

EDITORIAL NOTE

The idea for this collection of essays in anthropology has come from the graduate students of the Sub-Faculty of Anthropology at Oxford: in particular from those of the Institute of Social Anthropology and the Department of Ethnology. Papers given at graduate seminars, and preliminary ideas arising from work for the Diplomas and higher degrees, very often merit wider circulation and discussion, without necessarily being ready for formal publication in professional journals. There is a need for some intermediate form of exchange. The Oxford University Anthropological Society has agreed to act as publisher for this venture and has established a Journal Sub-Committee for the purpose. The Editors are grateful to the Radcliffe-Brown Memorial Fund for a subsidy to help with the initial cost.

It is hoped to produce at least one issue per term. Articles will be welcomed from Diploma, B.Litt. and D.Phil. students in social and other branches of anthropology, and from people in related disciplines interested in social anthropology. Letters, comments, reviews, and similar material, as well as contributions from tutors, will also be welcome. It is hoped that these essays in anthropology will provide a focus for the discussion of work being done at Oxford. It will make it easier for research students to avoid any tendency to become isolated, and for Diploma students to enter into discussion across tutorial boundaries. For the present, it is preferred that the main emphasis should be upon analytical discussion rather than on description or ethnography.

This first issue has had to be rather more hurriedly produced than we should have wished in order to get it out this term. This was due to the initial problems of organisation and finance, and the editors ask indulgence for its deficiencies, in particular some lack of format and bibliographical reference from paper to paper. The general theme in this issue lies in problems of anthropology and philosophy, or of anthropology as philosophy. The contributors will naturally welcome any comments on their views, and we are grateful to them for agreeing to start off this journal.

FORMAT

Papers should be as short as is necessary to get points over. As a general rule, they should not exceed 4,000 words, but a wide range of shorter contributions will be welcome. For future issues, papers should be submitted following the conventions for citations, notes, and references used in the ASA monographs. Communications should be addressed to the Editors at the Oxford University Institute of Social Anthropology, 51 Banbury Road, Oxford.