

The idea for this Journal has come from the graduate students of the Sub-Faculty of Anthropology at Oxford: in particular from those at the Institute of Social Anthropology. 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 this purpose.

We hope to produce one issue per term. Articles will be welcomed from students in social and other branches of anthropology, and from people in other disciplines interested in social anthropology. Letters, comments, and reviews 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. For the present, it is preferred that the main emphasis should be upon analytical discussion rather than on description or ethnography.

We have been extremely gratified by the interest shown in the Journal so far. We have as yet not recouped all the expenses of the first two issues and have therefore been obliged to adopt a somewhat less expensive format for this present issue. We ask indulgence for this and also apologize to those subscribers in other universities who have, in the past, been kept waiting for their copies.

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Papers should be as short as is necessary to get the point over. As a general rule, they should not exceed 4,000 words. For future issues, papers should be submitted following the conventions for citations, notes and references used in the ASA monographs.

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