Call for Abstracts

The Irish Journal of Anthropology is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. To celebrate this milestone, the Special Edition editorial team invites the submission of abstracts on topics related to the past, present and future of Irish anthropology (on any populations living in the Republic of Ireland and/or Northern Ireland, or on Irish people and culture elsewhere).

Since the Irish Journal of Anthropology published its first volume in 1995, anthropology has arguably developed as a discipline. Anthropologists continue to apply theory and practice to local and world events in a critically engaging perspective. Nevertheless, many of us will at some point have been asked, “what is anthropology?” The question of what anthropology is continues to be debated and contested within the discipline. The discipline of anthropology and other humanities are under threat as some universities begin to consider whether they are suitable subjects to teach or whether humanities are economically viable for the business of universities?

Where do we go from here? Despite anthropology’s unique contribution to understanding and revealing diversity within our global-local (glocal) contexts, outside the academy, its voice continues to be peripheral. How has Irish anthropology contributed to knowledge production within increasingly globalised and diversified local lifeworlds?

The special edition to celebrate twenty-five years of the Irish Journal of Anthropology invites abstracts from academics from all career stages. The special edition theme is the Past, Present and Future of Irish Anthropology and considers what was, what is, and what can be the future of anthropology? We invite abstracts that relate to the theme – on the past, present and/or future. This includes but is not limited to the following categories:

- Original research in Ireland on any topic, to demonstrate the “present” of Irish anthropology. We especially welcome revised master’s theses or doctoral chapters – completed or in progress.
• Tales from the field that relate to the Island of Ireland and/or Irish people that captures the “past” and/or “present” of Irish anthropology.

• A review of key themes in the anthropological literature of Ireland, or within the Irish Journal of Anthropology.

• The importance of this year (2021) which marks 100 years since the founding of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

• What does Irish anthropology contribute to glocal societies? This can include demonstrating how Irish research can provide perspective on contexts outside the Island of Ireland.

• What will the future role of Irish anthropology look like?

Abstracts should be up to 250 words and follow the Irish Journal of Anthropology’s submission guidelines which can be found here. Please submit abstracts by March 19, 2021 to Lmarshall07@qub.ac.uk. We will reply to your submission by March 26, 2021 and full article submissions will be due June 18th, 2021. All submitted articles will be subject to peer review by other authors in the special issue (each author will have 3 weeks to complete two reviews).

The twenty-fifth Special Edition editorial team looks forward to hearing from you.

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