



A BioSocial Society, EHBEA and Galton Institute Funded Workshop

Applied Evolutionary Anthropology: Darwinian approaches to contemporary world issues

Evolutionary Anthropology over the last fifty years has improved our understanding of how both current environments and legacies of past selection explain human behavioural diversity. Combining ethnographic, economic and demographic methods, these approaches have provided insights into the behaviours of contemporary peoples across the globe. A growing number of evolutionary anthropologists are now using Darwinian theory as a predictive tool to help people with whom they work, particularly through the design and critique of public policy and international development programmes which seek to implement changes to environments and/or in behaviour.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together anthropologists and other interdisciplinary scientists who are currently applying evolutionary approaches to contemporary world issues. Themes will include:

- 1) Changing reproductive and livelihood strategies
- 2) Food insecurity and intrahousehold resource allocation
- 3) Co-operative norms and habitat conservation
- 4) The impact of development intervention and social policies
- 5) Implications of emerging environmental pressures (e.g. disease, population growth and climate change).

Date: 14th - 16th September 2011

Location: University of Bristol (UK), Dept of Archaeology and Anthropology

Organisers: Mhairi Gibson (Bristol) & David Lawson (UCL)

Invited speakers: Val Curtis (LSHTM), Kate Hampshire (Durham), Ruth Mace (UCL), Bram Tucker (Georgia)

Abstract submission deadline: **Friday 22nd July**

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For more details on workshop and abstract submission: http://www.ehbea.com/conf/2011/applied_ev_anthro