

Editors Notes

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I am very grateful to fine job that Cathy and Nancy did in pulling together this information collection of papers on current research in Russia and the CIS. This is a great example of why AEER is such a valuable contribution to anthropological scholarship on the Eastern experience. I hope you enjoy it.

I will be cruising the AAA meetings again this year looking for contributions to the next year's volume. If anyone hears a paper they think should be brought to the attention of our group, please let me know.

The annual meeting of East European Anthropology Group will take place on Thursday at noon at the AAA meetings. I am sorry that we lost our usual meeting time of Saturday noon. The fault was entirely mine. It is thanks to Eva Husby-Darvas, we have a meeting at all. I have been the editor of AEER for five years. I think that is enough time for one person to be able to shape the communication between fieldworkers and the scholarly community. It is time for some one else to take over. Please let me know if you are willing to do so. I'll be happy to explain how I have done it to anyone who wants to try. It is not as difficult as one might suspect, thanks to the willingness of our colleagues to contribute their work.

This may be a good time to interest a journal publishing group in our enterprise. Our distribution is stable. Our contributors are numerous. The quality is relatively high. In fact, the only negative I have heard about the journal came from a graduate student who was frustrated that the paper quality never rose above that of conference papers. I leave it to readership to decide whether a different editorial process would necessarily result in better papers.

Now come the pitch to pay your dues. DePaul University supports this journal by paying for distribution and mail costs as these arise. We then reimburse DePaul at the end of the fiscal year for most, if not all of their outlay. In the meantime, our dues collect interest. To keep this system going, we need everyone to contribute their ten or fifteen dollars. It's a bargain at current journal rates. But even more importantly, it is a commitment to the community of East European scholarship. Your dues make it possible for field workers to have a place to describe their observations and analyses. As a result, we all benefit from a healthy and open scholarly environment.

I am pleased to announce that in the past year, the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology at Oxford University has joined the list of institutions that archive the journal.