



## Anthropology in London Conference 2015

### *Anthropology on the Move...*

#### Call for Papers

Questions around migration, mobility, borders, and belonging dominate the contemporary political agenda. The British public is confronted daily with news headlines about 'illegal migrants' flooding Europe; Syrian fighters and 'jihadi brides' within our borders; and the impact of oil prices on transport, the flows of goods and services, and global climate change. In recent decades, anthropological studies of the routes and the roots of people, goods, and ideas have highlighted the interconnectedness between local and global. By doing so, the discipline has successfully challenged static conceptions of what it means to belong. Yet while anthropologists have arguably 'caught up' with dynamic and changing social realities, there is an ongoing need to think about how the discipline positions itself to stay at the forefront of social and cultural transformations and processes of deterritorialisation (as well as new territorial creations). How will anthropology keep pace with a hyper-connected world in which our subjects of study are 'on the move' in a multitude of ways?

This year's Anthropology in London conference invites paper and panel proposals that explore movement in the broadest sense, including movement of objects, people, ideas, cultural practices, and narratives; the structures, discourses, and practices that aid or obstruct such movements; the movement of bodies in dance, ritual, and performance; and anthropological theory and practice 'on the move', in step with a changing world. Core themes include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ **Migration, mobility, diaspora, and travel:** How are places and spaces constructed through processes of migration, pilgrimage, tourism, and trade?
- ❖ **Infrastructures, flows, and networks:** In what ways do virtual connectedness and increasing flows of commodities, ideas, and images cultivate desire for geographical mobility and co-presence?
- ❖ **Social movements:** How are social movements traversing the globe? What, if any, change do they effect? And what impact are they having on subject positions?
- ❖ **The moving body:** What do studies of movement in sport, dance, music, ritual, or craftwork teach us about social relations, cultural values, and learning and knowing?
- ❖ **Subjects and subjectivities on the move:** How is anthropology continuing to adapt to studying memories, narratives, imaginaries, identities, and social relations across time and space?
- ❖ **Theoretical and methodological moves:** How is the discipline moving forwards, while looking behind to its past and sideways to other disciplines?

**Conference date:** Monday June 15, 2015

**Venue:** University College London, Department of Anthropology, 14 Taviton Street & E28 Harrie Massey Lecture Theatre, 25 Gordon Street, London

**Call for Papers:** Please send abstracts for papers or panel proposals up to 300 words to Stephanie Kitchen [sk111@soas.ac.uk](mailto:sk111@soas.ac.uk) and Caitlin Pearson [cp40@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cp40@soas.ac.uk) by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Proposals from postfieldwork students, and staff members, from the University of London Anthropology departments are particularly encouraged. The organisers also warmly invite participants to submit fieldwork photos that speak to the conference theme, and short ethnographic films (max 5-7 minutes in length).