i.e. the numbers 6 through 16, have been converted and put on the Centre's internet site

(address: <http://www.kun.nl/cps/>).

#### **6. CPS Home Page on World Wide Web**

As indicated above, the Centre's Home Page and its 'hyperlinks' to other information pages, including all electronic issues of the Oceania Newsletter, have recently been updated. In addition, the Centre is proud to announce that a search function has been added to its pages with the issues of the Oceania Newsletter. This enables all visitors to quickly find information on a particular topic.

Response to the WWW site of the Centre for Pacific Studies has been enthusiastic. The Information Department of the University of Nijmegen has complimented the Centre on providing one of the most interesting Home Pages at the University. The Centre has also been hyperlinked by a number of frequently visited sites, including the Home Page of the International Institute on Asian Studies in Leiden, and the Pacific Bridges Project co-ordinated by professor Michael Guest at Shizuoka University in Japan. The next project of the Centre is to provide on its Home Page a hyperlink to a comprehensive list of other interesting internet sites with relevant information on the Pacific.

## **7. New Guinea Archives**

The Centre has been offered a number of valuable personal archives on former Dutch New Guinea. It concerns archives of people who in the 1950s were employed for longer periods of time as government anthropologists or administrative officers in what is currently called Irian Jaya, a province of Indonesia. The C.P.S., however, is unable to store large archives and categorize them in the professional manner which they deserve. For that reason, it has made an arrangement with the Catholic Documentation Centre of the University of Nijmegen to create the possibility for depositing archival material there and to ensure that unique Dutch research material relevant for the historiography of Irian Jaya and the history of Dutch anthropology will not disappear abroad or even become lost for future research. The ownership of archives deposited at the Catholic Documentation Centre will remain in the hands of the depositors and/or their descendants, which will be recorded in a Deed of Deposition. This Deed will also arrange for accessibility of the archives for scholarly research. In principle, archives will be open for research as much as possible, but in some cases permission may be required from the owner(s), his or her descendants, or even the Board of the Centre for Pacific Studies.

## **8. Workshop on "The Politics of Violence and the Violence of Politics"**

In June 1995 the Centre hosted and sponsored the 8th Annual Workshop of the European Social Science Java Network (ESSJN) on violence and politics. Violence is rarely seen as part and parcel of everyday life. Java, too, is often represented as peaceful, particularly in Orientalist discourses. In this workshop, however, violence was discussed as a daily phenomenon in socio-economic relations in all sectors of society: domestic, neighbourhood, local, regional and national. The topic was discussed in four sessions: domestic and local violence; violence and the Indonesian revolution; intimidation and development; and, finally, language, discourse and metaphors of violence. The workshop made clear that there is an urgent need to study in more detail the different forms of violence and violence control in past and present Java. For a more extensive report of this workshop, written by Huub de Jonge, see IIAS Newsletter No. 6, p. 38, Autumn 1995.

## **9. Workshop on "Property Rights and Economic Development"**

Along with the Department of Agrarian Law at the Agricultural University in Wageningen the Centre is organising a workshop on 'Property Rights and Economic Development in Southeast Asia and Oceania' on 8 November 1996. With this workshop the Centre is hoping to stimulate the internal cooperation between scholars with different regional interests within the C.P.S. Thematically the workshop is organised around the widespread view that a positive relationship exists between standardized property rights and economic development. The aim of the workshop is to assess the socio-cultural, political and economic impact of property rights to land and natural resources, both in Southeast Asia and Oceania, by examining the empirical evidence for the hypothesis. Fifteen people have signed up to contribute a paper to the workshop, the significance of which has been recognized by subsidizers, including the International Institute of Asian Studies and the Netherlands Society of Anthropology. This workshop should result in a relatively coherent conference volume with at least ten interesting papers on the subject.

## **10. Awards**

Eric Venbrux, a graduate of the Centre for Pacific Studies, currently employed as part-time research fellow in the Department of Folklore at the P.J.Meertens Institute at Amsterdam and as part-time postdoctoral research fellow at the Centre for Pacific Studies, has been awarded with the price for the best doctoral dissertation in the arts and the humanities defended at the University of Nijmegen over the past two years. Attached to the award was a cheque made available by the SNS Bank of the Gelderland Region. His PhD thesis has meanwhile been published by Cambridge University Press

under the title *A Death in the Tiwi Islands: Conflict, Ritual and Social Life in an Australian Aboriginal Community* (1995).

## **CALENDAR**

### **World Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism**

The 1996 World Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism: Experiences in Management and Development, 19-22 June 1996 in Honolulu, will bring together government representatives, community leaders, and scientists to discuss strategies for sustainable tourism development in coastal locales. For information, contact CMT96, c/o Oregon Sea Grant, Oregon State University, 500 Administrative Services, Corvallis, OR 97331-2131, USA. Tel: (541) 737-5130; fax: (541) 737-2392.

CMT96 runs concurrently with the Seventh Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology, PACON 96, which will be held in Honolulu, 17-22 June. The theme of PACON 96 is Solutions for the Pacific Century, and the meeting will have a technical program dealing with topics from ocean remote sensing to oceanography to ecotourism and marine bioremediation. For information, contact PACON International. Tel: (808) 956-6163; fax (808) 956- 2580; e-mail: [pacon@wiliki.eng.hawaii.edu](mailto:pacon@wiliki.eng.hawaii.edu).

### **Culture and Citizenship Conference**

A call for papers has been issued for Culture and Citizenship, the inaugural conference of the Australian Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy, to be held in Brisbane, 30 September-2 October 1996. The conference seeks to make a contribution to debates on the place of citizenship in national and international cultural and media policy by addressing two questions: What is the relationship between citizenship, culture, and government? and What role should media, arts, and culture play in shaping citizenship? Papers and plenaries will generate dialogue between academics and policy professionals, exploring points of translation between civic aspirations and policy programs.

Abstracts are invited in the following topic areas:

- Public culture and citizenship
- Cultural and media policy professions
- Peoples and citizens
- Redefining citizenship
- The future of citizenship.

Abstracts of 100-200 words should be sent, along with inquiries, to:

- The Manager
- Australian Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy
- Faculty of Humanities
- Griffith University
- Nathan 4111
- Australia
- tel 61-7-3875-5350; fax 61-7-3875-5511
- e-mail [b.jeppesen@hum.gu.edu.au](mailto:b.jeppesen@hum.gu.edu.au)

### **International Conference of Ecological Engineering,**

7-11 October 1996, Beijing, China

The conference will focus on agriculture and environment. Ecological engineering is the design of human society with its natural environment for the benefit of both. In comparison with other engineering methods, it usually needs low capital cost and low energy consumption, and is more suitable to solve today's many problems in the conflict among development, environment and resource shortage. In recent years, ecological engineering attracts interests of more and more scientists in the fields of agriculture, environmental protection, construction, ecological restoration, natural conservation and waste treatment etc. In China it was found that the concepts of ecological engineering agreed very well with its formal "design with nature" philosophy. In recent years the term of ecological engineering is used throughout the whole country, with more than 500 sites that practice agro-ecological and eco-environmental engineering. The ICEE in Beijing will provide a good chance for the knowledge exchange and there will be excursions to the practice sites. The number of participants in IEEC Beijing is expected 250 including 100 international.

#### Theme 1. Ecological Engineering for Rural Sustainable Development

- S1 Ecological engineering for integrative farming
- S2 Ecological engineering for comprehensive agro-industry
- S3 Ecological engineer for rural community development

#### Theme 2. Ecological Engineering for Urban & Regional Environment and Development

- S4 Productive controlling, treatment and utilization of waste water
- S5 Ecological engineering for solid wastes treatment and utilization
- S6 Ecological engineering for urbanization and industrialization
- S7 Ecological restoration for degraded ecosystems
- S8 Methodology in ecological engineering

Oral and poster presentations will be included on the programme. For more information, please contact: Prof. Chengqing Yin, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, CAS/China P.O. Box 2871, Beijing, China. Phone: (+86 10) 2554806, Fax: (+86 10) 256 2775 E-mail: [skleac@public.bta.net.cn](mailto:skleac@public.bta.net.cn)

### **Third Conference of the European Society for Oceanists**

Theme: Pacific Peoples in the Pacific Century: Society, Culture, Nature

Copenhagen 13-15 December 1996, at The National Museum of Denmark and The Institute of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

The purpose of the biannual ESO conference is to exchange research results and create closer links between European Oceanic scholars. Its subject is designed to accommodate the diversity of the problems faced by the scholars and disciplines concerned, in a local as well as a regional scope.

The main theme of the ESO conference in Copenhagen is Pacific Peoples in the Pacific Century: Society, Culture, Nature. This theme has been selected in the light of the massive changes in the political, economic and ecological situation of the world.

Crucial shifts in flows of capital have led to what some have referred to as the Pacific Century. This term refers to a new center of gravity of the world economy based on the rapid growth of the economies of East and South-East Asia. The Pacific basin is effected in profound ways by this development and it is the interrelated cultural, social and natural changes that have effected the life of Pacific peoples that is the focus of the conference.

In Europe there has been a growing public discussion of the possible long term environmental consequences of over-exploitation of the natural environment in the Pacific. There has, however, been less awareness of how these economic and environmental processes are related to the local social and cultural situation. On the local level we see a series of local initiatives and reactions to foreign control, an increase in independence movements, the formation of new nation states and increasing ethnic conflict. This complex situation necessitates increased cooperation among specialists in Pacific history, ethnography and ecology.

The Pacific has been an experimental zone for theoretical anthropology and archaeology because it is a vast sea of islands in which social change can be studied in a way not possible in continental situations. The Pacific is also a very fragile place, for the same reasons - small islands in a vast sea of interconnectedness. For Pacific islanders this is a crucial problem, and it is of utmost importance that they can inform the world of their situation as well as gaining information from specialists from around the world.

The conference will bring together valuable notions provided by regional and thematical specialist studies. The intention is to create interdisciplinary discussions on the interrelated processes of ecology, economics, politics and culture which have been mentioned above. A number of Pacific specialists will be invited to contribute to the conference discussions in order to strengthen the intellectual cooperation between European and the Pacific scholars.

Proposed themes of working sessions:

The general theme Pacific Peoples in the Pacific Century: Society, Culture, Nature may be developed around a wide variety of aspects. The board members of the ESO have specified 10 sub-themes each characterized by a number of key words. The sub-themes will be addressed in working sessions.

1. Environment and Resources: Local Perspectives

Resource ownership; Resource knowledge and "intellectual property"; Space, place, identity

2. Epistemologies of Nature

Pacific cosmologies; Concepts of "nature" and "conservation"; "Ethnoecology" reconsidered; Pacific knowledges and Western sciences.

3. Resource Exploitation and Political-Environmental Activism

Case studies of the local contexts of large-scale logging, mining and fishing; Environmental activism; The roles of NGOs; Notions of sustainability

4. Reaction, Resistance and Creative Agency

Confrontation and conflict over resources; Empowerment and disempowerment; Knowledge and power.

5. Local Economic History

Local realities and global connections; subsistence and cash; change and continuity.

6. Archaeology and Prehistoric Transformation

Populations and resources; The rise and fall of regional systems; Archaeology and cultural policy.

7. Globalization and a Changing World Order

Missionization and the "colonization of the mind"; Migration, urbanization and health; Global political economy and the Pacific scene; Asia in the South Pacific.

8. A New Pacific in "The Pacific Century": Perspectives on the Future  
Regional perspectives; Nations and nationalism; Colonialism; Islanders in the Pacific Century;  
Knowledge and technologies for the future.

9. Media and Material Culture

Media and education; consumption and material culture; Objects and contexts; Museums and cultural centers; Culture as commodity (the conference will have excellent facilities for audio-visual presentations).

10. People and Rainforest: Human-forest interaction

This theme has been proposed to the APFT group at the Faculty of Social Science, University of Kent at Canterbury who is researching on the future of tropical rainforest peoples on a contract from the European Commission. We hope that the Oceanists in APFT will be involved in the organization of the working session, but this cooperation is still to be discussed in detail.

Papers are invited on any of these 10 proposed sub-themes. If you intend to present a paper, please indicate the number of sub-theme, and also state a second priority of sub-theme, in case practical concerns will make it necessary to move contributions to a different working session. Short abstracts of papers (not longer than 1/3 A4 page) are requested by September 1, 1996, preferably by e-mail.

At a recent ESO board meeting in Lund, Sweden, it was decided to charge a conference fee of USD 30,00 from the participants to cover expenses for the planning and organization of the 1998 ESO conference. The fee is being introduced since it has proven difficult for the board to carry out the necessary activities of meeting and correspondence with no cash resources at all. We hope the membership will approve on the fee; we are of course interested in hearing any opinions from individual members on the matter.

Please send all correspondence to: Bente Wolff, ESO conference secretary, Institute of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, Frederiksholms Kanal 4, DK-1220 Copenhagen K, Denmark, Fax 45 35323465, Ph. 45 33473233, E-mail: [es-bw@palais.natmus.min.dk](mailto:es-bw@palais.natmus.min.dk)

### **Multi-Ethnic Literatures**

The Center for Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa will cosponsor a conference on Multi-Ethnic Literatures Across the Americas and the Pacific: Exchanges, Contestations, and Alliances, a conference of the Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS). The conference, to be held at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 18-20 April 1997, is being coordinated by the College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature. In addition to papers on the multi-ethnic literatures of North America, the organizers welcome comparative perspectives that address the growing cultural and textual connections between America and the Pacific, as well as comparative perspectives on postcolonial and American ethnic literature. Presenters should be members of MELUS, and the deadline for proposals is 15 October. Special sessions are scheduled for K-12 teachers.

For conference information, contact 1997 MELUS Conference Chair, UH-Manoa Department of English, Honolulu, HI 96822; e-mail [rhsu@hawaii.edu](mailto:rhsu@hawaii.edu); fax (808) 956-3083.

### **From Myth to Minerals: Place, Narrative, Land and Transformation in New Guinea and Australia**

It has been nearly twenty five years since Roy Wagner traced the progress of the Rainbow Serpent myth from the interior of Australia to the interior of New Guinea, and thirty-five years since Jan van

Baal wrote his classic paper on Bullroarers in Australia and New Guinea. For this long, ethnographers in both regions have known that the Torres Strait Islands were the conduit across which language, totemic associations, myth and cult practices flowed freely between Melanesia and Australia. Moreover, the intimate historical, geographical and colonial relationship between Australia and New Guinea was reflected in the fact that during the 1950s and 1960s, Australian anthropology produced several pre-eminent scholars (such as Mervyn Meggitt and Ronald Berndt) who conducted intensive fieldwork in both areas.

Although we have long known that in terms of institutions such as marriage, cult, myth, ritual and totemism, the two areas had much in common, more recently, the indigenous people of Australia and New Guinea share new similarities. In both places, mineral exploration confronts developers and multinationals with local landowners; a diverse range of political, cultural and national identities have emerged in the struggle to come to terms with such confrontation; local groups experiment with western technology and media and fashion new forms of representation and expression; customary law undergoes rigid inspection in the western courts; new pressures on leadership and education lead to the developments of experimental, more appropriate forms of local and political organization.

In 1996, the centenary of the publication of Franz Boas' paper on the limits of the comparative method, as the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research is sponsoring an international conference on cross-cultural comparison between Melanesia and Amazonia, we think it is fitting to invite anthropologists from around the world to a venue in Australia to identify the traditional and contemporary links - culturally, socially, politically and otherwise - between the indigenous societies and cultures of Australia and New Guinea. Some of the topics that participants may want to think about include:

- \* The progress of internal colonialism in Australia as against its external counterpart in New Guinea. For example: What were the common experiences of patrol officers in both areas and what differential role did they play in asserting political and social control? How was labour utilized in both areas to service the expropriative colonial economy?
- \* More generally, the concept of the State, and of the relationship to State apparatus as a defining feature of ethnic, linguistic and political identity in late twentieth century Australia and Papua New Guinea. What do we mean by "indigenous society"? How have concepts such as "Aboriginality" replaced other means of identifying aboriginal inhabitants of both areas?
- \* The uses and nature of knowledge systems: In both areas, secrecy and restricted knowledge play decisive epistemological and political roles. How have regimes of secrecy reacted to the different demands placed upon them in recent times? What is the nature of ancestral law, mythology and revelation?
- \* The emergence of the land-owner as a contemporary Aboriginal and New Guinea political and social status. How have relationships to land, place and landscape been transformed by confrontation with mining projects, pastoralists, development?
- \* The critical role of consulting anthropology in both areas, and how we can theorize both about consultation and its relation to the discipline in large.
- \* Art, land and person: The role of art as mediating new and traditional cultural identities to Euro-American society. Experimentation with western forms of artistic expression, including electronic media, literature, and music.
- \* Totemic geography, mythical tracks, the relationship between landscape and discourse more generally. The relationship between history, place and memory in the constitution of time and personal identity. Land as a core spatial organizing trope in both areas.

\* The marked use of gender contrast in both areas for a variety of discursive and social categorizations. The role of procreative imagery, in particular as it relates to the constitution of the Australian and New Guinean body and of social relationships.

\* Urbanization, urban kinship and the relation between urbanity and "traditional" communities in the evolving arena of identity politics in both nations.

\* Religion and Christianity, the role of apocalyptic transformation in the articulation of religious states and epochs in traditional society. The New Guinea Cargo cult and the Adjustment Movement in northeast Arnhem Land. Christianity as a political force in intranational indigenous society.

\* Regional systems within both areas: supralocal Dreaming tracks in Australia and regional exchange networks in New Guinea. How do regionality and locality now articulate within impinging global collectivities?

We have reached a point in anthropology where the instability of our theoretical and methodological apparatus no longer allows us the reference points of culture and culture trait, and precludes us from a simple examination of, for example, Australian and New Guinea patrilineality or moiety organization. It is not enough for us to compare moiety organization in Arnhem Land with that in southern New Guinea: we must start out by comparing the differences within Arnhem Land social organizations with differences in south coast New Guinea social structures, so that a sense of how the regions were constituted as such in the first place becomes clear. Further, any comparison between the two areas must at least at some point reconstitute the history of anthropology in this region and recognize that cultural, material and expressive convergences are now more also the results of a similar colonial history, a history that includes the progress of anthropological theory as one of its manifestations. In this way, we comment not just on anthropology's comparative task, as Boas first identified it, but its historical and cultural genesis as well.

This conference will be held April 19-21, 1997. If you wish further information, please contact me on email: [jweiner@arts.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:jweiner@arts.adelaide.edu.au)

### **Property Rights and Economic Development in Southeast Asia And Oceania**

Workshop organised by the Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Nijmegen and the Department of Agrarian Law, Agricultural University Wageningen, under the auspices of the Netherlands Society for Anthropology and the Research School for Resources Studies for Development (CERES).

The assumption that a positive relationship exists between standardized property rights and economic development is upheld widely, both in academic and political discourses in Southeast Asian and Pacific societies. In the academic disciplines of law and economics, for example, it is generally postulated that the formalisation of property rights legally sanctioned by a central system of government, will not only facilitate the exchange of property on economic markets, but also expand those markets and generate economic growth. Similar assumptions are part of political discourses in a wide range of Southeast Asian and Oceanic societies. Small-scale societies that are increasingly integrated in post-colonial nation-states and global economic networks often expect the formalisation of their property rights to land and natural resources to result in economic progress, enhanced social security and greater opportunities for self-management. By the same token, indigenous peoples and Fourth World nations such as the Australian Aborigines and the New Zealand Maori, frequently argue that land rights and the recognition of their rights to natural resources will bring about improved economic circumstances, reduced financial dependency on state governments, and true self-determination.

This workshop aims at assessing the economic impact of standardized property rights to land and natural resources in Southeast Asia and Oceania by examining the empirical evidence for the hypothesis set out above. The point of departure for the discussion is that anthropological and sociological analyses of the relationship in practice between property rights and economic development, indicate that a positive correlation may be difficult to sustain. After all, in most developing countries, including the relatively young (nation-)states in Southeast Asia and Oceania, the complex field of normative regulation is characterized by legal pluralism: state law and customary law coexist. The problematic relationship between the two is compounded by the colonial heritage of most societies in the region, which has not contributed to the development of unambivalent legal frameworks. In addition, legal pluralism in post-colonial societies of Southeast Asia and Oceania is increasingly complicated as indigenous peoples in the region have begun to appeal to international law concerning rights to land and natural resources as authorised by the United Nations. Legal pluralism, therefore, is often a source of considerable legal, social, political and economic insecurity. At the same time, however, counterpoising tendencies are effective to the extent that in some local situations political entrepreneurs advocate for the maintenance of customary law practices in order to circumvent the impact of legal state regulations on their 'private ordering' of property rights. In view of the increasing influences of nation-states, legal pluralism may in those cases contribute to the protection of local autonomy.

The practical significance of complex forms of property rights and related socio-economic practices cannot, therefore, be usefully examined within a formalistic, normatively oriented legal or economic approach. Instead, an anthropological or sociological approach of law is required to analyse the complicated, multidimensional relationship between property rights and economic development, how this relationship is embedded in social practice, and, in short, how people and institutions attribute meaning to the various components of law and economics in their practical interrelationship.

In this workshop it is explicitly aimed to examine the above questions not only in an interdisciplinary way, but also in a comparative framework, involving case-studies from societies in both Southeast Asia and Oceania.

#### *Themes for papers*

##### 1. Property rights and legal pluralism

- \* To what extent are legal frameworks and practices in relation to property rights at local and national levels of society different or even incompatible?
- \* What protocols are used by national governments to implement legal regulations, and how are they enforced in cases of conflict?
- \* To what extent is 'private ordering' at local levels of society a political strategy that aims at circumventing legal regulations imposed by national or international authorities?

##### 2. Property rights and economic implications

- \* What are the legal and economic relationships, particularly with regard to property rights, between local and national levels of society, between indigenous peoples and state governments?
- \* Which legal and economic factors play a role of significance in the transformation of property rights in colonial and post-colonial societies?
- \* What are the legal and economic implications of colonization and/or transmigration programmes?
- \* What are the legal and economic implications of land registration and/or land reform policies?

##### 3. Property rights and natural resources

- \* What problems of conceptualization emerge in conflicts about property rights to natural resources, e.g. between indigenous peoples and (nation-)states or between rural societies and external agencies including states?
- \* What are the legal implications of debates about the environmental impact of rapid economic developments, including logging, deep-sea fishing, mining and the industrialisation and expansion of urban environments at the expense of rural areas and nature reserves?

4. Property rights and international law

- \* To what extent entail changes in property rights shifts in international, national, regional and/or local power relations?
- \* To what extent is international law used as a resource in struggles over property rights to land and natural resources between local and national groups, between indigenous peoples and state governments?

5. Property rights and gender

- \* To what extent have women been disenfranchised as a result of economic developments and to what extent have women's rights to property been acknowledged in law?
- \* What are the ethical implications of property rights, or, in many cases, the absence of property rights for disadvantaged groups, such as women and indigenous peoples?

Date of conference: 8 November 1996

Place: Plasmolen (or Berg & Dal)

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**The Pacific Islands Political Studies Association** organises its **5th conference** in the Republic of Palau, 8-11 December 1996

Theme: Leadership and Political Change in the Pacific

For further information write to the Co-Conveners:

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**NEW SITES**

Internet surfers around the world may be interested to know about several new World Wide Web sites concerning the Pacific Islands.

The Association for the Study of AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES (ASAL) now has a homepage:  
<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/~marck/anhmpg.htm>

It is soliciting addresses for other homepages whose developers wish to link through the Austronesian homepage.

The Austronesian homepage, "Austronesian On-Line", provides information about:

1. Austronesian Languages
2. The next International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (Taipei 1997).
3. The AN-Lang email list.
4. The AN-Biblio Project. (Two bibliographies are now available through the Austronesian homepage: One is a small but growing work which is developing through the AN-Lang email list: subscribers are sending in their personal lists of publications and they are being incorporated into a master file called AN-Biblio. The second is the thesis bibliography of the owner (Jeff Marck); there are something like 1800 titles on Papua New Guinea language and culture history.
5. Links to:
  - a. libraries with significant Austronesian or general linguistics connections
  - b. universities with Pacific and Asian Programs
  - c. departments of linguistics
  - d. software companies
  - e. personal homepages
  - f. book stores specialising in Pacific and Asian titles
  - g. publishers
  - h. organisations

Additions and corrections can be sent to: [jeff.marck@anu.edu.au](mailto:jeff.marck@anu.edu.au) (Jeff Marck, Technical Coordinator, AN-Lang Email List).

An updated version of PNG research affiliation information is now on a WorldWide Web site at the following location -

<http://lucy.ukc.ac.uk/> - and you may be interested in looking this up. This is the site for the SEAsia and Pacific parts of a European Community-funded project entitled APFT (AVENIR DES PEUPLES DES FORETS TROPICALES) and is based in Prof. Roy Ellen's Dept. of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

The CENTER FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDIES site is at <http://www2.hawaii.edu/shaps/pacific/Pacific-Overview.html> and includes information about faculty, courses, the library, publications, and the degree program as well as the latest copy of the newsletter. Information about the center's two book series and the journal, The Contemporary Pacific, can be obtained through the center home page or through the University of Hawai'i Press's home page at <http://www2.hawaii.edu/uhpress/UHPHome.html>. It also contains information on other books about the Pacific, including Talanoa: Contemporary Literature Series.

EAST TIMOR RESOURCES available on WWW:

East Timor information in English is on the World-Wide Web at the University of Lisbon:  
<http://amadeus.inesc.pt:80/~jota/Timor/>.

This includes background and current information, and links to many other systems including the IGC Gopher.

Amnesty International's Indonesia & East Timor material is available through <http://www.io.org/amnesty/overview.html> or <ftp://ftp.io.org/pub/human-rights/Amnesty/indonesia/>

Other well-maintained East Timor pages include:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~ekeberg/INDEX.HTM>

<http://iconz.co.nz/~calliope/Nettalk.html>

<http://peg.pegasus.oz.au/~etchrmel/>

A good "course" on East Timor with cultural and historical reference materials is at <http://www.uc.pt/Timor/TimorNet.html>

Legal and historical background, especially on human rights, are available at: [http://143.117.33.25/qub\\_law/Timor/intro.htm](http://143.117.33.25/qub_law/Timor/intro.htm) and <http://www.umn.edu/humanrts/>

For further information contact:

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Internet: [cscheiner@igc.apc.org](mailto:cscheiner@igc.apc.org) Compuserve:74670,3530

For information on East Timor, email [timor-info@igc.apc.org](mailto:timor-info@igc.apc.org)

The EAST-WEST CENTER's Web page, at <http://www.ewc.hawaii.edu/>, includes information on programs, scholarships, and fellowships, and events at the center, and information on visitor housing and housing rates at its three on-campus residence halls. Individuals with an academic affiliation may now make reservations directly by contacting East-West Center Housing Office, 1777 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96848. Tel: (808) 944-7805; fax: (808) 944-7790; e-mail: [ewhousing@ewc.hawaii.edu](mailto:ewhousing@ewc.hawaii.edu)

Nation of HAWAII, a Native Hawaiian sovereignty group, has a Web site at <http://www.hawaii-nation.org/> to "provide information regarding restoration of Hawaiian independence, along with cultural perspectives from the people of Hawai'i." Included on the page are background on the independence issue, policy statements, historical information, news articles, and special features.

#### MICRONESIAN COUNSELOR ONLINE

The Microstate Network and Island Initiatives Consulting has announced the online publication of the complete series of Micronesian Counselor, an occasional bulletin on social and development issues produced by the Micronesian Seminar. Micronesian Seminar is a private, nonprofit, Jesuit-run organization based in Pohnpei. Its main goal is to encourage the people of Micronesia to reflect on current issues and problems brought on by modernization.

The Web address for Micronesian Counselor is <http://www.microstate.com/pub/micros/micsem/> Seventeen titles are available including: The Dilemmas of Development: Effects of Modernization on Three Areas of Island Life; Kokan: Youthful Female Runaways in the Marshalls; What Can We Do To Prevent Suicide?; Social Isolation, Cultural Competence, and Disability in the Carolines; Land Issues in Chuuk; and Mental Illness in Micronesia.

Microstate Network is a collection of resources and services developed by Microstate Ltd. for the purpose of fostering public and private sector development in small states and islands. Using the internet, the organization has developed links to resources and publicly accessible electronic databases and training modules. Their Web address is <http://www.microstate.com/pub/micros/>

Information about the NEW GUINEA RESEARCH PROGRAM at THE FIELD MUSEUM in Chicago is now available on line at our Web Page site: <http://wwz.com/garlic/anthropology.html>

For further information contact John Edward Terrell, New Guinea Research Program, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA, (312) 922-9410 X330 [terrell@fmppr.fmnh.org](mailto:terrell@fmppr.fmnh.org)

NEW ZEALAND LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION (Te Rau Herenga o Aotearoa NZLIA, New Zealand) is the professional association for librarians and information workers in NZ. The site of association contains information about the organisation, and links to related sites. Its URL is <http://www.netlink.co.nz/~nzlia>

Also from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, MICHAEL OGDEN's NEW & IMPROVED PACIFIC ISLANDS WORLD WIDE WEB "THINGS" at BR

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/usr/cgi/ssis/~ogden/ogden-newpacific.html>. This very useful site contains information on Pacific Islands resources, including document collections, academic institutions, regional organizations, and travel information for the region as a whole, as well as maps and images and other information about each island entity.

The PACIFIC BRIDGES server is at <http://kfpc3.la.shizuoka.ac.jp>.

The PACIFIC BUSINESS CENTER at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa now has a Web site that includes an Island Marketplace page where center clients can display photographs of their products or services along with a description and contact information. The address is <http://www.cba.hawaii.edu/PBCP/>.

#### PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN COMMUNICATION

Pacific Islanders in Communication (PIC) also announces their new Web site, <http://planet-hawaii.com/~pacislanders>, with information on grants; institutes and workshops; and the Pacific Island Images Film Festival, 1-4 August 1996; as well as information about recent PIC productions Then There Were None and Pacific Diaries (Chamoru Dreams, The Samoan Heart, and Happy Birthday Tutu Ruth). There are also plans to include articles from their quarterly newsletter.

For more information on Pacific Islanders in Communication and their video productions, contact PIC, 1221 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 64-A, Honolulu, HI 96814. Tel (808) 591-0059; fax (808) 591-1114; e-mail [piccom@elele.peacesat.hawaii.edu](mailto:piccom@elele.peacesat.hawaii.edu)

PACIFIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL Web pages offer information on PTC contact names, telephone, fax and email addresses; forthcoming meetings, conferences, and seminars; and PTC publications. The PTC address is <http://www.ptc.org>.

PAN PACIFIC BOOKS in Honolulu is now accessible on Internet:

<http://www.mcn.org/b/panpacific>.

The home page features the Pan Pacifica April 1996 catalogue. These biannual catalogues are tremendous sources of grey and government literature from Pacific island countries.

Snail mail details: 4662 Sierra Drive, Honolulu HI 968-3350, USA  
Tel./fax + 1 808 739 2326 / e-mail: [panpac@lava.net](mailto:panpac@lava.net).

The PAPUA NEW GUINEA WWW VIRTUAL LIBRARY comes from the Coombs Computing Unit at Australian National University in Australia. This resource is a part of the Pacific Studies WWW Virtual Library. Contents: Bibliographies, Books and films, Feature pages, Gopher / Ftp resources, Information, Issues, Nearby Places, Science / Academic resources, Travel and tourism

Its URL is <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/SpecialProj/PNG/WWWVL-PNG.html>.

This site is maintained by Dr John Burton ( [John.Burton@anu.edu.au](mailto:John.Burton@anu.edu.au))

The latest issue of the PIALA NEWSLETTER is to be found on WWW under <http://www.uni-sb.de/z-einr/ub/lib/piala/>.

Older issues are also available at the URL.

The SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION in NYC has established a website at the following address: <http://www.solomons.com>.

The email address is: [slbun@undp.org](mailto:slbun@undp.org).

#### TRACING THE NORTH-WEST PAPUA PATROL OF 1926-28: A WALK FROM THE FLY TO THE SEPIK

Michael Bird, Chris Ballard, Andrew Watson, Lester Seri and George Anian, all from the Research School of Earth Sciences at the Australian National University, have put together an expedition to retrace the 1926-28 Karius-Champion Northwest Patrol. For those who would like to follow the progress of the 1996 Northwest Patrol, (lots of interesting work planned by the field team) herewith the internet address: <http://wwrses.anu.edu.au/NWP/>.

Michael advises that if that doesn't work "substitute &lt;coulomb&gt; for &lt;wwrses&gt;

PROVENANCE is a new electronic journal for "Information specialists, librarians, archivists, records and document managers, distance education specialists and information technologists". Provenance is based in Vancouver and has a Pacific-rim orientation, with an emphasis on Pacific 'connectivity' and networking.

Volume 1 no. 1 is currently available through the World Wide Web. It is planned that the focus of issue #2 will be archives and archivists. Provenance welcomes news and contributions from information professionals in Australia and the south-west Pacific. Any questions can be directed to the Australian correspondent Adrian Cunningham (email: [acunning@nla.gov.au](mailto:acunning@nla.gov.au)) or to the Editor, Neal Chan (email: [etpac@intergate.bc.ca](mailto:etpac@intergate.bc.ca)).

Provenance can be found on the Web at: <http://www.intergate.bc.ca/netpac/provenance/index.html>.

The Editorial Board of the SOUTH PACIFIC JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY (a joint publication of the University of Newcastle and the University of Papua New Guinea) is pleased to announce the creation of a World Wide Web site and Electronic Digest (SPJP-L) dedicated to the rapid communication of professionals and academics in the South Pacific region. The Journal, now in its ninth year, seeks to foster the development of Psychology as a discipline and as a profession within the region, and publishes articles of theoretical and practical relevance to psychologists indigenous to the region. Studies demonstrating how cultural conditions limit general psychological principles are welcomed, as are studies evaluating the applicability of psychological technologies, including therapies and measurements, within specific cultural groups. The Journal welcomes contributions

across theoretical orientations and is receptive to studies incorporating qualitative as well as quantitative methods.

The World Wide Site, based at the University of Newcastle, Australia, serves as a repository for abstracts of published papers, archives of the Electronic Digest, and other electronic resources. Administrators of related sites are encouraged to list the Journal's HTTP reference on their pages, and the Associate Editor (Electronic) is pleased to make additions to the Journal's resource page for appropriate material. In addition, universities from developing countries will be able to download (without charge) copies of papers published in the journal. Other institutions and individuals may use this service for a fee, equivalent to the price of an annual subscription to the paper version. The site's HTTP reference is: <http://hiplab.newcastle.edu.au/pacific/pacific.html>.

The Electronic Digest (SPJP-L) is a moderated digest which contains briefings on current events (such as conference announcements) and facilitates rapid discussion on topics of relevance to psychologists and other social scientists in the South Pacific. Discussions may cover (but are not limited to) the role of Psychology as a discipline and profession in developing countries; the successes and failures of Psychology in the South Pacific; and analysis of the social and psychological impact of current events in the South Pacific. The Digest will be mailed electronically to recipients at the end of each week, with the first issue due to be mailed in January. Submissions and subscription requests may be sent to the Associate Editor (Electronic): [pacific@hiplab.newcastle.edu.au](mailto:pacific@hiplab.newcastle.edu.au).

Manuscripts submitted for publication in the Journal should conform to APA style submissions (copies) and should be directed to the editor: Dr. Stuart Carr, Department of Psychology, University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia

Subscription requests (US\$25 per year or equivalent) should also be directed to the Editor. Requests for back issues, and permission to reprint, should be directed to: Dr. David Lea, Dept of Politics and Administrative Studies, University of Papua New Guinea, Box 320, University Post Office, NCDC, Papua New Guinea.

For any further information regarding the electronic edition of the journal, please feel free to contact Paul Watters at [pacific@hiplab.newcastle.edu.au](mailto:pacific@hiplab.newcastle.edu.au).

The UnCover Company is pleased to announce the release of UNCOVERWEB, our new World Wide Web site that includes a Web interface to the UnCover database of 17,000 periodicals and over 8 million articles. The URL for UnCoverWeb is <http://www.carl.org/uncover>.

UnCoverWeb is a set of "pages" or destinations on the Web that provides access to information about UnCover as well as access to a graphical version of the database. UnCoverWeb also provides access to CARLweb and the CARL network of databases and services.

From the starting page of UnCoverWeb, a user can click on a number of boxes and panels to find information about UnCover products and services. Detailed descriptions, pricing, and instructions can be accessed. If a user has detailed questions, he can simply click on highlighted text to connect directly to an UnCover e-mail address.

The most exciting aspect about UnCoverWeb is the graphical interface. As the case has always been, accessing and searching the UnCover database is free! The notable difference now is users can do this through the World Wide Web! Both novice and experienced UnCover users will be impressed by the effortless nature of using the visually-appealing interface. By clicking on the graphical interface destination, a user can access, search, and order periodical articles from the UnCover database in an easy-to-use graphical environment.

All regular UnCover functionality is available in UnCoverWeb including the use of Access Passwords (an optional access alternative that gives high volume users a discounted rate on all article orders). UnCover Express, a new companion database that exclusively contains articles available in one hour (at the regular per article rate), can also be used via UnCoverWeb.

Other UnCover features such as establishing profiles (user information files that are stored by UnCover and accessed only by the individual user) and creating title and search strategy lists for UnCover Reveal (an electronic table of contents and topical alerting service) can be done by simply clicking on fields, boxes, or highlighted text and typing in the requested information.

Users who still prefer the text interface to UnCover can also enjoy the benefits of the new Web site because aside from the generous amount of information about UnCover products and services, a telnet path to the character-based interface is provided as well.

Current UnCover Customized Gateway users will also be excited to know that a Gateway version of UnCoverWeb will be released later this year. Some of the benefits that Gateway institutions currently enjoy and that will be available in the Web version include a holdings match with UnCover that results in an online display of materials locally owned and an automated system that blocks article orders according to local ownership or an institution-specified price limit.

The main requirements for using UnCoverWeb are Internet connectivity to the World Wide Web for your PC, Macintosh, or UNIX workstation and a graphical Web browser such as Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Information boxes and fields are included on the first page of the site to answer any questions. Help boxes and fields are also available throughout UnCoverWeb.

For additional assistance, questions, and feedback about UnCoverWeb, please feel free to contact the UnCover office by phone at 800-787-7979 or 303-758-3030 or by e-mail at: [uncover@carl.org](mailto:uncover@carl.org).

## VANUATU

Log onto <http://silk.net/personal/scombs/vanuatu.html> to find out what happens when a Canadian family leaves for a South Seas Island.

This site has been developed by a Crop Insurance Underwriter with the British Columbia (Canada) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food. His interest in Pacific Islands issues stems from a CUSO (Canadian international volunteer organization) contract 1987-89 as the Regional Development Planner for the Malekula Local Government Council at Lakatoro, Vanuatu. This was followed by a Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation contract 1989-92 as the Regional Development Planning Adviser at the National Planning and Statistics Office of the central government in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Recently he has set up a WWW site at <http://silk.net/personal/scombs/vanuatu.html> presenting his family's experiences living in rural Vanuatu. Much of this is in a series of letters home that he changes about every week. Not many expatriates get the chance to experience rural Melanesia for an extended period, and we hope people are interested in the things that he learned and experienced.

THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE, the world's largest independent conservation organization, is pleased to announce the launch of its World Wide Web site, The WWF Global Network at <http://www.panda.org/>.

This site provides comprehensive news and information. More than 14,000 screens on all aspects of conservation and the environment. Topics include forests, climate change, marine issues, pollution, species, and sustainable development.

Some exciting features:

- The "News Room" with "Hot off the Press" environmental news items and access to news publications archives;
- A "Green Resources Guide" provides instant access to all other related Internet sites, mailing lists, and newsgroups;
- "Publications and Research" contains extensive information on biodiversity, climate change, forests, freshwater ecosystems, oceans, and species;
- An "Experts' Database" with biographical data on more than 1,000 researchers, scientists, and experts that is useful for communicating and networking;
- A "Photo Gallery" of threatened environmental treasures;
- "In the Field" gives a by-country breakdown of WWF projects from Albania to Zambia, as well as exclusive commentaries from WWF field project leaders;
- The "All About WWF" section links you to all other WWF Web sites, and provides information on WWF's history, its priorities, and key players;
- A "Sights and Sounds" area allows you to see videos of WWF conservation in action, and listen to sounds of the rainforest;
- "Global Action Alerts" tell you how you can get involved;
- The "Kids and Teachers" section, full of information on classroom instruction and fun games;
- "Major Campaigns" describes what WWF is doing to protect the seas, save the forests, stop the climate from changing, and accomplish great conservation victories by the year 2000, and much, much more.

Also a lifestyle 'Tip of the Day', monthly quizzes, surveys, and other interactive features are just a few of the many elements that make up The WWF Global Network web site.

## **NEW MAGAZINE**

A new magazine has been launched concerning academic work on the Asia-Pacific region. It is called the Asia-Pacific Magazine.

The Asia-Pacific Magazine will present the results of the best academic research on the region in a popular, high-quality, monthly format. It will not be a news or current affairs magazine, but will provide the deeper background needed to understand contemporary affairs in the Asia-Pacific region. It will cover all fields: history, economics, anthropology, contemporary culture, linguistics, politics, security studies, the environment, archaeology, and so on. It intends to inform, to stimulate reflection and debate, and to entertain. It will appeal to business people, politicians, public servants, journalists, school teachers, students and the educated public in general. For the academic community, the magazine will provide an opportunity to keep abreast of developments in research across the range of specialisations.

The magazine will have access to the intellectual resources of the academic staff and postgraduate students of both Pacific and Asian studies at the Australian National University (ANU) and other Australian universities. It will also feature contributions by writers from around the world, from universities, research institutes, museums and other organisations, from journalists and private scholars. Its Associate Editors include leading scholars from outside ANU and its international Editorial Advisory Board will consist of distinguished academic authorities from the Asia-Pacific region and from Europe and North America.

The magazine will be published jointly by the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies and David Syme & Co. Ltd, publishers of The Age (Melbourne) and other high-quality publications such

as the Qantas in-flight magazine. The Asia-Pacific Magazine will have a high colour content and will consist of about 54 pages. The first issue has appeared in April 1996.

If you would like to subscribe, or are interested in contributing an article to the magazine, send your name and postal address to [Asia-Pacific.Mag@coombs.anu.edu.au](mailto:Asia-Pacific.Mag@coombs.anu.edu.au) and you will be sent a subscription form and the style guidelines.

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### **BIOGRAPHY: CALL FOR PAPERS**

Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly invites submission for its 20th Anniversary issues, to appear in 1997. Though articles on any theoretical, generic, historical, or cultural aspect of lifewriting are welcome, the editors are especially interested in essays which extend the range of biography, autobiography, hagiography, oral and group history into other fields and disciplines - colonial and postcolonial studies, multicultural studies, film theory, social science, science and technology, marketing and media studies, medicine, law, or any other suitable frame.

As part of our ongoing international emphasis, we would also like to see articles on lifewriting which extend beyond the Anglo-American literary corridor. Though our planned series of histories of Asian Biography makes essays dealing with Pacific Rim Asian lifewriting particularly welcome, work on all Oceanic regions and subjects is strongly encouraged.

Manuscripts should be between 2,500 and 7,500, though shorter and longer essays are occasionally published. Please submit two copies of any manuscript. Since Biography has a double-blind submission policy, the author's name should not appear anywhere on either copy, but in the cover letter. Decisions about publication will be received within three months, and comments are provided for all essays received.

Send submissions to the Center for Biographical Research, c/o Department of English, 1733 Donaghho Road, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822. For more information, contact the Editor, Craig Howes, at [biograph@hawaii.edu](mailto:biograph@hawaii.edu), 808-956-3774, 3774, or at the mailing address: Center for Biographical Research, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822 USA.

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Anderson, Athol, et al. (eds) 1996. *Shag River Mouth: The Archaeology of an Early Southern Maori Village*. Canberra: Australian National University.

"This title presents the results of an extensive archaeological project at Shag River Mouth. Originally work began on the site 120 years ago and the latest project, going since 1987, has explored areas that were previously inaccessible to fieldworkers. The history of the research is described along with recent excavations, remains of structures, and results of numerous analyses of materials recovered: adzes, blades and other stone tools, bone fish hooks, shell ornaments and diverse midden remains."

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"One of the main findings of the report is that public policy instability and law and order have been the main impediments to private investment in Papua New Guinea. The report points out that implementation of the Government's economic reform program, articulated in the 1995 Budget and subsequent statements and supported by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Australian Government and other donors, will create a favourable environment for sustained economic and social development. The report makes a number of recommendations aimed at improving the management of resource revenues and the investment climate in Papua New Guinea."

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"This book is a collection of stories, including traditional myths, ethnographic texts and historical narratives in the Jiwarli and Warriyangka languages, traditionally spoken in the

region between the Ashburton and Gascoyne Rivers, Western Australia (just south of the Pilbara)."

Archer, Carole. 1995. *Maori Sovereignty: The Pakeha Perspective*. Auckland: Hodder Moa Beckett. ISBN 186958208X (softcover).

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"This publication, produced from the Beijing Women's Conference held in 1995, features interviews with women in struggle from around the Pacific."

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"This thesis is about the historical transformation of Mekeo society. It is not about the Mekeo as cultural group but about Mekeo society as part of a larger Papuan world of social reproduction. The analysis is anchored in the study of the regional exchange systems which it traces, temporally, through the different historical circumstances influencing the Mekeo area.

For the pre-colonial period it is shown how marriage strategies, alliances between clans, and the institutional order are integrated to and formed in mutual interaction with the conditions found in the larger system of reproduction. The conditions found in the sphere of reproduction are then analysed in relation to social organisation, the formation of clans, exchange between clans, and the structure of myth.

For the colonial period it is shown how pacification and the missionary penetration changed the reproductive conditions of Mekeo society. The government made the chiefs local representatives in the colonial order, while the local sorcerers made a pact with the mission. Thus, the institutional order changed from a fourfold structure with chiefs, sorcerers, war-chiefs and war-magicians to a threefold structure of government, chiefs and church, sorcerers relegating the war-chiefs and war-magicians to honorary titles.

For the post-colonial period the thesis analyses the integration of the Mekeo village into the monetary market economy of Port Moresby. Mekeo village's virtual monopoly of the betelnut trade to the capital is paid special attention. In this part of the thesis it is shown too how myth is a political instrument in the ongoing clan struggles and very transformation of the clan structure. The new transformation is toward a simpler organization and is reflected in the stories told by villagers."

Best, Elsdon. 1995 (1924). *Maori Religion and Mythology*, Part 1 and 2. Wellington: Museum of New Zealand.

"An account of the cosmogony, anthropogeny, religious beliefs and rites, magic and folk lore of the Maori."

Best, Elsdon. 1995 (1927). *The Pa Maori*. Wellington: Museum of New Zealand.

"A detailed report on the pa: its construction, defence, ceremonial opening and changes made after the introduction of firearms."

Best, Elsdon. 1996 (1925). *Tuhoe: The Children of the Mist*. Two volume set. Auckland: Reed Publishing Ltd.

"This facsimile edition of the Elston Best classic, first printed in 1925, describes the history of the Tuhoe people of the Urewera. It is also a study of their traditions, myths, folklore, and religious beliefs based on Best's research and discussions with elders in the late nineteenth century. Volume one contains the main text and volume two is made up of detailed genealogical tables."

Brewis, Alexandra. 1995. *Lives on the Line: Women and Ecology on a Pacific Atoll*. USA: Harcourt Brace and Co. ISBN 0155019694 (softcover).

"A study based on Butaritari, a Pacific atoll 15 kilometres long and a few hundred metres wide. It looks at 'how the constraints of ecology and the contingencies of history weave through patterns of activity of women and children.' It provides a record of European contact on with the island, examines the history of disease, and the topics of health, sexuality and reproduction are used to show the connections between human behaviour, culture and ecology. Brewis works at the University of Auckland."

Burridge, Kenelm. 1995 (1960). *Mambu: A Melanesian Millennium*. Princeton University Press. ISBN 0691001669 (softcover) and 0691043884 (hardcover).

"This book looks at the cargo cults of Melanesia, and the social and political upheaval that was the result of their influence. The conditions that already existed in the societies that were the catalyst for the rapid emergence of these cults is also studied."

Busch, Werner vom, et al. (eds). 1994. *New Politics in the South Pacific*. Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific. ISBN 9820201152 (softcover).

"This book focusses on the new forces that are reshaping the political scene within the Pacific Islands. It examines the evolving impact of women in politics, of NGO's, of electronic media, of sovereignty movements on the one hand and, on the other, the search for forms of political and constitutional association between small countries and large metropolitan powers that yield both the dignity of independence and the security and diversity of belonging to large systems."

Buse, Jasper, and Raututi Taringa. 1995. *Cook Islands Maori Dictionary*. Australia: Government of Cook Islands/Australian National University/University of Auckland.

"The only comprehensive Cook Islands Maori dictionary in print, this also contains essential information on Cook Islands language structure, culture and society. Maori to English only."

Cochrane, Susan (ed.). *Pacific Art Now*. Volume 2-4 of *Art and AsiaPacific*. East Roseville, Sydney: Fine Art Press.

"This special issue is dedicated to the contemporary art of the Pacific. Guest editor Susan Cochrane has compiled a selection of articles which encompasses Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, Fiji and Hawaii. Filled with brilliant images of the work of artists throughout the Pacific this volume is sure to become a valuable resource for all those interested in the varied contemporary cultures of the region."

Crocombe, Ron (ed.). 1995. *Customary Land Tenure and Sustainable Development: Complementarity or Conflict*. Suva: University of the South Pacific. ISBN 9822034601 (softcover).

"This is a study of the customary tenure system under which over 90 percent of the land served by the South Pacific Commission is held. Populations of the region are growing fast and the traditions under which the customary tenures are based were evolved to suit very different economic, social and political contexts. The authors of this book look at the issues involved."

Crocombe, Ron. 1995. *The Pacific Islanders and The USA*. Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific. ISBN 9820201160 (softcover).

"This book provides a history of the interaction between the USA and the various nations of the Pacific. Beginning with whaling in the 1700s and continuing to develop until the 1980s, this involvement has covered many aspects of business, education, religion, trade, media, diplomacy and tourism.

Doling, Tim. 1996. *Asia Pacific Arts Directory*. London: The Visiting Arts Office of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in association with UNESCO.

"The 1,500 page directory covers the entire West Pacific Rim from the Republic of Korea in the north to New Zealand in the south, extending west as far as Myanmar (Burma) and east as far as Fiji. The first edition regrettably excludes Pacific Siberia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Micronesia and Polynesia, but it is hoped that these areas can be included in subsequent editions.

For ease of reference the directory has been divided into three volumes: Australia and the Pacific (Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu); South-East Asia (Brunei/Darusaalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam); and North-East Asia (China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Macau).

Covering all the art-forms, each country or territory of the region is accorded its own chapter. Complete with contact names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, the 'Art Directory', the heart of each chapter, is the directory to the cultural sector of the territory. Each of the three volumes concludes with a general directory chapter which groups together those organisations whose cultural activity transcends national boundaries within the area covered by the volume.

Please note that each copy/set of the Asia Pacific Arts Directory consists of 3 volumes. These cannot be sold individually."

Douglas, Ngaire. 1995. *They Came for Savages; A Hundred Years of Tourism in Melanesia*. Lismore, NSW: Southern Cross University Press. ISBN 1 875855 14 9.

"They Came for Savages is the first comparative history of tourism development in the Pacific Islands. It deals with three countries which are near neighbours of Australia - PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu - and traces the growth of tourism from the pioneer cruises to the region offered by Burns Philp & Co Ltd to the latter-day development of the islands as part of the Pacific's 'pleasure periphery'. The images which help define the area for travellers are examined, as are the contributions made by Melanesians to regional tourism. The title of the book pays homage to an early, influential work of Melanesian history, Dorothy Shineberg's *They Came for Savages* (Melbourne University Press, 1967)."

Feinberg, Richard, and Karen Ann Watson-Gegeo (eds). 1996. *Leadership and Change in the Western Pacific: Essays Presented to Sir Raymond Firth on Occasion of his 90th Birthday*. London School of Economics Monographs on Social Anthropology. London: Athlone

"This book is an ethnographic and theoretical exploration of the rise of new forms of leadership at community and national levels in the islands of the Western Pacific. Changing definitions, functions and expectations of leaders have followed upon political independence for many new nations in Oceania. Islanders are reworking leadership offices, synthesizing traditional and Western models, and drawing on indigenous values and symbols to validate the resulting new structures. These changes raise basic questions about leadership and tradition and bring new challenges to old debates in Pacific anthropology, which are explored by the contributors to this volume. *Leadership and Change in the Western Pacific* is published as a tribute to Sir Raymond Firth, whose classic work on Tikopia has been an inspiration to generations of anthropologists."

Contributors include Niko Besnier, Stephen Boggs, Richard Feinberg, David W. Gegeo, Karen Ann Watson-Gegeo, Stephen Hooper, Alan Howard, Barbara Llem, Torben Monberg, Bradd Shore, and Harvey Whitehouse; the epilogue was written by William A. Shack.

Forster, Johann. 1996 (1778). *Observations Made during a Voyage round the World*. Edited by Nicholas Thomas, Harriet Guest and Michael Dettelbach; with a linguistic appendix by Karl H. Rensch. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

"First published in 1778 in London, this is one of the first in-depth analyses of 'non-Western cultures to have emerged from the Cook voyages'. Forster was Cook's naturalist on the second voyage of 1772-1775 and this publication was a significant source for European thinking in the fields of 'scientific exploration, the progress of indigenous societies, the status of women, the meaning of national distinctiveness, and the role of climate in determining the character of varieties of plants, animals and people'."

Garrett, Jeremia. 1995. *Island Exiles: How Nauruans Survived Japanese Occupation*. Australia: Allen and Unwin. ISBN 0733304850 (softcover).

"The phosphate rich island of Nauru was attacked by the Japanese on the day following the attack on Pearl Harbour. The trauma suffered by the islanders was immense as over two-thirds of the island's population was taken away by the Japanese. This is the story of how the islanders survived the brutality of the invasion."

Hoem, Ingjerd. 1995. *A Way with Words: Language and Culture in Tokelau Society*. Oslo: Institute for Comparative Research. ISBN 9718927202.

"This book examines the relationship between language and culture using an in-depth study of the atolls of Tokelau as a focus."

Henningham, Stephen. 1995. *The Pacific Island States: Security and Sovereignty in the Post-Cold War World*. New York: St Martin's Press. ISBN 0312125135.

Contents: 1. Introduction: Diversity but Common Interests 2. Pacific in Nature as well as Name? 3. Beyond 'Whose Sail... on the Horizon': Island State Security Perspectives 4. Decolonisation, Indigenous Rights and Internal Conflicts 5. Environmental, Resource and Nuclear Issues 6. External Actors: The Trend to Diversification 7. The Limits on Power: Australia and New Zealand and the Region 8. Intervention Contingencies: A Gap between Ends and Means? 9. Conclusion: An Uncertain Future. With maps, notes and references, select bibliography and index.

*He Pukaki Maori: A Guide to Maori Sources at National Archives*. Wellington: National Archives and Te Puni Kokiri. ISBN 04770117533 (softcover).

"A valuable guide for those researching topics relating to Maori from the 1830s through to the present day. Ideal reference aid for iwi and hapu researchers as well as senior school and tertiary students."

Horner, Frank. 1995. *Looking for La Perouse: D'Entrecasteaux in Australia and the South Pacific*. Australia: Miegunyah Press. ISBN 0522844510 (hardcover).

"In 1788 the French explorer La Perouse became overdue in his travels to the Pacific. The French government sent two ships to search for him. Led by Admiral D'Entrecasteaux, they failed to find Perouse and lost many men. However they made some valuable discoveries in Tasmania, Western Australia and Papua New Guinea. Some of the journals are candid and personal, bringing to life the events and stresses of the voyage in which two hundred men crowded together in two small ships."

Hough, Richard. 1995. *Captain James Cook: A Biography*. Auckland: Hodder Moa Beckett. ISBN 0340617233 (softcover).

"This new study is the most comprehensive since Professor Beaglehole's posthumously published work of 1974, and it benefits from an extended study of the chief sources of material in England, Australia and New Zealand and Hough's journey in the wake of Cook's sloops."

Kernahan, Mel. 1995. *White Savages in the South Seas*. U.K.: Verso. ISBN 1859840043 (softcover)

"Kernahan was one of the first women to hold the post of public information officer for the Cook Islands Government. Using her extensive knowledge of the Pacific she gives an intimate insight into aspects of Pacific culture and politics. She touches on issues such as nuclear testing and colonialism while making a 'quick study of cultural (mis)understandings that would avert a few embarrassing mistakes, especially for women travelling alone.'"

Kirch, Patrick, and Therese Babineau (photographs). 1996. *Legacy of the Landscape: An Illustrated Guide to Hawaiian Archaeological Sites*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

"A handbook guide to fifty important archeological sites of Hawaii distributed over the main islands. Includes heiau (temples), habitation sites, agricultural complexes, fishponds, petroglyphs and several post-European contact sites."

Lal, Brij V., and Hank Nelson. 1995. *Lines across the Sea: Colonial Inheritance in the Post Colonial Pacific*. Brisbane: Pacific History Association.

Papers based on material originally presented at the December 1993 conference on 'Colonial Inheritance: The Pacific Islands Experience' hosted by Pacific and Asian History, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University.

Contributors are: Donald Denoon, Brij V Lal, Andrew Peacock, R. S. Parker, Hank Nelson, Nancy J. Pollock, Sione Latukefu, Glenn Petersen, David Hanlon, Ian Frazer, Ian Maddocks, Scott MacWilliam, Desh Gupta, R. T. Robertson, Peter Larmour, James Gissua, Madiu Andrew, Jacqueline Leckie, Paul Sharrad, Sina Va'ai, and Sean Dorney.

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Layton, S. (ed.). 1995. *Media Freedom in the Pacific Islands*. Special issue of *Pacific Islands Communication Journal*: 16(2). Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific.

"The articles in this issue focus on media freedom in the Pacific. The first three articles look at difficulties for journalists in times of political crisis. The following two articles cover issues such as media-government relations and community pressure. Freedom of information in Guam is discussed and finally Cook Islands journalist Jason Brown looks at the profession itself in terms of management issues."

*Legal Issues in a Developing Society*. 1995. PNG: University of Papua New Guinea.

"This publication is derived from the 1990 Law Conference on 'The Supreme Court in the Eighties' commemorating Sir Buri Kidu's ten years in office."

Leibowitz, Arnold H. 1996. *Embattled Island: Palau's Struggle for Independence*. Westport, CT :Praeger/ Greenwood Publishing Group. ISBN 0-275-95390-4.

"Palau was the last trusteeship, not only of the U.S. but the last trusteeship in the world. For 25 years the U.S. tried to negotiate an agreement - a compact - with Palau. Under this compact, Palau would gain its independence as a Freely Associated State and a large amount of money, \$500 million; while the U.S. obtained certain military base rights and passage of nuclear power ships and submarines. The compact took on enormous symbolic importance throughout the world because of a provision in the Palau Constitution that Palau could not grant the U.S. nuclear rights without the approval of 75% of the people of Palau. A number of groups fought against ratification of the compact by Palau. They viewed Palau as the symbol of a nuclear free Pacific and the hope for an environmental preserve against great power imperialism and military intrusion in the Pacific. Three Congressional committees with different views toward the compact engaged the ratification issue. In Palau, the Executive and Palauan Congress were equally divided. President Remeliik, the first elected President in Palau, was assassinated. Lazarus Salii, the second elected President, committed suicide. Why these events occurred and how they are linked to compact ratification is part of the story of this book. The book moves between the U.S.-Washington scene and the local Palau scene. The end of the book discusses the reasons for Salii's suicide and discloses who killed President Remeliik. The book ends with the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Peleliu, the final ratification of the Compact of Free Association, and the description of the Independence Day ceremonies in Palau."

Levine, Hal, and Anton Ploeg (eds). 1996. *Work in Progress. Essays in New Guinea Ethnography in Honour of Paula Brown Glick*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang. ISBN 3-631-48580-8.

Contents: 'Introduction' by John Barnes; "'Making Kinship": Marriage, Warfare and Network among the Paiela' by Aletta Biersack; 'The Legacy of Highlands Great Men' by David Boyd; 'Untying the Chimbu Circle: An Essay in and on Hindsight' by Harold Brookfield; 'Kinship Terms and Patterns of Authority' by Susan Drucker-Brown; 'Anthropology, Population Growth, and Change' by Bill Epstein; 'Police and Power during Contact in the New Guinea Highlands' by Bill Gammage; 'The Tambul Spade' by Jack Golson; 'What Dows One Do with White People Who Stay' by Terence Hays; 'Strategies of Agency in a Changing World. Kewa Women, Men and Uses of Power' by Lisette Josephides; 'Ethnogenesis in a New Guinea Highlands Town' by Hal Levine; 'Huge Men in the Highlands of Irian Jaya' by Anton Ploeg; 'Mediator Strategies in Chimbu' by Aaron Podolefsky; 'Structures of Disjuncture' by Andrew

Strathern; 'Double Standards' by Marilyn Strathern; 'Fighting the Queen's Men' by George Westermarck; 'Role Models for Contemporary Gender Women' by Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi; and the Bibliography of Paula Brown Glick, compiled by Terence Hays.

Lingle, Christopher. 1996. *Singapore's Authoritarian Capitalism. Asian Values, Free Market Illusions, and Political Dependency*. Fairfax, Virginia: The Locke Institute in cooperation with Sirocco, S.A., in Barcelona, Spain. ISBN 84-85809-52-1.

"In his book, Dr. Lingle identifies Singapore's 'authoritarian capitalism' as combining a selective degree of economic freedom and private property rights with strong-armed control over political life. According to him, political loyalty is the ultimate determinant of success rather than the efficient utilization of resources, and sycophantic business relations replace the growth-inducing actions of true entrepreneurs. Singapore's Authoritarian Capitalism questions the long-term survival of the People's Action Party (PAP) and its capacity to sustain Singapore's 'miracle' growth record due to internal contradictions arising from the imposed institutional arrangements. By applying this analysis to other East Asian economies, it appears that the 'Pacific Century' may be stillborn. The author is an economist and Visiting Scholar at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia."

Lucas, Paul F. Naho. 1996. *A Dictionary of Hawaiian Legal Land-terms*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. ISBN 0824816366 (softcover).

"This is the first book of its kind to compile, organise and explain information needed for 'accurate translation and interpretation of nineteenth-century Hawaiian land-conveyance documents'."

Mageo, Jeannette, and Alan Howard (eds). 1996. *Spirits in Culture, History and Mind*. New York: Routledge. ISBN 0 415 91368 3 (paperback).

"This book reintegrates spirits into comparative theories of religion, which have tended to focus on institutionalized forms of belief associated with gods. It brings a historical perspective to culturally patterned experiences with spirits, and examines spirits as a locus of tension between traditional and foreign values. Taking as a point of departure shifting local views of self, nine case studies drawn from Pacific societies analyze religious phenomena at the intersection of social, psychological and historical processes. The varied approaches taken in these case studies provide a richness of perspective, with each lens illuminating different aspects of spirit-related experience. All, however, bring a sense of historical process to bear on psychological and symbolic approaches to religion, shedding new light on the ways spirits relate to other cultural phenomena."

McKay, Graham. 1996. *The Land Still Speaks: Review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Language Maintenance and Development Needs and Activities*. Canberra: Australian Government Publishing Service.

"Indigenous languages are the main languages of some relatively isolated communities in Australia, particularly in the north and the centre, but they have given way to English over much of the country, especially in the highly urbanised south and east. The two hundred year history of non-indigenous settlement has brought about the loss of two thirds of the original 250 or so languages. In recent decades indigenous people have been taking action in many parts of Australia to maintain and develop their languages as a part of their identity and heritage. This report covers some of this action.

This report has two main components. The first is a study of four different indigenous language communities where languages are being maintained and where language

maintenance efforts are being undertaken. These communities include Saibai Island in Torres Strait (Queensland) and Ringers Soak in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, where the indigenous languages are in continuing use, and Borroloola (Northern Territory) and Kempsey (NSW) where the indigenous languages have gone out of daily use, but where programs to retrieve and revive them in some form are being undertaken.

The second main component of the report is a survey - in some fifty brief descriptions - of some of the activities being undertaken in different communities all over Australia, involving dozens of languages, in programs classified as language maintenance, language revival and language awareness.

This is supplemented by descriptions of specific activities and situations in selected places and programs overseas (including programs in New Zealand, Canada, USA, Mexico, and Papua New Guinea) as well as a coverage of some of the literature on language maintenance.

A number of significant issues are discussed including what constitutes success in indigenous language maintenance, the relationship between land and language, the role of indigenous elders and the need for indigenous control of language programs, the role of training, the role of linguists, and the role of literacy and language teaching in language maintenance programs.

The report presents a number of principles and recommendations to government and non-government organisations.

A central thread in the report is that past attempts to eradicate indigenous languages appear to have been part of a sustained program of denying the existence of indigenous Australians in an attempt to take over their country. Indigenous people are now asserting themselves, and their languages are one of the significant vehicles for this. Language maintenance should be seen as but one component of an overall approach to acknowledging the existence of indigenous Australians and providing social justice for them. Only the indigenous people themselves can maintain their languages in use and this requires them to take control of their own programs. Language is not something which can be restricted to education programs, but rather it permeates the whole life of a people and actively involves all generations."

Merwick, Donna (ed.). 1995. *Dangerous Liaisons: Essays in Honour of Greg Dening*. Melbourne: History Department, University of Melbourne.

"A collection of essays that mainly explore the boundaries between cultures, especially in the Pacific, and the 'margins between history and anthropology'. Contributions come from historians and anthropologists in America, England and Australia. This volume is published to commemorate the scholarly life of Greg Dening at the University of Melbourne."

*Migration and Labour*. 1996. Volume 18 of *Journal of Pacific Studies*. Suva: University of the South Pacific.

"This volume focuses on migration and labour in the Pacific with articles by Colin Murray, Stephen Henningham, Clive Moore, Michael Panoff and others."

Moon, Paul. 1996. *The Occupation of the Moutoa Gardens*. Auckland.

"This title details the controversial occupation by iwi of the Moutoa gardens in Wanganui in 1995. Moon covers the arguments put forward by all parties and offers new perspectives on the dispute."

Morton, Helen. 1996. *Becoming Tongan: An Ethnography of Childhood*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. ISBN 0824817958 (softcover) and 0824817583 (hardcover).

"A detailed account of growing up in Tonga which focuses on the influence of 'anga fakatonga' (the Tongan Way) on Tongan children. Based on fieldwork and her experiences in Tonga over many years, Morton "traces the Tongan socialization process" in 'fascinating detail'."

Moyle, Richard. 1995. *Music of Takuu, Mortlock Is, Papua New Guinea*. Auckland: University of Auckland.

"A study of the history of music and dance on this island off the coast of Papua New Guinea."

Mühlhäusler, Peter. 1995. *Linguistic Ecology: The Languages of the Pacific Rim*. London: Routledge. ISBN 0-415-05636-5 (pb).

"In *Linguistic Ecology*, Peter Mühlhäusler examines the transformation of the Pacific language region under the impact of colonization, westernization and modernization. By focusing on the linguistic and socio-historical changes of the past 200 years, he brings a new dimension to the study of Pacific linguistics, which up until now has been dominated by questions of historical reconstruction and language typology. In contrast to the traditional portrayal of linguistic changes as a natural process, Mühlhäusler focuses on the cultural and historical forces which drive language change. Using the metaphor of language ecology to explain and describe the complex interaction between languages, speakers and social practice, Mühlhäusler looks at how language ecologies have functioned in the past to sustain language diversity, and at what happens when those ecologies are disrupted. Whilst most of the examples used in the book are taken from the Pacific and Australian region, the insights derived from this area are shown to have global applications. An essential read for linguists and all those interested in the large scale loss of human language."

Nekitel, Otto Ignatius, et al. 1995. *Critical and Developmental Literacy*. Papua New Guinea: Unisearch Pty Ltd.

"A compilation of papers presented at an International Conference held at the University of Papua New Guinea in 1993. The essays all address the issue of literacy and are presented by scholars from a diverse range of fields, mainly from within PNG."

Neumann, Klaus. 1995. *Tavurvur I Puongo: Students Accounts of the 1994 Eruption in East New Britain*. Canberra: Australian National University.

"This booklet contains 56 accounts of the 1994 eruptions in East New Britain, Papua New Guinea by high school students."

O'Brien, Rob. 1995. *Below the Bluff at Nikao: Tereora Boarding School Rarotonga*. Wellington: Dorset Enterprises.

"A history of one of the first schools to be established in the Cook Islands. Established by the London Missionary Society the school was the original institution on the site that now accommodates Terora College. School registers, annual accounts, letters written by pupils, a pupil's diary and other details combine to provide a vivid account of life at the school until its closure in 1911."

Orans, Martin. 1996. *Not Even Wrong: Margaret Mead, Derek Freeman, and the Samoans*. Novato, CA: Chandler & Sharp.

"Not Even Wrong is unique because it is the only book on the Mead-Freeman controversy that makes use of Mead's field materials. A further distinction is that it subjects the claims of Mead

and Freeman to standards of verifiability of science. This work underscores the degree to which natural as well as 'unnatural' scientists decide issues of heredity-environment on ideological grounds. *Not Even Wrong* is a detailed comparison of what Mead said about Samoa adolescent girls in *Coming of Age in Samoa* and what she actually observed as revealed in her field materials, with special attention to Derek Freeman's *Margaret Mead and Samoa: The Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth*. The findings are a rebuke to the nonscientific practices of anthropologists who claim to be doing science. Orans also criticizes those, including himself, who have judged anthropological works on the basis of ideological virtue rather than correspondence with empirical observations. Unlike Freeman, who claims that Mead duped regarding Samoan sexual beliefs, attitudes, and practices, Orans demonstrates that Mead understood Samoan restrictions of female sexuality. On the comparison of adolescent stress in Samoa and the United States and on the relative contribution of heredity and environment to such stress, Orans argues that Mead is 'not even wrong' because the terms of the argument are never adequately defined. Here again Orans sharply differs from Freeman, who believes Mead's arguments can be refuted."

*Pacific Journalism Review*. 1995. Papua New Guinea: University of Papua New Guinea Press.

"This publication deals with media and communication issues in the region. This edition includes articles on copyright law dilemmas for the Pacific region, media freedoms in Fiji and Vanuatu, and PNG Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan on development journalism."

Park, Geoff. 1995. *Nga Uruora: Groves of Life: Ecology and History in a New Zealand Landscape*. Wellington: Victoria University Press. ISBN 0864732910 (softcover).

"This book looks at the destruction of New Zealand's finely-tuned ecosystems, in particular, its forests since the arrival of the European. Park disputes the theory that the forests were already being ravaged by Maori."

Pollock, Nancy (convenor special volume). 1995. *The Power of Kava*. Special volume of *Canberra Anthropology*. Canberra: Australian National University.

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