The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland presents:

Medical Anthropology in Europe: Shaping the Field

St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 1-2 July 2010

Conference Programme

Thursday, 1st July: Reflections on the field

12.00 pm Registration

1.30 pm Welcome by Hilary Callan, Director of the RAI

1.45 pm Welcome by Dr. Melissa Parker, Chair of the RAI medical anthropology committee (Centre for Research in International Medical Anthropology, Brunel University)

2.00 pm **Shaping the field:** Medical anthropologists who shaped the field will discuss how they experienced the emergence of this field, the major issues and research themes during its development, and challenges overcome along the way.

"Opening expectations: perspectives on medical anthropology before and after practice in the field"
Dr. Gilbert Lewis (Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge)

"Itineraries and spcificities of Italian medical anthropology"
Prof. Tullio Seppilli (Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Perugia)

"Xenophilia and the rise of medical anthropology in the Netherlands"
Prof. Sjaak van der Geest (Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam)

"The Development of Ethnomedicine / Medical Anthropology in Germany and Austria"
Prof. Armin Prinz & Dr. Ruth Kutalek (Ethnomedicine Unit, Medical University of Vienna)

4.00 pm Discussion, followed by Tea

5.00 pm Round table discussion, with introductory comments by:

Prof. Anne-Lise Middlethon
(Section for Medical Anthropology & Medical History, University of Oslo);
Prof. Hansjoerg Dilger
(Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universitaet, Berlin);
Dr. Sylvie Fainzang (Anthropology, National Institute of Health, Paris);
Dr. Helen Lambert (Department of Social Medicine, University of Bristol)

7.30 for 8.00 pm Conference dinner

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Friday, 2nd July: Current issues

Panel one: Medical anthropology and the psychological sciences

9.00 am **Keynote: "Of divinatory connaissance in South-Saharan Africa: the bodiliness of perception, inter-subjectivity and transworld resonance"**
Prof. Rene Devisch (Department of Anthropology, Catholic University of Leuven)

9.30 am Panel presentations (20 minutes each), followed by Discussion and Coffee

"Clinical reflexivity, cultural reflexivity, and dialectical oscillation between disciplinary perspectives as tools in medical anthropology", **Dr. Joseph Calabrese** (University of Oxford)

"Transcultural psychiatry around Lake Victoria: Why the West should be won"
Prof. Koen Stroecken (Ghent University)

"Madness and miracles: seeking a cure for mental illness in rural Ghana"
Ms. Ursula Read (University College London)

Panel two: Controlling chronic illness: cross-cultural perspectives

11.30 am **Keynote: "Time, sociality and control in lives with long-term illness"**
Prof. Susan Whyte (Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen):

12.00 pm Panel presentations (20 minutes each), followed by Discussion

"One class is not enough for Edna!: The ambivalent production of patient adherence to Antiretroviral treatment in urban Tanzania", **Mr. Dominik Mattes** (Freie Universität Berlin)

"Managing Prevention: The internalization and externalization of prevention work"
Dr. Katherine Hoffmann Pii (Copenhagen Business School)

"Perspectives of clubfoot in Malawi", **Dr. Juliet Bedford** (Anthropologica)

1.30 pm Lunch at St Antony's College

Panel three: Biopolitics, hegemony and Gramsci in medical anthropology

3.00 pm **Keynote: "Second nature: on Gramsci's anthropology"**
Dr. Giovanni Pizza (Dipartimento Uomo & Territorio, University of Perugia):

3.30 pm Panel presentations (20 minutes each), followed by Discussion and Tea

"When there were only gods, then there was no disease, no need for doctors: Healing rituals and resistance to biopolitics in the Indian Himalayas", **Dr. Serena Bindi** (EHESS Paris)

"Anthropology in cross-disciplinary health research", **Dr. Rita Agdal, Dr. Dorthe Brogåard Kristensen, Prof. Helle Johannessen,** (Syddansk Universitet)

"Legitimacy of traditional medicine in Ghana: biopolitics and hegemony",
Ms. Elisa Vasconi (University of Siena)

5.30 pm Plenary discussion, led by **Dr. Brigit Obrist** (Associate Professor, Ethnologisches Seminar, Univ Basel), Chair of the EASA medical anthropology network.
Panelists will include **Prof. Josep Comelles** (Department of Anthropology, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarrgona), **Prof. David Parkin** (All Souls College, University of Oxford)

6.30 pm End of conference

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Following the 2010 RAI conference “Medical Anthropology in Europe: Shaping the Field”, **Medical Anthropology Young Scholars** (European Association of Social Anthropologists) and **Oxford University Anthropological Society** present a Student Workshop:

Shaping our Science

Medical Anthropology, Interdisciplinarity and Public Space

Saturday, 3rd July, 2010 – 9.30 am-18.00 pm, Oxford University, UK

As medical anthropologists, we have carved a distinct niche in the social sciences. However, the boundaries of this niche are rather malleable in the academic and non-academic worlds. Medical anthropology incorporates scholarship spanning from history to physiology, while practicing within a wide range of situations from academic research to implementing health care policies.We seek to explore the interdisciplinary nature of medical anthropology from both perspectives of theory and practice:

- To what extent does medical anthropology cross academic disciplines?
- If we should create boundaries, where should these lines be drawn?
- What is the academic identity of a medical anthropologist?

Similar questions can be raised when the anthropologist shifts to practice:

- What is the role of medical anthropologist in society?
- How, if desired, can medical anthropologists contribute to a bettering world?

We invite students of medical anthropology and young scholars to contribute.

Please submit proposals (max. 250 words) and register using the online form:

http://tinyurl.com/MAYS-Oxford-registration

Deadline for proposals: 30th April, 2010

Decisions about accepted papers will be made by May 15th.

Proposals will be reviewed by the representatives of MAYS and OUAS.

For information, please contact Medical Anthropology Young Scholars of the EASA:
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