Welcome to Social Anthropology

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Social Anthropology students, and invite you to join fully in the life of our Department. We have a well-earned reputation for both our friendly working atmosphere and our stimulating intellectual environment. By the time the academic year ends, we hope you will have learnt a lot more about the world(s) around us, both near and far, and to ask new questions of your own position in it. This will involve finding out a lot more about societies and cultures at present unfamiliar to you, but also rediscovering the societies and relationships that now feel perhaps over-familiar. As well as formal lectures and workshops, we will introduce the subject through showing anthropological film, and through a range of assessment practices designed to help you draw out what you have learnt. In addition, we offer opportunities to get to know how anthropologists work beyond the classroom, from getting involved as volunteers in the organizing of academic conferences, to internship and research assistant opportunities, careers events and participating in our student anthropology journal; if you progress to the senior years in Social Anthropology we also offer the chance for residential training events away from St Andrews with other students and staff. Please checkout our Department website: https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/anthropology, ask about these opportunities and join us for advertised events

I would also encourage you to find out who your Anthropology Student President is, and to get involved in student representation through the election for class reps across each year. We always welcome the feedback you provide. Please do also take a look at the activities of our student-led Anthropology Society and consider joining up; they have a range of constantly evolving events, both academic and social, that are designed to bring students (and staff) together.

My colleagues and I look forward to meeting you all soon and welcoming you to Anthropology at St Andrews.

Warmly,

Adam Reed

Head of Department