

Anthropology in London Day 2012

Certainty?

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

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Monday 11 June 2012

Programme

9.15am: Arrival and registration

9.45 am- 11am: Introductory remarks and opening plenary

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

Introductory remarks

Narmala Halstead (UEL) and Lane DeNicola (UCL)

Opening plenary

Chair: Mark Jamieson (UEL)

Richard Fardon (SOAS): Trials and convictions

Jean La Fontaine (LSE): Uncertainty and open minds

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

11.30am 1.30pm: Morning parallel sessions

Panel 1: Landscape and waste

Chair: Pauline von Hellermann (Goldsmiths)

Venue: Room 129

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

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

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

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

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

Panel 2: Uncertain migrant futures

Chair: Parvathi Raman (SOAS)

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

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

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

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

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

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

Panel 3: Bodies and health

Chair: Andrew Sanchez

Venue: Room 130

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

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

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

Panel 4: Materiality, media and play

Chair: Lane DeNicola (UCL)

Venue: Daryll Forde seminar room

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

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

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

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

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

1.30pm-2.30pm Lunch (Undergraduate Common Room)

2.30pm-4.30 pm: Afternoon parallel sessions

Panel 5: Environmental certainties and uncertainties

Chair: Richard Irvine (Cambridge)

Venue: Room 129

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

Barbara Bodenhorn (Cambridge): Risky decisions: uncertain environmental conditions; climate changes and the conduct of whaling in Arctic Alaska

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

Hannah Fair (Cambridge): Catastrophic, monstrous and generative: competing Maldivian visions of the sea and their implications for climate change certainty

Panel 6: Politics, violence and memory

Chair: Isak Niehaus (Brunel)

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

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

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

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

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

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

Panel 7: Work

Chair: Sophie Day (Goldsmiths)

Venue: Daryll Forde seminar room

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

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

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

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

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

Panel 8: Religion and knowledge

Chair: Trevor Marchand (SOAS)

Venue: Room 130

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

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

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

4.30pm-5pm: Tea/coffee (Undergraduate Common Room)

5pm-6pm Roundtable

Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre

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Chair: Narmala Halstead

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

6pm-7.30pm: drinks reception (Undergraduate Common Room)