

MEMORIAL ISSUE FOR ANDREW DUFF-COOPER

INTRODUCTION

ANDREW DUFF-COOPER died on 4 August 1991 at the age of forty-three. His death has been a great loss for all who knew him. The contributions that follow are from just some of the many friends and colleagues whom Andrew came to know through anthropology at Oxford.

This is not the place to review Andrew's life and career, a task already performed in these pages by Rodney Needham (*JASO*, Vol. XXII, no. 3 (1991), pp. 197–200), but Andrew's connections with Oxford anthropology (and *JASO* in particular) are worth stressing. He was a postgraduate student here from 1976 to 1983, during which time he completed both a B.Litt. and a D.Phil., and he maintained close relations with Oxford until his death. Andrew stayed on a little while in Oxford after completing his D.Phil., before moving to Japan. From there he remained a regular contributor to, and correspondent with, *JASO*. From 1983 until the time of his death, he published eleven reviews and six articles in these pages, and another review and three more articles have been published here posthumously. The ever-expanding correspondence relating to these publications and other matters led us to open a special 'Duff-Cooper' file, the only one of its kind in our offices. Further correspondence relating to the posthumous publications and to this Memorial Issue have meant that the file has remained open until now. The imminent closure of the *JASO* 'Duff-Cooper' file will mark the end of a fruitful relationship that we have been pleased to maintain beyond his death, and which culminates in this issue.

The contributions that follow are not intended as assessments of Andrew's work. Rather, they are essays arising out of each contributor's own work offered, individually and collectively, as tributes to Andrew's memory. It is remarkable, however, the extent to which the authors have linked their contributions to Andrew's own writings, a reflection indeed of his prolific output in which he

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touched on virtually every conventional anthropological topic...as well as on some unconventional ones.

Andrew relentlessly and vigorously pursued his view of anthropology in a succession of papers that together comprise a comprehensive account of the Balinese on Lombok, as well as a set of considered reflections on other matters that concerned him. Andrew died young, but in the ten years or so in which he devoted himself to writing for publication, he produced what for many would be more than a lifetime's work. We are pleased to be able to include in this issue dedicated to his memory a bibliography of his writings.

For those who knew him, no collection of essays is needed as a memorial; Andrew was truly unforgettable. We hope, however, that his family, and his many colleagues and friends around the world, will regard this special issue of *JASO* as a fitting tribute to his memory. Finally, we are grateful to Andrew's family and friends for their generosity in helping to defray the extra costs incurred in producing this issue.

The Editors