

Anthropos  
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# Newsletter

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## ABOUT US

Anthropos India Foundation (AIF) is a trust registered in Delhi in October 2011. The aim is to promote the discipline of Anthropology, its philosophy and methods and engage in applied and Action Research. AIF, through its work, seeks to address issues in the local/ regional context, based on the 'emic' perspectives and bottom-up approach to solve the problems faced by the communities and its people. Taking due consideration of the local knowledge and respecting the local culture and ecology, AIF has been conducting community-based research and, in its effort, has tried to inform the Policy initiatives too.

AIF website:  
<https://anthroposindiafoundation.com>

## UPCOMING UPDATES

- ◀ 1. E-Resource Center: AIF has initiated an e-resource centre wherein anthropological papers by eminent anthropologists will be accessible in one place.
- ◀ 2. Workshop Series: *Ethnographic Filmmaking* workshop was successfully completed in the month of July. In August, another workshop in the series will be on *Pre-production, Post-production, and Editing*. Interested persons can register on the website; information about dates will follow soon.
- ◀ 3. Online course: Another Online course on Anthropology of Business is being organised by AIF. It will be a weekend course spread over two weekends. i.e. four days. The tentative dates for the Course are 28th-29th August and 4th-5th September. Interested candidates can register on the website; more details will follow soon.

## PREVIOUS WORKS

🎵 **Past, Present, And Future: Anthropological Perspectives of the World in the Times of COVID-19.** In his lecture, Prof. Joshi talked about the anthropological perspective around COVID 19 and spoke about the epidemiological issues involved. He discussed fieldwork challenges during the pandemic. He also explained the aviation etiology concept. Furthermore, he advised about better ways to fight the diseases and covered social media as information and misinformation sources.

[Click here to watch the complete lecture](#)

🎵 **Study on Child Sexual Abuse' in the Selected Sites of Four Northern States in India.** In association with World Vision India, researchers from the Anthropos India Foundation conducted qualitative micro-level research. The team collected data from four North Indian states - Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Delhi - and articulated child abuse issues in these states. The study examined child abuse cases' volume and intensities to understand the children's lived experiences of abuse. This research explores child abuse cases from their sociocultural determinants, and their different forms [physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect] to promote child protection with a more strategic and pragmatic approach.

[Click here to read the complete report](#)

## Before You Go Series

Dr. Alison Kahn conducted the Before You Go series; an ethnographic filmmaking course. It was conducted over five days and has completed all sessions.

The sessions were informative and interactive; the discussions considered diverse theoretical and practical topics. The sessions also provided valuable feedback to individual participants' filmmaking innovations and ideas. The course provided insight and depth to the filmmakers' contributions by introducing and elaborating classical filmmaking contributions. Guest speakers Dr. Uy Hoang [Founder and Director of the Public Health Film Festival UK] and Dr. Kartik Sharma [founder of Public Arts Health and Us (PAHUS)] engaged with the participants to discuss the nuances of filmmaking and its appropriation as a tool to contribute to public health advocacy.

The workshop nurtured the global filmmaking community of creative and like-minded individuals. Participants from diverse cultural origins and orientations expanded discussions with unique personal experiences.

[Click here for feedback video](#)

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## WORLD ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONFERENCE 2023

### ANTHROPOLOGY IN PUBLIC SPHERE: PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha will host and organize the World Anthropological Congress [2023]. In the anthropological universe, the Congress - a cardinal event - will have esteemed international anthropologists; these eminent professionals will nurture and foreground contemporary anthropological issues around human security and wellness.

The Congress will center around Anthropology in Public Sphere: Peace and Development and discuss current humanitarian issues. These include the current pandemic and other international disruptions like climate change, socioeconomic inequality, ethnic conflict, religious militancy, and civil instabilities. Annually, such issues destabilize several countries; most often, citizens and people are collaterals - otherwise uninvolved with war, politics, and conflict.

Global peace and development involve multi-layered processes and anthropology as a multi-dimensional field can provide cultural, dehegemonized, and marginalized perspectives, and develop alternative methods to support long-term and sustainable global peace and harmony.

The World Anthropological Congress will host important debates around contemporary issues and articulate diverse contributions towards world harmony for sustainable humanitarian growth at different human societal levels.

### Recent update:

Last date for expression of Interest: July 2021

[Click here for more details](#)

# JOB ALERT



⚙️ **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (Cultural Anthropology)**  
**Location:** Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Department of Culture, Govt. of India.

⚙️ **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (Physical Anthropology)**  
**Location:** Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Department of Culture, Govt. of India.

For more information ([click here](#))

Deborah Puccio-Den

## MAFIACRAFT

AN ETHNOGRAPHY OF DEADLY SILENCE



### MAFIACRAFT: AN ETHNOGRAPHY OF DEADLY SILENCE BY DEBORAH PUCCIO-DEN

In Mafiacraft, Deborah Puccio-Den discovers the Mafia's reliance on the force of silence; the author follows a novel ethnographic inquiry that emphasizes questions over the immortal quest for answers.

More than inquiring about previous material (verbalized or written), she explores silence's imaginative powers and articulates consistencies around special social ties that derive strength from indeterminable states. Around anthropological research, she raises new questions and opens new grounds for researching the world's most famous criminal organization.

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**Price:** \$ 33.27

**Publisher:** HAU

**Book Category:** Cultural and Social Anthropology

[For more details, click here](#)

### THE COST OF TEARS

In the cultural land known for liveliness and royal exhibits, the Rudaali demonstrates traditional black spot. The upper-caste women disallowed public emotional demonstrations and expression and are sustained inside Havelis, behind veils. The Rudaali bereavement demonstrations substitute these women's veiled grief and tears. The black dress representing Yama; the God of Death becomes inherent to their monochromatic lives; unlike us, colours elude their emotions.

The Rudaali communities preserve upper-caste respect; preserve the women who cannot mourn publically. These communities center around sociopolitical issues like class, caste, and gender.

Furthermore prone to upper caste exploitation - paternal names are not provided to their children. Their girl children are celebrated as new community members to continue the grieving tradition. For 12 mourning days, their tears receive 5-6 rupees per day; the Rudaali women wail, roll and beat their breasts to receive old clothes and rice in return.

In their evolved world perspective, general societies prefer quieter funerals; these evolutions have reduced their social importance and significance. Their professional tears have dried due to unemployment. The Rudaalis have taken alternative livelihoods; they have left their traditional occupation behind the Rajwada and Raja walls.

[Read more...](#)



### ARCHAEOLOGY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Anthropologists, geographers, and earth scientists collaborated to develop an evolving academic case of “archaeology of climate change,” which uses data from archaeological excavations and the paleoclimate record to study how humans interacted with their environment during the past climate-change events.

Scientists are trying to figure out the key points in climate history that trigger people to restructure their societies in order to survive. Thus, by examining the past and finding out how to adapt to the present, scientists hope to understand how to prepare for the future.

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### Anthropological Facts

- Primates have fingernails like flattened claws; it makes them the only animals with fingernails that support tasks like peeling, scratching, etc.

**Source:** <http://humanorigins.si.edu/education/fun-facts/humans-are-handy>

- The Koro language in North-East India was recorded for the first time in 2010.

**Source:** <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/101005-lost-language-india-science>

- The Himba people of Northern Namibia use a natural sunblock made of Butter, fat, and ochre (earth pigment containing Red iron Oxide).

**Source:** <https://africa-facts.org/african-culture-16-most-interesting-traditions/>

### Get involved & Support Us

- 🎵 **Promote Anthropological work**  
*- share your work- blogs, documentaries, videos, podcasts, photographs*
- 🎵 **Can intern with us**
- 🎵 **Collaborate with us**  
*Can collaborate with us in research, workshops, digital magazine*
- 🎵 **Volunteer**
- 🎵 **Fund the activities**

### AIF Life Membership

You can now register with us to become a Life member of Anthropos India Foundation for a nominal fee of Rs 1000 and by filling the google form. The life members will be receiving our Newsletter, research study summaries conducted by AIF, alerts for Upcoming Courses, Workshops & seminars and job alerts. You can have access to our newly created E-resource Centre which is a one-stop destination where you can find research articles by eminent anthropologists in one place.

Click Here for [Membership Form](#)

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