

working in the fields of Indigenous societies in Indonesia, the Pacific and Australia to address the above questions and others pertaining to non-western law, governance and the intersection of law, culture and politics.

Papers were presented by Colin Filer, Lawrence Kalinoe, Dionisio Soares, Andrew McWilliams, Jeff Sissons, Graham Neate, Tony Connolly, James Weiner, Francesca Merlan, Bruce Rigsby, David Martin, Lynette Blucher, Ben Smith and Susan Phillips. In addition, Ian Keen, Nic Peterson, Toni Bauman and Jon Altman acted in the roles of session convenors.

Although a wide range of topics relating to law and custom throughout the region were examined, there was a focus on recent developments in judicial understandings of tradition in the Australian native title arena. Many of the papers addressed some aspect of the evolving definition of tradition in contemporary Aboriginal land-holding communities.

The workshop was highly successful in its avowed goal—to promote a sophisticated and theoretically informed dialogue between anthropologists and legal practitioners and scholars on the intersection of legal and anthropological contributions to the definition of culture and tradition. The papers are currently being co-edited by Katie Glaskin (kglaskin@cyllene.uwa.edu.au) and James Weiner (james.weiner@anu.edu.au) for submission for publication.

Archaeology & Linguistics conference, Arcling II, National Museum of Australia, Canberra, 1-4 October 2002

Report by David Nash

The second Archaeology & Linguistics conference, Arcling II, was held at the NMA, 1-4 October 2002. Abstracts and papers are posted at <http://crlc.anu.edu.au/arcling2/>

There were papers in historical linguistics, and archaeology, exploring methodologies and case studies and looking for links between the two disciplines. While none addressed Native Title explicitly, a number of papers deal with themes of relevance to Native Title connection reports and generally evidence of continuity and particular people-land connections.

Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference 2002, Anthropology and Diversity: Disciplinary and Practice Perspectives, 3-5 October 2002, ANU, Canberra

Report by Benjamin R. Smith

This year's Australian Anthropological Society annual conference, on the theme of 'Anthropology and Diversity: Disciplinary and Practice Perspectives', included a number of papers of relevance for Native Title practitioners, and for anthropologists and others working in Indigenous Australian contexts more generally. More details are available on the conference website <http://www.aas.asn.au/2002conf.htm>

The majority of the relevant papers from the three parallel streams of the conference were given in the *Articulating Culture* session co-convened by Melinda Hinkson, David Martin and myself. The session attracted a wide range of papers almost exclusively dealing with Australian material, which sought to analyse the increasingly substantial interweaving of Indigenous and non-Indigenous lifeworlds across Australia, and move beyond the still-widespread anthropological circumscription of Indigenous communities which fails to elucidate the interactions through which these communities are reproduced. The papers presented were of a high quality and we are now seeking to publish an edited volume based on the session.

Papers at the session included a number of contributions from current or former em-