

CALL FOR PAPERS/PANELS/POSTERS

# Anthropology in London 2012: *CERTAINTY?*

UCL, MONDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The theme for **Anthropology in London 2012** is *Certainty?* The conference will be hosted at UCL on Monday June 11. The call for panel proposals and individual papers is now open.

Current world events reinforce the view of a world in violent flux, crisis and doubt. Indeed, *uncertainty* is increasingly taken as the starting point for anthropology's study of identity, meaning and life strategizing.

But what if we were to ground our approaches in some concept of 'certainty'? How might this uncover new approaches to our subject and extend our methodologies and analytical frameworks? How might 'certainty' inform or inspire alternative readings of our data and a critical rethinking of contemporary theories? Ultimately, to what extent is 'certainty' a viable starting point for 21st-century anthropology?

We invite staff and post-fieldwork PhD students in London anthropology departments to submit proposals for papers and panels on this theme, using the following categories as a guideline:

- \* Security
- \* Theory
- \* Risk
- \* Futures

- \* Borders and Boundaries
- \* Ethics
- \* Convictions
- \* The Body
- \* Materiality
- \* Work

**Submission of Abstracts:**

The organising committee welcomes 500-word (max.) abstracts for panel proposals and 300-word (max.) abstracts for individual papers and posters. Panel organisers are strongly encouraged to include participation from more than one college. We welcome innovative proposals for presentation formats.

We also invite submissions for a separate 'fieldwork photography' category. All staff and post-fieldwork students are encouraged to submit **one** fieldwork photograph that creatively comments on the conference theme.

Please note that we are unable to guarantee inclusion for all papers, photographs, posters and panels, so early submission is advised.

Please submit abstracts and photographs to Narmala Halstead at [n.halstead@uel.ac.uk](mailto:n.halstead@uel.ac.uk) and Lane De Nicola at [l.denicola@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:l.denicola@ucl.ac.uk)

**Deadline: March 30, 2012 at 5:00pm**

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