MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Peter Allen
SAE President
Rhode Island College

I want to thank the membership of SAE for electing me president. It is a great honor and I hope I will be worthy of the office. Thanks to the efforts of my predecessors, especially Caroline Brettell, the association is healthy and thriving. We have a large and stable membership, surplus revenues, an informative and timely Bulletin, a high profile at the annual AAA meeting, and a dedicated and enthusiastic group of officers. We also have a website and electronic discussion list that are models of the art -- providing valuable information and a forum for lively discussions. We have had vigorous and productive discussions on the boundaries of the European culture area and even on the concept of culture itself. There have also been discussions about east-west differences. I hope discussions of these issues will continue and that other issues

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FAREWELL and A NEW BEGINNING

Pat Heck
SAE Bulletin Editor

Thirteen years have flown by so quickly. Soon I will leave for a year's sabbatical in Germany -- it was clear to me that it was time for new blood, new ideas, and new directions. I am happy to announce that the SAE Board has appointed Kelli A. Costa as the new SAE Bulletin Editor and Miklos Voros as the Book Review Editor. They will take over after this issue. Their names and addresses are on the Page Two masthead.

I want to thank all of you who have supported the Bulletin -- especially my Book Review Editors: Jill Dubisch, Gary McDonogh, and Kate Donahue -- as well as all those who have

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CES GOES ON THE WEB!

The Council for European Studies (CES) has a new website! -- EuropaNet -- for American and European Scholars: Bridging a Wider Atlantic. Many of the Council's operations can now be conducted electronically at http://www.EuropaNet.org.

In addition to general information about the Council's

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SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF EUROPE

The Society for the Anthropology of Europe (SAE) was founded at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Membership is open to all members of the AAA who work in or are interested in Europe as an area concentration.

The Bulletin is the newsletter of the SAE and is published three times a year in February, May and October. Deadlines for material to be submitted are as follows:

- Winter: January 1
- Spring: April 1
- Fall: September 1

Allow two to four weeks delivery time. If you don’t receive your Bulletin, please contact the American Anthropological Association.

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SAE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SAE membership as of April 30, 1999, is 627, with 359 regular and 193 paid student members, and 12 subscribers, for a total of 564. Unpaid members total 66: 33 regular and 30 student.

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will be discussed and debated as well.

My goals for the SAE include the publication of the long awaited guide to films and videos on Europe (it should be available soon), an updating of our syllabi and the posting of them on the website, an expansion of the slide sets to accompany monographs on Europe and the possible posting of them on websites, and greater collaboration with other sections of the AAA. As "Convenor" of the Section Assembly I am in a good position to facilitate any interaction with other sections and welcome input from all members of SAE on this and other section issues that concern SAE. I would also like to see more cooperation between SAE and the East European Anthropology Group.

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been responsible for columns and contributed articles. A publication is only as good as the people who read it. I am grateful for the suggestions and contributions of members and subscribers over the years.

Before I step down, I would like to share briefly how meaningful these thirteen years have been for me. Last year, in our 10th Anniversary Edition, Susan Carol Rogers did a superb job of summarizing the joys and trepidations those of us on the ad hoc organizing committee felt as the SAE unfolded and we realized how many other anthropologists working in Europe there actually were. For me, receiving my PhD in a department with no Europeanists, and then finding a job in a beautiful, but isolated part of Southeastern Tennessee, SAE has proved to be so much more than a group of people working in the same area of the world. As Bulletin Editor, I have met and worked with an amazing group of people -- dedicated, hard-working, and great fun. I have made lasting friendships, benefited professionally, and learned so very much in the process.

I look forward to the new Bulletin, and to seeing many of you at the SAE Business Meeting in San Francisco in 2000.
of Alevi culture to its long-deserved place within the historic cultural plurality of Anatolia." The third thread enters into a dialogue with Victor Turner's processual theory of ritual and questions such dichotomous premises of this theory as modernity:tradition, secular:religious, and theater:ritual. The Cem ceremony in Berlin defies the closure imposed by Turner's four-staged model and points to a genre, facilitated by the new visibility of ethnic festivals and the prevailing discourse of culture, identity, and plurality. At the intersection of these three threads, the Cem ceremony in Berlin highlights the emergence of a new performance genre, spectacles of identity, in the proximity and interplay of local, national, and transnational discourses and practices.

SEVENTH ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

In 1999, the Society for the Anthropology of Europe will hold its seventh annual student paper competition. Two categories of entries will be accepted: graduate and undergraduate. The following rules apply:

1. Papers must deal with some aspect of European anthropology and/or European anthropology's contribution to the broader field. This rule will be interpreted liberally to include papers of a comparative and/or theoretical nature.

2. All submissions must follow the standard anthropological format for citations, endnotes, and "References Cited" as outlined in the *American Anthropologist* style guide.

3. All manuscripts must be printed or typed, double-spaced, with one inch margins. The smallest allowable type is elite.

4. Maximum length for the body of the text is twenty-five typed, double-spaced pages; the abstract, tables, notes, and references may constitute additional pages.

5. Include an abstract of 100 words or less.

6. The author's name, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, university affiliation and academic status (undergraduate or graduate) should appear typed on a cover sheet separate from the manuscript. The author's name should not appear elsewhere on the manuscript.

7. Entries that do not conform to the above requirements will not be accepted.

8. Three hard copies of the manuscript and one cover sheet are to be submitted to the Projects and Special Publications Chair by September 20, 1999. No late entries will be accepted. Entries may not be transmitted via fax or e-mail attachment.

A prize of $100 will be given for the best undergraduate paper and of $200 for the best graduate paper. Abstracts of winning entries will be published in the SAE Bulletin. All entries must be received by September 20, 1999 at the address [Address]

WINNER, GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Levent Soysal
Harvard U

Ritual on Stage: *A CEM Ceremony in Berlin*

Alevi are a religious(-cultural) minority from Anatolia, who are presently inhabiting Turkey, various European countries, and some Balkan states. In very broad terms, Alevism, as a belief system, is a variant of sufism. The Cem Ceremony is considered to be a distinctive and constitutive characteristic of Alevism and is performed as the pivotal component of Alevi ritual practice. This paper expands on three threads woven around a Cem ceremony staged in Berlin, Germany, in March 1991. The first thread follows a detailed account of the ceremony with its welcoming speeches, prayers, choreographed dances, recited rules, and simulated sacrifices all of which were performed "to teach the youth and to enlighten the German friends." The second thread presents a survey of the recent "emic" literature on Alevism, which aims to formalize the Alevi culture. This literature seeks "to facilitate the elevation
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Recently I found out that some of you are not aware of the fact that the SAE and East European Anthropology Group (EEAG) have some postage funds available for mailing texts and other anthropology-related scholarly publications to Central and Eastern Europe and to the former Soviet Union. The SAE allocates up to $500 each year and the EEAG provides up to $200. Please note that these are TOTAL sums, not per person.

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I will be out of the country until early June, but if you have any questions, call me at (734) 769-7698 or send me a fax: (734) 769-7889, or e-mail at: evdarvas@umich.edu, and I will get back to you when I return to Ann Arbor.

And remember: by sending books, we do make a major difference for the colleagues who are not able to purchase text and other books.

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The second edition of the SAE Directory was published in November 1993, and printed copies and/or computer disks were mailed to persons who placed orders. Future orders may be placed through the Book Order department of the AAA ($20.00 for AAA members, and $22.00 for non-members and institutions):

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The Directory lists members of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe who sent in their questionnaires by the end of August 1993, with information about their fieldwork experience, research interests, topics on which they would be willing to speak, and membership in similar organizations. Useful as a networking tool, the Directory lists telephone and fax numbers as well as e-mail addresses.

The indexes and analysis provided by Susan Parman indicate past, present, and future interests in the anthropology of Europe. You can find out:

* which universities trained current Europeanist anthropologists (the most frequently listed Ph.D.-granting university was UC Berkeley, followed by Indiana)

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* SOCIOLOGIA RURALIS

Sociologia Ruralis, the journal of the European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS), focuses on the classical subjects of rural sociology, such as agriculture, rural community studies and the political economy of food and farming. It also engages in the debates about rurality, a subject which is increasingly becoming important. How are ruralities structured and reconstructed in the social movements and institutions of late modern civil society? Is there a single European state project for the rural, which tries to incorporate East and West, North and South, core and periphery, and what are its impacts on different gender, generational, occupational and regional rural groups? What forms might a late modern food production system take, and what interests and concerns are involved in its shaping? Is human society increasingly independent of nature, or is a growing consciousness of environmental risk forcing new recognition of the importance of natural resources and how they are used? Thus, the journal editors aim not only to encourage the continuing ‘mainstream-ing’ of rural sociology, but also the ‘ruralization’ of mainstream sociological theorizing.

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BOOK MARKS

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Book Review Editor

* THE RURAL IN THE URBAN IN CRETE

Deborah Reed-Danahay
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One might conclude that this study of a Greek intellectual by anthropologist Michael Herzfeld surely marks the end of what some have criticized as a preoccupation with rural, marginal peoples among Europeanist anthropologists. Yet, Herzfeld repeatedly shows the continuities between rural Cretan values and social organization and the life world of urban, cosmopolitan, left-wing novelist Andreas Nenedakis.
Nenedakis and Herzfeld met during the latter's fieldwork in Crete, at the municipal library in the city Rethimno, where Nenedakis grew up. Their friendship developed over mutual interests in portraying Greek cultural forms; in particular, Greek bureaucracy and its connections to various rhetorics of nationalism. As in his previous ethnographic writings, Herzfeld is interested here in interrogating the dichotomies of traditional/modern and rural/urban rather than using them as conceptual tools.

This book is a sort of conversation (both literally and figuratively) between anthropology and literature, between the anthropologist and the novelist. Although Nenedakis provides in many of his writings the types of ethnographic insights that are recognized and appreciated by the anthropologist, Herzfeld prefers to emphasize the differences in approach between the anthropologist and the novelist. He does not label Nenedakis as a "native ethnographer" or "autoethnographer," even as he writes of Nenedakis' portrait of Rethimno, Voukefali: "In that book he gives us a description of this society that deserves to be placed alongside Robert Redfield's famous account of The Little Community (1960)" (p. 256). Rather, it is the distinctions between ethnography and fiction that engage Herzfeld, and he shows how a novelist is more prepared to deal with human agency (and the inner motives and desires of individuals) and with the contingencies of everyday life than is an anthropologist whose inclination is to focus on normative behaviors and values. By "reading" Nenedakis (in the double sense of reading his writings and studying his life), Herzfeld suggests that the anthropologist can learn more about the ways in which structure is complicated by agency and about the contradictions and ironies of Greek culture.

Michael Herzfeld draws from his own intimate knowledge of Greek history, politics, and culture to place Nenedakis and his writings within their sociocultural contexts. The chapters are loosely organized around major books by Nenedakis that illustrate particular historical periods and settings in which he lived. Herzfeld employs a chronological model, moving from youth to the present. There is, however, no attempt to capture a full biography of Nenedakis. The emphasis is on his life's work as a novelist and left-wing intellectual. Key episodes of his life are drawn from the novels and conversations/ interviews. Herzfeld juxtaposes extensive passages from the writer's novels, as well as extended portions of interviews with him, with his own ethnographic/biographic narrative (much as fieldnotes are used in standard ethnographic writing.) Nenedakis' participation in the Greek resistance in the Middle East during World War II, as well as his later exiles in Paris and Stockholm, are all treated in various books that he wrote. He also wrote a controversial portrait of Rethimnos that prompted a critic to write a book in response, as well as a chronicle of Greek exiles in Paris based on the diaries of a young woman. Herzfeld uses passages from these texts to explicate a particular "native point of view" on Greece during the second half of the century, and to illustrate the complexities of Nenedakis' thought. He is, Herzfeld tells us, not a racist, yet he subscribes to certain essentialist, nationalist views that the anthropologist attributes to an almost inescapable Greek sensibility. Nenedakis is considered (in his private life) to be a feminist neither by his wife, himself, nor Herzfeld, yet he questions the role of such institutions as dowry in Greek culture in ways that illuminate the inequalities of women's position in the society. Herzfeld interestingly points out that Nenedakis' position on dowry must not be read as a "modern" one in relationship to his origins in "traditional" Crete; rather, Herzfeld suggests, a critique of the institution of dowry is as traditional as is its use.

This "ethnographic biography" shows the ways in which ethnographic methods can be brought to the study of literature and literary figures in a way that illuminates culture and history without detracting from the importance of artistic expression. This book is also autobiographical, perhaps much more so than is obvious at the outset. Herzfeld's longstanding friendship with Nenedakis provides important insights into the workings of the modern-day anthropologist. Herzfeld inserts himself often into the text, albeit sometimes in a footnote or parenthesis, as a social actor who responds to Nenedakis and to Greek society himself. It would have been interesting if the anthropologist had revealed even more of the ways in which his conversations with Nenedakis over the years had shaped his own ethnographic sensibilities. Nevertheless, in reading this book, one is reminded that even when an anthropologist sets out to study sheep-thieves in rural Crete (as Herzfeld has so famously done), he does not do so in isolation from the wider national and regional contexts in which the fieldwork takes place. In giving us a glance of the connections between his own associations with this Greek intellectual and his association with the Glendiot shepherds, Herzfeld also shows us the connections between these two aspects of Greek society.

This book will certainly be of obvious interest to specialists in Greek culture and modern history, as well as literature. As a reviewer who does not share that specialization with Professor Herzfeld, however, I must stress here the appeal of this book for other readers. This book is part of a trend in which anthropologists are taking an increasing interest in the relationship between ethnography and other forms of textual production. By focusing on the work of a Greek writer who interrogates the meanings of regional, national and European identities during the latter half of the twentieth century, an anthropologist who has himself attempted the same thing from a different register is able to deepen our understandings of both ethnography and contemporary European society. The book is an excellent example of the benefits of experimental approaches to ethnography, and makes a nice addition to the growing field of anthropology and literature. Significantly, this book expands the repertoire of contemporary anthropological methods by showing the ways in which one anthropologist can move back and forth from rural to urban and international contexts, from macro to micro-levels of analysis, and from life history to ethnography, drawing from a variety of cultural productions (from novels, to architecture, to folklore, national bureaucracies, to kinship and inheritance systems, etc.). On a final note, the contributions of Herzfeld's and Nenedakis' wives (Cornelia Mayer Herzfeld and Elli-Maria Komminou) must not be overlooked. Their vivid photos and drawings of the two men that illustrate the book reveal their own presence as observers/participants in the dialogue.
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