

Symposium "Studies on American and Oceanian indigenous societies in Northern and Central Europe: past and present"

University of Gdańsk, 23-24 February 2024

The Maria Janion Chair UG, the Institute of Anthropology and the Faculty of History University of Gdańsk, in cooperation with the Center for Andean Studies, University of Warsaw and the Polish Chapter of the Explorers Club, invite you to an international scientific symposium: "Studies on American and Oceanian indigenous societies in Northern and Central Europe: past and present". During the symposium, invited scholars and researchers from Poland and abroad will present their research in anthropology, archaeology and ethno-history of indigenous peoples of the Americas and Oceania.

Venue: Conference Room at the Main University Library, University of Gdańsk, Campus Oliwa.

Accompanying events:

Keynote lecture: Dr. Maciej Sobczyk (University of Warsaw), "**Rapa Nui: między lądem a Oceanem**" (in Polish);

Screening of the film "**Polish Explorers of the New World and the Islands of the Pacific**" (The Polish Chapter of the Explorers Club Poland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland);

Visiting the exhibitions "**Jan Stanisław Kubary, 1846-1896, Pioneer in the exploration of Micronesian culture and nature, from Poland. His life, achievements, and legacy**" (author: Prof. **Aleksander Posern-Zieliński**, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań) and "**Sepik. Faces of the River**", presenting objects from Papua New Guinea from the collection of Rev. Prof. **Wojciech Bęben** (authors: graduate students of ethnology UG).

Organizers:

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The symposium is a pre-conference meeting preceding the *3rd European Assembly of Archaeology of the Americas*, which will be held at the University of Reading (United Kingdom) on May 20-21, 2024.

Program

Friday, February 23rd, 2024

- 9:00 Opening Address:
- Dr hab. **Arkadiusz Janicki** (Dean of the Faculty of History, University of Gdańsk)
- Prof. Dr hab. **Mariusz Ziółkowski** (University of Warsaw)
- 9:30-11:30 Session I, Chair: Prof. Dr hab. **Mariusz Ziółkowski** (University of Warsaw)
1. Dr **Harri J Kettunen** (University of Helsinki)
Archaeological and Interdisciplinary Studies on Mesoamerica in Finland
 2. Dr **Antti Korpisaari** (University of Helsinki)
40 years of South American archaeology at the University of Helsinki, Finland.
 3. Dr **Inge Schjellerup** (National Museet, Copenhagen)
The Archaeological and Ethnographic Collections from the Americas and Oceania since the Royal Kunstkammer in the 17th century in the National Museum of Denmark
 4. Discussion
- 11:30 **Coffee/Tea break**
- 12:00-14:00 Session II, Chair: Dr **Frank Meddens** (University of Reading)
1. Dr **Reidar Solsvik** (Kon Tiki Museum, Oslo)
A Norwegian Viking in the Scientific. The reception of Thor Heyerdahl's theories
 2. Dr **Steve Bourget** (Musée du quai Branly, Paris)
The Building Blocks of Ideology in the Creation of a State-Level Society in Ancient Peru: the Moche Case.
 3. Prof. Dr hab. **Jacek Kościuk** (University of Warsaw)
Technomorphological studies on Inca architecture
 4. Discussion
- 14:00 **Lunch**

15:00 – 17:00 Session III, Chair: Dr **Inge Schjellerup** (National Museet, Kopenhaga)

1. Dr hab. **Radosław Palonka** (Jagiellonian University)
Mesa Verde and beyond: Polish contributions in archaeological research in North America
2. Dr **Aleksandra Wierucka** (University of Gdańsk)
Interdisciplinary approach to assessing environmental pollution and its influence on local inhabitants in Ecuadorian Amazon
3. Prof. Dr hab. **Mariusz Ziółkowski** (University of Warsaw)
On the other side of science: Tiahuanaco, Atlantis and the origin of the Germans
4. Discussion

17:30 Coffee/Tea break

18:00-18:45 Keynote: Dr **Maciej Sobczyk** (University of Warsaw): „**Rapa Nui: między lądem a Oceanem**” (lecture in Polish)

19:00-20:30 A glass of wine and a screening of the film "**Polish Explorers of the New World and the Islands of the Pacific**".

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

9:30-11:30 Session IV, Chair: Dr **Aleksandra Wierucka** (University of Gdańsk)

1. Dr **Frank Meddens** (University of Reading)
Bofedales, Reservorios y Riego en un Entorno Agro Pastoril Prehispánico del valle de Chicha Soras.
2. Dr hab. **Monika Kujawska** (University of Łódź)
Forest cosmo-politics and the agency of plants. A case study from the Ashaninka people, Peruvian Amazonia.
3. Dr **Michał Gilewski** (University of Warsaw)
Relationship between modern and pre-Columbian indigenous agriculture in the Southern Guatemala region.
4. Discussion

11:45-12:45 Visiting the exhibitions “**Sepik. Faces of the River**” and “**Jan Stanisław Kubary, 1846-1896, Pioneer in the exploration of Micronesian culture and nature, from Poland. His life, achievements, and legacy**”. Faculty of History building (hallway on the first floor).

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00-16:00 Session V, Chair: Dr hab. **Monika Kujawska** (University of Łódź)

1. Dr **Anna Przytomska** (University of Warsaw)
Humanos y no humanos: relaciones de intercambio y depredación en los Andes peruanos.
2. Dr **Filip Rogalski** (University of Gdańsk)
The last secondary burial among the Arabela and its ethnographic contexts
3. Dr **Kacper Świerk** (University of Gdańsk)
Luminous phenomena in three Matsigenka pishtaco tales
4. Discussion

16:00-17:00 Final discussion, Chair: Dr **Steve Bourget** (Musée du quai Branly, Paris)

17:15 **Closure of the Symposium and a farewell glass of wine**