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Anthropologie & Développement Is Up and Running: Send in Your Articles!

Emanating from the APAD's 2013 symposium, this issue of *Anthropologie & Développement* is devoted to the reconfigurations in the fields of anthropology caused by the blurring of the lines between emergency and development situations and the multiplication of difficult contexts. Difficult, first, for the people we study, of course, because of the crises and violence surrounding them or because they are subject to moral suffering and stigmatisation. Difficult, too, for researchers who are faced with this violence, with life courses that call into question their own references, with ethical dilemmas, or for whom access to the field itself becomes problematic or dangerous. Due to the new subjects they explore and the multiplication of political crises, social science researchers are increasingly faced with these challenges, and the APAD needed to contribute to thinking on this theme.

With this issue—the second in its new format—*Anthropologie & Développement* is fully up and running. Now peer-reviewed, the APAD's Journal intends to continue to explore the dynamics behind social change and development processes in Africa and elsewhere. Alternating thematic and non thematic issues, it is opening its pages to articles with strong empirical content in French and English. 2015's two issues will be non thematic.

This Journal is yours! Send in your papers for consideration to the following address: revue.apad@gmail.com.

The Socioanthropology of Public Action: Next Symposium in Cotonou at the End of 2015

Our association's symposiums, held every two years, are powerful moments of scientific and amicable exchange. The scientific publications from the 2013 symposium are ongoing, with the preparation of a collective book

on the anthropology of aid institutions, and an issue of the journal devoted to the comparison of anthropological, local and expert knowledge.

Continuing the well-established tradition of alternating between venues in the North and the South, the APAD's next symposium will be held at the end of 2015 in Cotonou (Benin). Organised in partnership with LADYD (the Laboratoire d'Analyse des Dynamiques de Développement in the Agronomic Sciences Department of the Université d'Abomey-Calavi), LASDEL (the Laboratoire d'Études et de Recherches sur les Dynamiques Sociales et le Développement Local), and the staff of the ANR "APPI" project, this symposium will be devoted to the topic of *The Production of Public Action in "Aid-Regime" Countries*. The aim is to examine how heterogeneous national and international actors design public action by defining the issues and proposing ways to resolve them, focusing on an earlier stage than the project's practices and impacts in the field. Worldwide, public action is increasingly the result of the actions of public and private actors in complex relationships of negotiation and impositions of standards, competition and complementarity. These processes take specific forms in contexts marked by the pervasiveness of international aid ideology and resources—forms that would be useful to document empirically and analyse rigorously.

Congratulations

On May 14, 2014, Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan was awarded the Ester Boserup Prize by the Copenhagen Centre for Development Research. This Prize is awarded to researchers who have made an outstanding contribution to knowledge of development dynamics. APAD is particularly well suited to measure just how much development research—and the APAD itself—owes to Jean-Pierre, his research, the collective research dynamics that he has continuously and enthusiastically promoted, and his vitality and intellectual rigor. APAD extends its heartiest congratulations to Jean-Pierre for this much-deserved honour.

In Memory

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Hadiza Moussa. Research assistant with Adbou Moumouni University in Niamey and member of

LASDEL, Hadiza was a particularly dynamic young researcher. She published a remarkable book on managing female fertility in Niamey, and was continuing her research in gender issues. She was also involved in research on the social consequences of oil drilling in eastern Niger. She had just been elected to the APAD Bureau when she was tragically taken from us in July 2013. It is therefore to our colleague, friend and Bureau member that we pay homage, with testimony from colleagues and friends and by publishing her paper from the 2013 symposium, sadly her last.

May the earth rest lightly upon her!

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