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RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

I. Individual projects

Ramachandra Guha (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin) is working on an intellectual biography of Verrier Elwin, pioneering ethnographer and spokesman of India's tribal people, which will be entitled Outsider Within.

Jean Kadel (Department of History, Northern Illinois) has begun doctoral research on the theoretical development and public role of Robert Redfield, relating his interest in the transformation of peasant peoples to the events of the 1940s and 1950s (world piece, academic freedom, "multiculturalism," etc.)

Robert Launay (Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University) is beginning a project on the "prehistory" of anthropological theory from the fourteenth to the nineteenth centuries, which will situate anthropology within a broader comparative tradition, one by which Europeans have attempted to define themselves not only with reference to non-Europeans, but also to their own past, specifically classical antiquity.

Lynette Russell (Classics and Archaeology, University of Melbourne) is doing research for a comparative history of the cultural context of archaeology in Australia and America, with reference to settler colonialism.

W.F. Veit (German Studies, Monash University) is pursuing research on the intellectual conditions of the construction of Australian Aboriginal culture by German missionaries and scientists.