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Social Change in Melanesia Paul Sillitoe, 2000-04-13 This book first published in 2000 is a companion volume to *An Introduction to the Anthropology of Melanesia* 1998 It gives a clear and absorbing account of social change in Melanesia since the arrival of Europeans covering the history of the colonial period and the new postcolonial states Paul Sillitoe deals with economic and technological change labour migration and urbanisation and formation of the modern state but he also describes the sometimes violent reactions to these dramatic transformations in the form of cargo cults secession movements and insurrections against multinational companies He discusses development projects but brings out associated policy dilemmas reviews developments that threaten the environment and implications for local identity such as romanticises primitive culture This fascinating account of social change in the pacific is addressed to students with little or no background in the region s history and development

Religions of Melanesia Garry Trompf, 2006-09-30 Melansia boasts over one quarter of the world s distinct religions and presents the most complex religious panorama on earth The region is famous for its unusual new religious movements that have adapted traditional beliefs to modernity in surprising ways As the first bibliographical survey to comprehensively cover the entire region *Religions of Melanesia* is an invaluable research aid for anyone interested in this growing field Trompf s work is a complete listing of scholarly publications and provides readable and concise descriptions that will clearly guide the researcher toward the most relevant sources This survey covers 2188 entries organized topically and regionally Trompf covers such subjects as traditional and modern belief systems and the emergent indigenous Christianity that has taken root Regional coverage includes Irian Jaya Papua New Guinea Solomon Islands Vanuatu New Caledonia and Fiji

Education, Learning and the Transformation of Development Amy Skinner, Matt Baillie Smith, Eleanor Brown, Tobias Troll, 2016-07-15 Whilst education has been widely recognised as a key tool for development this has tended to be limited to the incremental changes that education can bring about within a given development paradigm as opposed to its role in challenging dominant conceptions and practices of development and creating alternatives Through a collection of insightful and provocative chapters this book will examine the role of learning in shaping new discourses and practices of development By drawing on contributions from activists researchers education and development practitioners from around the world this book situates learning within the wider political and cultural economies of development It critically explores if and how learning can shape processes of societal transformation and consequently a new language and practice of development This includes offering critical accounts of popular informal and non formal learning processes as well as the contribution of indigenous knowledges in providing spaces for the co production of knowledge thinking and action on development and in terms of shaping the ways in which citizens engage with and create new understandings of development itself This book makes an important and original contribution by reframing educational practices and processes in relation to broader global struggles for justice voice and development in a rapidly changing

development landscape **The Bloomsbury Handbook of Apocalypticism and Millennialism** Tristan Sturm, Andrew Crome, 2025-10-16 In an age shadowed by pandemics climate catastrophe authoritarian resurgence and existential technological threats The Bloomsbury Handbook of Apocalypticism and Millennialism offers a timely and indispensable exploration of how societies make sense of their Ends and their hoped for new beginnings This ground breaking volume gathers leading scholars to trace the evolution meanings and enduring potency of apocalyptic and millennial ideas across religious secular and cultural landscapes From ancient revelatory texts to contemporary political movements and popular culture the book dissects how these concepts function not just as prophecies of doom but as frameworks for resistance renewal and transformation Through meticulous historical analysis and bold theoretical interventions the contributors interrogate core debates from the distinctions between apocalypticism and millennialism to their radical entanglements with justice space temporality and morality This volume dismantles simplistic portrayals of End Times thinking revealing instead its nuanced world shaping logic Whether manifest in religious movements or global politics apocalypse is no longer a marginal concern it is the defining hermeneutic of our times Scholarly provocative and urgent this Handbook is essential reading for researchers students and anyone seeking to understand how humanity envisions and enacts its endings and potentially new beginnings *A History of the Pacific Islands* Steven Roger Fischer, 2013-03-13 This wide ranging study of the Pacific Islands provides a dynamic and provocative account of the peopling of the Pacific and its broad impact on world history Spanning over 50 000 years of human presence in an area which comprises one third of our planet Melanesia Micronesia and Polynesia the narrative follows the development of the region from New Guinea s earliest settlement to the creation of the modern Pacific states Thoroughly revised and updated in light of the most recent scholarship the second edition includes an overview of the events and developments in the Pacific Islands over the last decade coverage of the latest archaeological discoveries several new maps an updated and expanded bibliography Steven Roger Fischer s unique text provides a highly accessible and invaluable introduction to the history of an area which is currently emerging as pivotal in international affairs A History of the Pacific Islands traces the human history of nearly one third of the globe over a fifty thousand year span This is history on a grand scale taking the islands of Melanesia Micronesia and Polynesia from prehistoric culture to the present day through a skilful interpretation of scholarship in the field Fischer s familiarity with work in archaeology and anthropology as well as in history enriches the text making this a book with wide appeal for students and general readers *The Palgrave Handbook of Anthropological Ritual Studies* Pamela J. Stewart, Andrew J. Strathern, 2021-08-24 Ritual Studies have achieved prominence since the 1980s when interest in ritual as an object of inquiry was established bridging over a number of humanities and social science disciplines Both connected with religious studies and independent of it overlapping with social and cultural anthropology but also with history related to science and health practices and ranging across the life course to education Ritual Studies has come to encompass studies of change and

dynamism in social life Rituals are determinate in form but not static They enunciate distinctive social values within specific contexts that frame them and they relate to the wider concerns and issues of their practitioners Due to this broad and wide ranging scope it is often difficult to find a single resource on Ritual Studies and even more so to find one which moves beyond the beginnings of anthropological theorizing to grapple with the present day contexts of ritual Bringing together recent ethnographies of ritual practice and ritualization from across the globe this Handbook provides case study of ritual in the light of Emotion and Cognition Identity Religious Power Performance and Literature Ecology and Ecological Disaster Media and other topics While each chapter provides a deep ethnography of a specific society ritual or ritualized practice each also engages with current theoretical and substantive approaches to the relevant topic The scholars collected here provide original synoptic and indicative pieces as guideposts and pathways through the complex varied and cross disciplinary and vast landscape of scholarship that constitutes Ritual Studies today and points to developments in the future **A Handbook**

of Economic Anthropology, Second Edition James G. Carrier, 2012-01-01 Acclaim for the first edition The volume is a remarkable contribution to economic anthropology and will no doubt be a fundamental tool for students scholars and experts in the sub discipline Mao Mollona Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute This excellent overview would serve as an excellent text for advanced undergraduate and graduate level classroom use Because of the clarity conciseness and accessibility of the writing the chapters in this volume likely will be often cited and recommended to those who want the alternative and frequently culturally comparative perspective on economic topics that anthropology provides Highly recommended All academic levels libraries K F Rambo Choice The first edition of this unique Handbook was praised for its substantial and invaluable summary discussions of work by anthropologists on economic processes and issues on the relationship between economic and non economic areas of life and on the conceptual orientations that are important among economic anthropologists This thoroughly revised edition brings those discussions up to date and includes an important new section exploring ways that leading anthropologists have approached the current economic crisis Its scope and accessibility make it useful both to those who are interested in a particular topic and to those who want to see the breadth and fruitfulness of an anthropological study of economy This comprehensive Handbook will strongly appeal to undergraduate and post graduate students in anthropology economists interested in social and cultural dimensions of economic life and alternative approaches to economic life political economists political scientists and historians **Village on the Edge**

Michael French Smith, 2002-06-30 Kragur village lies on the rugged north shore of Kairiru a steep volcanic island just off the north coast of Papua New Guinea In 1998 the village looked much as it had some twenty two years earlier when author Michael French Smith first visited But he soon found that changing circumstances were shaking things up Village on the Edge weaves together the story of Kragur villagers struggle to find their own path toward the future with the story of Papua New Guinea s travails in the post independence era Smith writes of his own experiences as well living and working in Papua

New Guinea and trying to understand the complexities of an unfamiliar way of life To tell all these stories he delves into ghosts magic myths ancestors bookkeeping tourism the World Bank the Holy Spirits and the meaning of progress and development Village on the Edge draws on the insights of cultural anthropology but is written for anyone interested in Papua New Guinea

The Routledge Handbook on the American Dream Robert Hauhart, Mitja Sardoč, 2021-07-29 What do we mean by the American dream Can we define it Or does any discussion of the phrase end inconclusively the solid turned liquid like ice melting Do we know whether the American dream motivates and inspires or alternately obscures and deceives The Routledge Handbook on the American Dream offers distinctive authoritative original essays by well known scholars that address the social economic historical philosophic legal and cultural dimensions of the American dream for the twenty first century The American dream first discussed and defined in print by James Truslow Adams s The Epic of America 1931 has become nearly synonymous with being American Adams s definition although known to scholars is often lost in our ubiquitous use of the term When used today the iconic phrase seems to encapsulate every fashion fad trend association or image the user identifies with the United States or American life The American dream s ubiquity though argues eloquently for a deeper understanding of its heritage its implications and its impact to be found in this first research handbook ever published on the topic

Media and Nation Building John Postill, 2006 With the end of the Cold War and the proliferation of civil wars and regime changes the question of nation building has acquired great practical and theoretical urgency From Eastern Europe to East Timor Afghanistan and recently Iraq the United States and its allies have often been accused of shirking their nation building responsibilities as their attention and that of the media turned to yet another regional crisis While much has been written about the growing influence of television and the Internet on modern warfare little is known about the relationship between media and nation building This book explores for the first time this relationship by means of a paradigmatic case of successful nation building Malaysia Based on extended fieldwork and historical research the author follows the diffusion adoption and social uses of media among the Iban of Sarawak in Malaysian Borneo and demonstrates the wide ranging process of nation building that has accompanied the Iban adoption of radio clocks print media and television In less than four decades Iban longhouses villages under one roof have become media organizations shaped by the official ideology of Malaysia a country hastily formed in 1963 by conjoining four disparate territories

The Carbon Fix Stephanie Paladino, Shirley J Fiske, 2016-11-18 Given the growing urgency to develop global responses to a changing climate The Carbon Fix examines the social and equity dimensions of putting the world s forests and necessarily the rural people who manage and depend on them at the center of climate policy efforts such as REDD intended to slow global warming The book assesses the implications of international policy approaches that focus on forests as carbon and especially forest carbon offsets for rights justice and climate governance Contributions from leading anthropologists and geographers analyze a growing trend towards market principles and financialization of nature in environmental governance placing it into

conceptual critical and historical context The book then challenges perceptions of forest carbon initiatives through in depth field based case studies assessing projects policies and procedures at various scales from informed consent to international carbon auditing While providing a mixed assessment of the potential for forest carbon initiatives to balance carbon with social goals the authors present compelling evidence for the complexities of the carbon offset enterprise fraught with competing interests and interpretations at multiple scales and having unanticipated and often deleterious effects on the resources and rights of the world s poorest peoples especially indigenous and rural peoples The Carbon Fix provides nuanced insights into political economic and ethical issues associated with climate change policy Its case approach and fresh perspective are critical to environmental professionals development planners and project managers and to students in upper level undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental anthropology and geography environmental and policy studies international development and indigenous studies

Lithic Analysis George H. Odell, 2012-12-06 Procedures by which archaeological stone tools have been analyzed have traditionally operated on an apprenticeship model whereby a novice acquires competency at the elbow of a grizzled but revered expert in the field After shuffling through literally thousands of stones and asking hundreds of questions the neophyte eventually reaches a level at which he or she can fly solo requiring less and less attention from the Master While this pedagogical model has been frequently tried and tested it is not always the most efficient method it is very labor intensive and it requires a resident lithics expert a situation that often does not exist in reality Learning the ropes would clearly be more practical if there were a manual to consult a book that provides information and direction so that the Master might at least be spared the most elemental questions and would not have to be available all the time For years no such manual existed but recently the ice has been broken by Bill Andrefsky s *Lithics Macroscopic Approaches to Analysis* and Brian Kooyman s *Understanding Stone Tools and Archaeological Sites* These are good books and can profitably be employed by fledgling lithic analysts My own interest in writing a manual for stone tool analysts derives initially from the way I was trained literally at the knees of two Masters in this case revered but not grizzled Dr Raymond R Newell in typological and technological matters and Dr Ruth E Tringham in functional studies

Investigating Local Knowledge Paul Sillitoe, 2019-05-23 Originally published in 2004 Local knowledge reflects many generations of experience and problem solving by people around the world increasingly affected by globalizing forces Such knowledge is far more sophisticated than development professionals previously assumed and as such represents an immensely valuable resource A growing number of governments and international development agencies are recognizing that local level knowledge and organizations offer the foundation for new participatory models of development that are both cost effective and sustainable and ecologically and socially sound This book provides a timely overview of new directions and new approaches to investigating the role of rural communities in generating knowledge founded on their sophisticated understandings of their environments devising mechanisms to conserve and sustain their natural resources and establishing community based

organizations that serve as forums for identifying problems and dealing with them through local level experimentation innovation and exchange of information with other societies These studies show that development activities that work with and through local knowledge and organizations have several important advantages over projects that operate outside them Local knowledge informs grassroots decision making much of which takes place through indigenous organizations and associations at the community level as people seek to identify and determine solutions to their problems New Horizons in Research on Sustainable Organisations Mark Starik, Sanjay Sharma, Carolyn Egri, Rick Bunch, 2017-10-24 Environmental sustainability practice and research have advanced over the past decade from novelty to near mainstream status today During this environmentally critical time period sustainability practitioner techniques such as environmental energy and social auditing other sustainability information and related systems and a wide variety of environmental sustainability approaches have been developed improved and institutionalised advancing both the practice and research of environmental sustainability management and policy However academics and practitioners in the sustainability field still have widely differing perspectives on what a sustainable organisation is or might be but seldom take the opportunity to share these respective sustainability visions let alone the multiple ways to achieve them New Horizons in Research on Sustainable Organisations is intended to bridge this gap between academics and practitioners with cutting edge research from both groups on progress towards sustainability After working on sustainability related projects involving other academics both research and practitioner oriented graduate students consultants managers and activists the lead co editors of this volume saw the need to encourage information exchanges among differing networks of sustainability stakeholders to create a pathway for researchers and practitioners in the general area of organisations and the natural environment to address issues of common interest There are many networks in the general subject area but the cross pollination of ideas between academics and practitioners remains sketchy New Horizons in Research on Sustainable Organisations is intended to present and encourage such cross pollination The chapters in this volume are presented in three subsets generally proceeding from the most macro to the most micro in terms of perspective and applicability However this arbitrary division belies the integration from macro through meso or mid range to micro levels that is apparent in these studies Macro approaches typically include wider geographic scopes greater numbers of stakeholders and more complex explanatory factors than micro approaches Each chapter adopts one or more particular sustainability world view and then grounds these and the other chapter elements within actual organisations Therefore the reader is advised to envision not a one dimensional continuum but rather a circle in which the macro view both feeds back and feeds forward to the micro view This volume addresses a number of intriguing and important sustainable organisation phenomena such as multiple sustainable development perspectives changing environmental politics environmental management systems variations voluntary environmental programme performance complex adaptive systems and environmental technology development Additionally several models

are suggested such as cultivation capabilities and business ecology frameworks

In Memory of Times to Come Melissa Demian, 2021-06-11 Drawing on twenty years of research this book examines the historical perspective of a Pacific people who saw globalization come and go Suau people encountered the leading edge of missionization and colonialism in Papua New Guinea and were active participants in the Second World War In Memory of Times to Come offers a nuanced account of how people assess their own experience of change over the course of a critical century It asks two key questions What does it mean to claim that global connections are in the past rather than the present or the future and what does it mean to claim that one has lost one's culture but not because anyone else took it away or destroyed it

High-Value Natural Resources and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding Pivi Lujala, 2012-03-29 For most post conflict countries the transition to peace is daunting In countries with high value natural resources including oil gas diamonds other minerals and timber the stakes are unusually high and peacebuilding is especially challenging Resource rich post conflict countries face both unique problems and opportunities They enter peacebuilding with an advantage that distinguishes them from other war torn societies access to natural resources that can yield substantial revenues for alleviating poverty compensating victims creating jobs and rebuilding the country and the economy Evidence shows however that this opportunity is often wasted Resource rich countries do not have a better record in sustaining peace In fact resource related conflicts are more likely to relapse Focusing on the relationship between high value natural resources and peacebuilding in post conflict settings this book identifies opportunities and strategies for converting resource revenues to a peaceful future Its thirty chapters draw on the experiences of forty one researchers and practitioners as well as the broader literature and cover a range of key issues including resource extraction revenue sharing and allocation and institution building The book provides a concise theoretical and practical framework that policy makers researchers practitioners and students can use to understand and address the complex interplay between the management of high value resources and peace High Value Natural Resources and Post Conflict Peacebuilding is part of a global initiative led by the Environmental Law Institute ELI the United Nations Environment Programme UNEP the University of Tokyo and McGill University to identify and analyze lessons in natural resource management and post conflict peacebuilding The project has generated six edited books of case studies and analyses with contributions from practitioners policy makers and researchers Other books in the series address land water livelihoods assessing and restoring natural resources and governance

Sustainability and Communities of Place Carl A. Maida, 2007 The concept of sustainability holds that the social economic and environmental factors within human communities must be viewed interactively and systematically Sustainable development cannot be understood apart from a community its ethos and ways of life Although broadly conceived the pursuit of sustainable development is a local practice because every community has different needs and quality of life concerns Within this framework contributors representing the disciplines of anthropology sociology geography economics law public policy architecture and urban studies explore

sustainability in communities in the Pacific Latin America Sub Saharan Africa Eastern Europe and North America

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The Context of REDD+ in Papua New Guinea: Drivers, agents, and institutions Andrea Babon, Gae Yansom Gowae, 2013-07-06 This report provides an overview of the context for REDD in Papua New Guinea It describes the main drivers of deforestation and degradation the institutional and political economic context within which REDD is being developed and maps the evolution of a national REDD strategy and associated policy and legislation during 2008 2012 It highlights the opportunities and challenges of developing policies that can provide climate effective cost efficient and equitable REDD outcomes for Papua New Guinea Papua New Guinea s system of customary land tenure provides both enormous opportunities and challenges for REDD Gaining the free prior and informed consent of customary landowners who own the forests that REDD initiatives are designed to protect and developing equitable benefit sharing mechanisms will be a key challenge Corruption and a lack of transparency and accountability within the government are significant problems for the country to overcome Political instability and capacity constraints within the public service also pose challenges to the smooth and steady development and implementation of REDD policies While there appears to be a growing national discourse around good governance and anti corruption a complex political economy has thwarted many previous attempts at forest policy reform in the country and REDD is likely to face significant opposition from those who currently benefit from the unsustainable exploitation of the country s forests But the outlook for REDD in Papua New Guinea need not be pessimistic Many different stakeholder groups including government agencies civil society organisations donors private sector actors and research institutes support the concept of REDD in Papua New Guinea Despite some early missteps in terms of broad stakeholder engagement and national ownership over the policy process the government has shown genuine progress in developing a transparent and accountable governance structure that can and is incorporating the perspectives of multiple stakeholders Occasional Papers contain research results that are significant to tropical forest issues This content has been peer reviewed internally and externally Center for International Forestry Research CIFOR CIFOR advances human well being environmental conservation and equity by conducting research to help shape policies and practices that affect forests in developing countries CIFOR is a member of the CGIAR Consortium Our headquarters are in Bogor Indonesia with offices in Asia Africa and South America

Ethnic and Cultural Dimensions of Knowledge Peter Meusburger, Tim Freytag, Laura Suarsana, 2015-10-28 This book presents theoretical and methodical discussions on local knowledge and indigenous knowledge It examines educational attainment of ethnic minorities race and politics in educational systems and the problem of losing indigenous knowledge It comprises a broad range of case studies about specifics of local knowledge from several regions of the world reflecting the interdependence of norms tradition ethnic and cultural identities and knowledge The

contributors explore gaps between knowledge and agency address questions of the social distribution of knowledge consider its relation to communal activities and inquire into the relation and intersection of knowledge assemblages at local national and global scales The book highlights the relevance of local and indigenous knowledge and discusses implications for educational and developmental politics It provides ideas and a cross disciplinary scientific background for scholars students and professionals including NGO activists and policy makers

A World of Work Ilana M. Gershon, 2015-11-25 Ever wondered what it would be like to be a street magician in Paris A fish farmer in Norway A costume designer in Bollywood This playful and accessible look at different types of work around the world delivers a wealth of information and advice about a wide array of jobs and professions The value of this book is twofold For young people or middle aged people who are undecided about their career paths and feel constrained in their choices A World of Work offers an expansive vision For ethnographers this book offers an excellent example of using the practical details of everyday life to shed light on larger structural issues Each chapter in this collection of ethnographic fiction could be considered a job manual Yet not any typical job manual to do justice to the ways details about jobs are conveyed in culturally specific ways the authors adopt a range of voices and perspectives One chapter is written as though it was a letter from an older sister counseling her brother on how to be a doctor in Malawi Another is framed as a eulogy for a well loved village magistrate in Papua New Guinea who may have been killed by sorcery Beneath the novelty of the examples are some serious messages that Ilana Gershon highlights in her introduction These ethnographies reveal the connection between work and culture the impact of societal values on the conditions of employment Readers will be surprised at how much they can learn about an entire culture by being given the chance to understand just one occupation

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