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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Richard Grove is currently on the island of St Helena undertaking archival research on: (1) the land and maritime environmental history of St Helena under the East India Company 1659-1834; (2) the subsequent development of environmental policy and endemic species preservation under development pressures; applicability to other especially island environments; the impact of the airport proposal. Follow this link for a report of his research activities to date:

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/people/personal/grovr_rmap.php

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Indigenous Culture - The Very Idea

Tim Rowse, Senior Fellow, History Program, Research School of Social Sciences
Date & time: Monday 2 May, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(Human Geography, RSPAS Seminar)

Customary Land Registration in Melanesia - Evolution or Revolution?

Dr Jim Fingleton, Independent Consultant and Associate SSGM Project, RSPAS, ANU
Date & time: Thursday 5 May, 11:00am - 12.30pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(SSGM Seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Working Papers

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/workingpapers.php>

Gangopadhyay, P. and K. Lahiri-Dutt, 2005. **Detecting Coalfires with Remote Sensing: A Comparative Study of Selected Countries**. Canberra: Australian National University, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, RMAP Program (Working Paper No. 58).

Burton, J., 2005. **The Anthropology of Personal Identity: Intellectual Property Rights Issues in Papua New Guinea, West Papua and Australia**. Canberra: Australian National University, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, RMAP Program (Working Paper No. 59).

Conference Calendar

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php

The Seventh New Guinea Biological Conference, 16-18 June 2005 : University of Cendrawasih, Jayapura. Theme: **Participatory Natural Resources Management in Sustainable Development**. This meeting is open to everyone interested in the biodiversity, ethnobiology, ecology and conservation in the geographical area of New Guinea. Please direct all Biocon VII inquiries to: Conference Secretariat: Rosye H. R Tanjung, PhD, Science Faculty, University of Cendrawasih, Waena Campus - Jayapura, Papua-Indonesia 99351. Phone: (62) (967) 572 115/572 116. Email: hefmyca@yahoo.com

The Waigani Seminar 2005; PNG in the New Millennium: Development Priorities in a Global Environment, University of PNG, 28 August – 2 September, 2005. The Waigani Seminar is organized with the support of the National Government to coincide with the 30th anniversary of independence. The four main themes are: Diversity and unity; development, aid and sustainability; export driven prosperity; the physical and built environment. For further information contact: Prof. Les Eastcott, Chairman, UPNG, Fax: 675 3267187, email: vc@upng.ac.pg OR Dr Thomas Webster, Co-Chairman, NRI, Fax: 675 3260213, email: nri@global.net.pg. RMAP also has some additional information on the themes if you are interested.

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Hooper, A. (ed.), 2005. **Culture and Sustainable Development in the Pacific**. Canberra: ANU E Press. http://epress.anu.edu.au/culture_citation.htm

World Rainforest Movement Bulletin 93, April 2005. The focus of this issue: **The World Bank and how their policies fail to protect forests and forest peoples.**

<<http://www.wrm.org.uy/bulletin/93/viewpoint.html>>