

Scott Polar Research Institute

M.PHIL. (one-year course) IN POLAR STUDIES

A series of seminars on a wide range of polar topics (environment, history, peoples, development, resources, administration), and addressed by many outside specialists, are held at the Scott Polar Research Institute in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms for those taking the M.Phil. in Polar Studies. Other graduate students who wish to attend any of these seminars should get in touch with the Course Director at the Institute, who will provide full details.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND RUSSIAN NORTHERN STUDIES GROUP

The Group's regular graduate seminar covers a wide range of topics, often with visiting speakers from Russia and elsewhere. The Group also runs specialist seminars covering the following topics: Reindeer herding; Oil, gas and society; Shamanism, spirits and environment; Therapy and the family in Russia; Governance and indigenous rights in the North. For details please contact Dr Piers Vitebsky on pv100@cam.ac.uk

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Michaelmas Term 2003

Unless otherwise announced, all public lectures are held on Saturdays at 8.00 p.m. in the Institute's Lecture Theatre.

- 18 Oct. CHARLES SWITHINBANK, Scott Polar Research Institute
Forty years in the Transantarctic Mountains
 Eight mighty glaciers flow through the mountains to feed the Ross Ice Shelf. Charles will describe his work in this area from 1960, when he first camped on the Beardmore Glacier, to the day forty years on when he put ice from one of the glaciers into his whisky glass.
- 1 Nov. BILL BELL, University of Edinburgh
Bound for Antarctica: reading on the *Discovery* 1901–1904
 When the *Discovery* set sail for Antarctica in July 1901, she carried on board a library of over 1100 volumes. What did the members of the British Antarctic Expedition read during their three years sojourn? How did they use the books? Referring to documents from the SPRI archives, this lecture will attempt to answer these and other questions relating to this remarkable floating library.
- 15 Nov. MIKE TARVER, Captain Scott Society
S.S. *Terra Nova*: whaler, sealer and polar exploration ship
 Best known for her role on Robert Scott's second Antarctic expedition, 1910–13, *Terra Nova's* interesting history from her launch in 1884 to loss in 1943, encompasses whaling, sealing and relief voyages to both polar regions.

PLEASE NOTE: The lecture will be followed by the AGM of the Friends of the Institute and a buffet. All are welcome to the lecture but Friends only should attend the AGM and buffet.

- 29 Nov. WILLIAM MILLS, Scott Polar Research Institute
Greenland: a history in maps
 Greenland has been visited by people of European descent for over 1,000 years. This lecture investigates its evolving depiction and examines the role played by maps in its exploration.

With the exception of the lecture on 15 November which will be held at 5.00 p.m., all lectures are at 8.00 p.m. in the Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road. They are open to all who are interested, and seats will be reserved, on request, for "Friends of the Institute".

SCIENCE AND SOCIETY GROUP

For details of these seminars, please contact Dr Michael Bravo on mb124@cam.ac.uk