

Organizations

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Society for the Anthropology of Europe

A growing interest in the anthropology of Europe and a felt need for a forum to strengthen networks among Europeanist anthropologists and to encourage comparative research have prompted efforts to form a Society for the Anthropology of Europe (SAE) as a unit of the American Anthropological Association. The new organization would complement the activities of the East European Anthropology Group by providing a means to bring together anthropologists specializing in Eastern Europe and those concerned with Western Europe. Interested Europeanist anthropologists are urged to join the new Society as founding members. An ad hoc organizing committee composed of Carole Counihan (Stockton State), Patricia Gibson (UC-Santa Barbara), David Gilmore (SUNY-Stony Brook), Susan Carol Rogers (NYU), Lawrence J. Taylor (Lafayette), and James Taggart (Franklin and Marshall) has been agitating to bring the new group to life.

The Society will be initiated at the 1986 AAA meetings in Philadelphia with a breakfast Roundtable. The themes chosen are: Historiography and Anthropology (Jane Schneider), Sex and Gender (Ernestine Friedl), Class, Culture and Political Economy (John Cole), Religion, Ideology and Folklore (Stanley Brandes). Subscription information will appear in the AAA newsletter. Organization of this Roundtable was made possible thanks to the generous financial contributions of Lafayette College, SUNY-Stony Brook, and the Institute of French Studies and Department of Anthropology at NYU.

An organizing meeting will also be scheduled at the 1986 AAA meetings. Bylaws, officers, and a program for the year will be voted at that time, enabling the organization to move to official status within the AAA.

Plans are being made to compile an updated directory of Europeanist anthropologists and to launch a newsletter. The Society will also be active in organizing invited sessions and sponsoring symposia at future AAA meetings and at interdisciplinary meetings of Europeanists. Any number of other activities are possible. The Society has the potential to become a driving

force enhancing the visibility and legitimacy of Europeanist anthropology, facilitating the dissemination of information relevant to Europeanists, and promoting the professional integration of students with an interest in Europe.

The AAA requires that a list of dues paying members be submitted before the Society can be officially recognized. You may contribute to this effort by joining the Society as a founding member. Send name, address and annual dues of \$10 (\$7 for students) to: SAE, c/o Institute of French Studies, New York University, 15 Washington Mews, New York, NY 10003. Checks should be made payable to Institute of French Studies/SAE. Please contact the above address or any of the organizing committee members for further information or to make suggestions about the agenda or organization of the new Society.