

RETHINKING THE ANDES~AMAZONIA 'DIVIDE': SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany — Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th June, 2014

DAY 1: MONDAY 16TH JUNE, 2014

session	starts	ends	duration	Introductory Overviews: The Perspectives from Each Discipline	LING	ARCH	GEN	HIST	OTHER
	09:00	09:10	10'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome. Setting this symposium in its cross-disciplinary context. 					
A1	09:10	09:55	45'	ARCHAEOLOGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andes vs. Amazonia? Contrasts in the nature and scale of (complex) societies in each: reality, myth, or just lack of data? • Origins of agriculture and Andean civilisation: deep roots in Amazonia? • What were the relationships between societies of the Andes and Amazonia, and how did they change through time? 		HP TD PK EN			
A2	09:55	10:40	45'	LINGUISTICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansive, divergent processes: how language families pattern differently in Amazonia and the Andes, and what that means. • Convergent processes: the Andes and Amazonia as distinct, self-contained zones of linguistic convergence? • Linguistic evidence of past contacts between Andes and Amazonia, esp. borrowed terminology. • Common descent of distant linguistic relatives, either side of the Andes-Amazonia divide? 	PH BM WA PM RVG				
	10:40	11:10	30'	COFFEE					
A3	11:10	11:55	45'	ETHNICITY AND MYTHO-HISTORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How groups in each region saw the other: myths of own origins, and of the other (e.g. Paititi). • The Incas in Antisuyu: interaction and conflict. 		TDA TZ		(VT) SR	AH
A4	11:55	12:30	35'	HISTORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contrasts and continuities across the Conquest era: e.g. neither the Inca nor the Spanish empires achieved significant presence in Amazonia — support for some permanence to the 'frontier'? • Historical processes muddying prehistoric scenarios; recent patterns not representative of earlier times: <i>e.g.</i> post-Conquest contact and spread of Andean populations and/or languages into Amazonia? <i>e.g.</i> 'Amazonian' slash-and-burn shifting cultivation as only a post-Columbian development? 				JH AP MA	

	12:30	14:00	1h30	LUNCH					
A5	14:00	15:15	75'	GENETICS AND BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coherence and diversity within the Andes, within Amazonia, and between them. Break or gradient? • Any evidence of small-scale long-range migrations across the Andes-Amazonia divide? 		AS	FS LFS		
	15:15	15:45	30'	COFFEE					
Session	starts	ends	duration	Individual Test-Case Themes: Keynote Papers and Cross-Disciplinary Debate	LING	ARCH	GEN	HIST	OTHER
B1	15:45	17:00	75'	FIRST SETTLEMENT OF SOUTH AMERICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement routes and dates? • Changing palaeo-environmental contexts since first settlement of South America. • Parallels or nascent contrasts (how early?) between Andes and Amazonia? 	PH	TD AS UL	FS		
	17:00	17:30	30'	COFFEE					
Session	starts	ends	duration	Invited public lecture by John Hemming: <i>The Search for El Dorado</i>					
*	17:30	18:40	50' +20'	<p>The legend of El Dorado was a powerful chimera that lured hundreds of Spanish conquistadors and their Andean Indian <i>encomendados</i> down into the Amazon — and to their deaths. It inspired some thirty expeditions over an eighty-year period, and these made first European explorations of much of northern Amazonia.</p> <p>But John Hemming argues that the toxic legend was not connected to the Muisca of Bogotá or their sacred Lake Guatavita...</p>					
	18:40	DRINKS: pisco sour, at the invitation of the Peruvian Embassy to Germany					
	20:00	DINNER at ZUNFTKELLER — www.zunftkeller.de							

DAY 2: TUESDAY 17TH JUNE, 2014

Session	starts	ends	duration	Individual Test-Case Themes: Keynote Papers and Cross-Disciplinary Debate	LING	ARCH	GEN	HIST	OTHER
B2	09:00	10:00	60'	ORIGINS OF AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH AMERICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tropical lowlands as the font of early cultivation? • Origin of certain key domesticates on the Amazonian periphery, including the Andean fringe. • Spread and adaptation to the Andes and Pacific coast; impact on the rise of Andean civilisation. • Arrival of maize via Amazonia? 		JI SR			
B3	10:00	10:45	45'	THE FORMATIVE PERIOD IN THE NORTH-CENTRAL ANDES — DEEP ORIGINS IN AMAZONIA? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The northern corridor through the lower-altitude ranges of Northern Peru? • Amazonian themes in Chavín de Huántar iconography, and its relationship with Cupisnique predecessors? 		PK SR			
	10:45	11:15	30'	COFFEE					
B3b	11:15	12:00	45'	NOT TWO, BUT MORE: DISCONTINUITIES <i>WITHIN</i> AMAZONIA AND/OR <i>WITHIN</i> THE ANDES? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there discontinuities <i>within</i> Amazonia, or within the Andes, that are just as significant as those <i>between</i> the two? • Desert Pacific coast vs. highlands vs. Amazonian fringe vs. central Amazonia? • Evidence from the different disciplines: sources, directions and ease of migration; societal structures; patterns in language relationships and convergence. etc.. 	PM RVG	MA	FS		
	12:00	13:30	1:30	LUNCH					
B4	13:30	14:30	60'	THE ALTIPLANO AND THE SOUTHERN AMAZON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised field ('camellones') technology: real or spurious links between Amazonia and the Titicaca basin? • Distinct ethno-linguistic identities on the Altiplano (Puquina and Uro) — deep origins in Amazonia? 	WA PM RZ	HP EM CJ	FS		

B5	14:30	15:30	60'	ANDES-AMAZONIA INTERACTION AND COMPLEMENTARITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing different ecological levels and products (coca, salt, feathers, etc.), promoting <i>Andes-Amazonia interaction</i>? How far back into prehistory? • Which forms of interaction: 'vertical archipelago', trade, conflict, cultural diffusion? • Impacts on populations along the frontier, and on either side. Culturally, genetically and/or linguistically 'intermediate'? 	BM PV	AHW	CB	AP	AH
	15:30	16:00	30'	COFFEE					
B6	16:00	17:00	60'	POPULATION: DEMOGRAPHICS, DISPERSALS AND MIGRATIONS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might we tell? Strengths and weaknesses of methods from the various disciplines. • Demographics compared, recent revisions to estimates of population densities in Amazonia/Andes, impact of epidemics. • Possible migrations: 'Amazonians' in the highlands, 'Andeans' in the lowlands? What evidence from various disciplines? • Impacts of post-Columbian missions (17th-18th centuries) — muddying the pre-Columbian waters? • Assessing individual hypotheses: comparing the cross-disciplinary evidence. 	RZ	EN	AP	AH	
	17:00	17:30	30'	ROUND-UP: GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLICATION PLANNING					
	19:30	DINNER at ALTES RATHAUS — www.dasalterathaus-leipzig.de							