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**SAE IN SAN FRANCISCO:  
12 Panels, Luncheon Roundtable,  
Tamas Hofer, and more . . .**

**Jane Nadel-Klein**  
Program Chair

The SAE has an exciting program lined up for this year's AAA meetings in San Francisco consisting of two SAE invited sessions, an invited session co-sponsored with the Society for the Anthropology of Work, plus nine additional volunteered panels. Please take note of the following and check your *Anthropology Newsletter* program for more details. Also of note: the Portuguese film "Senhora Aparecida" will be shown sometime between 8:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, during the session held for the Society for Visual Anthropology Award Winners.

### Wednesday, November 20

\* Conceptions of Money, Consumption, and Wealth in (Post)Socialist Experiences, Miklós Vörös, Organizer/Chair (4:00 p.m.)

\* From Crisis Reaction to Conflict Presentation in Europe, Joel P Marrant, Chair (6:00 - 7:15 p.m.)

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**CONGRATULATIONS!  
New SAE Elected Officers**

Election returns are in, and congratulations are due to the new SAE Executive Board members who will take office at the Annual AAA meetings in San Francisco: President-Elect - Peter Allen; Secretary - Diane Bennett; Program Chair-Elect - Jeffrey Cole; and Member-at-Large - Hermine De Soto.

**KATHERINE C DONAHUE  
New Bulletin Book Review Editor**

**Patricia R Heck**  
Bulletin Editor

Katherine C Donahue (Plymouth State), after four years as SAE Secretary and *Anthropology Newsletter* Section Editor, has agreed to be the new *Bulletin* Book Review Editor, her tenure beginning with this issue. I welcome this opportunity to work more closely with Kate, who has so ably served our membership, and whose warmth and friendship have enriched the AAA Annual Meetings for me for so many years.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Gary W McDonogh for the five years of dedicated and admirable service to the SAE *Bulletin* and its readers. In spite of growing demands on his time, he efficiently handled his responsibilities with good humor and grace, and has been a wonderful colleague. My best wishes for a rewarding year of research in Hong Kong.

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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.

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**SAE MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

SAE membership as of September 30, 1996, is 597, with 528 paid and 68 unpaid members. Paid and unpaid regular members total 408, with 189 student members.

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Thursday, November 21

- \* **Invited Session:** Southern Europe and the Ethnography of Anthropology, Maria Buxo Rey & Jose Fernandez De Rota, Organizers; Miriam Lee Kaprow & Maria Buxo Rey, Chairs (8:00 - 11:45 a.m.)
- \* **SAE Luncheon Roundtable** (12:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 22

- \* **Invited Session:** Institutions and Identities: Unity and Diversity in Europe-Building, Irene Bellier and Thomas M Wilson, Organizers; Irene Bellier, Chair (8:00 - 9:45 a.m.)
- \* Hungarianist Research Group, Eva Huseby-Darvas, Chair (12:15 - 1:30 p.m.)
- \* **Invited Session:** (with Society for the Anthropology of Work) Reconsidering Theories of Labor in Europe, Roland Moore and Sharon R Roseman, Organizers; Sharon R Roseman, Chair ((1:45 - 3:30 p.m.)
- \* **SAE Business Meeting**, David Kertzer, Chair (6:15 - 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, November 23

- \* Rethinking the French Metropole: Urban Anthropologies and Diaspora Communities, Frank A Romagosa & Paul Silverstein, Organizers; Frank A Romagosa, Chair (8:00 - 9:45 a.m.)
- \* Imagining the Past: Historical Consciousness and Constructions of Identity in Europe, Deborah J Cahalan, Organizer; Eugene A Hammel, Chair (8:00 - 11:45 a.m.)
- \* SAE East European Anthropology Group Business Meeting, Robert Rotenberg, Chair (12:15 - 1:30 p.m.)
- \* SAE Network for the Anthropology of German Studies (12:15 - 1:30 p.m.)
- \* Gender, Sexuality and Kinship in the new (Western) Europe, Daphne J Berdahl & Matti Bunzl, Organizers; Hermine G De Soto & Daphne J Berdahl, Chairs (1:45 - 3:30 p.m.)

- \* Concepts of the Nation in Contemporary Europe, Jonathan S Hearn, Chair (4:00 - 5:45 p.m.)
- \* **SAE Distinguished Lecture**, "Globalized Natives and Ethnicized Researchers: Observations of a Marginal European" by Tamas Hofer (followed by a Cash Bar Reception (6:15 - 8:00 p.m.)

### Sunday, November 24

- \* Victimhood and Group Identity in Contemporary Europe, Andrew S Buchser, Organizer/Chair (8:00 - 9:45 a.m.)
- \* Material Culture and the Symbolism of Place in Europe (10:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
- \* Negotiating the Life Course, Diane Bennett, Organizer/Chair (12:15 - 2:00 p.m.)

### OTHER PANELS OF INTEREST TO EUROPEANISTS

### Wednesday, November 20

- \* Refiguring Honor and Shame: Contemporary Transformations of Gender, Class and Nation in the Circum-Mediterranean and Latin America, Janise Hurtig & Rosario Montoya, Organizers (2:00 - 3:45 p.m.)

### Saturday, November 23

- \* Assessing the Changing Significance of Race and Nation in Western Europe, Kesha Fikes & Asale Ajani, Organizers; Asale Ajani, Chair (10:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
- \* **Invited Session:** German Anthropology Today (American Ethnological Society) Tullio Maranhao, Organizer/Chair (1:45 - 5:30 p.m.)

### Sunday, November 24

- \* **Invited Session:** Irony, Practice, and the Moral Imagination (American Ethnological Society), James W Fernandez & Mary T Huber, Organizers/Chairs (10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

## Notes on the May AAA Retreat

**Pat Heck**  
SAE *Bulletin* Editor

The AAA scheduled its Section Assembly Retreat at the Westfields International Conference Center in Chantilly, VA, for May 17-19, 1996. In the April 16 memo sent to participants by Yolanda Moses, she underscored the significance of the "ambitious long-range plan" adopted by the Association. One of the tasks assigned to the Assembly was to help implement this plan and to meet the "challenges" currently facing the discipline. A number of questions, many of which had special relevance to SAE, were raised that were discussed by small groups as well as by the Assembly plenary sessions. These include:

"Should and can the Association help strengthen anthropology's capacity for assisting society to address critical

problems? What are anthropology's leadership role(s) in cultural diversity debates and in the restructuring of higher education? Are we producing too many PhDs given the number of jobs in higher education, or should we adjust our training programs to meet nonacademic market needs and demands? . . . How should the discipline respond to demands for socially relevant and multidisciplinary research?"

One positive overall impression I got at this retreat was that the officers of the Association, as well as the administrators, were making a serious commitment for more inclusion and more communication with sections and units throughout the year. For one thing, the Executive Boards of all sections and units will be involved in the long-range planning process, and will be expected to gather information, provide data, and discuss the implications of this process with their membership. For another, the small group reports made throughout the weekend emphasized that, as anthropologists, we possess the tools to improve our own discipline: we can gather data on who we are, evaluate our departments to see how we can expand our influence within the academy. Moreover, we need to pay special attention to small departments that may be vulnerable in the current budgetary battles being waged especially at state institutions.

Special emphasis was placed throughout the weekend on becoming more proactive in first determining what the challenges to our discipline might be, and then using our creativity and our training to solve these challenges. Within the academy, this would mean expanding our influence into other areas such as language departments and other social science programs as we develop interdisciplinary courses and programs that will equip our students to flourish in the twenty-first century. We must also focus more attention on undergraduates since these students represent our major constituency. We can also use data-gathering and analytical skills to evaluate the changing nature of anthropological employment, and provide public fora to discuss this and other problems.

Outside the academy we need to become involved in the entire education process, beginning with kindergarten. Perhaps more importantly, we need to focus more attention on public relations (by developing further the public relations capabilities of the Association) -- among the general population as well as among anthropologists who have not, as yet, become AAA members.

SAE is a member of the Committee on Scientific Communications. At this committee meeting a long discussion ensued on how to improve the quality and increase the efficacy of the Program at the Annual Meetings. While no final decisions were made, continuing discussions on this topic were to occur via e-mail. The Association gave a July date for the completion of its Website, although the further development of site capacity may take a couple of years. Eventually, many of the everyday AAA business activities should be handled electronically, including meeting registration. Other issues discussed by committee members included implementation of the Ethics Education Program, as well as status reports on the search for the AA Editor.

I came away from the retreat impressed with the dedication of the anthropologists who were wrestling with and trying to solve a wide range of challenges facing our discipline in a



climate where many question the value of higher education in general, and anthropology in particular. While no easy or simple solutions were offered, the energy and creativity necessary to survive and thrive in such a climate were very much in evidence.

## MASTER'S DEGREE IN EUROPEAN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY New Program in Romania

**Susan Gal**  
U Chicago

A very energetic group of people have started an MA program in European Studies at the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, a city that has been torn by ethnic strife in the recent, as well as the distant past. It is all the more important that this program includes members of various ethnic groups and that they are interested in fostering research in their region. What follows is a brief description of the program:

Beginning with the academic year 1996/1997 the Faculty of European Studies from Cluj will offer, besides its existing streams, a two semester long course at the M.A. level in European Cultural Anthropology to 15 students who have obtained a State Diploma in various fields of the social sciences.

### Objectives:

- To contribute to the gradual institutionalization of the cultural anthropology profile, enriching in this way the interdisciplinary character of European studies;
- To offer a specialization in Central and Eastern European Studies completing the students' knowledge of Western Europe and the European Union;
- To contribute alongside the more "traditional" disciplines to the understanding of the contemporary processes from this region: to the development of a critical social and cultural theory on change during transition, to the empirical research on the nature and dynamics of these societies (especially of Romania);
- To train a new generation of researchers, able to study their own society in a broader East-European and European context, for example to identify the cultural representations of the social differences within and between European societies;
- To offer a holistic view on the cultural dimension of the contemporary European processes.

### Professional content:

In conceiving this specialization in European cultural anthropology we took into account the mutations that took place in the identity of this subject in the last twenty-five years on the one hand in the context of American cultural anthropology and on the other hand in the context of European ethnology.

We also consider that after 1990 cultural anthropology has to play a specific role in Eastern Europe:

- has to emphasize the social differences within and between these societies;

- has to identify and represent the different politics of different identities, that dominate today this region's efforts of reconstruction;

- has to contribute to the European integration of these societies by identifying the mentalities and cultural practices by which the "West" and the "East," respectively, have constructed and reproduced the differences between them.

In addition to a four-course core requirement, four electives will be offered that directly relate to some of the issues mentioned above. Moreover, scientific research will form part of the program in the first year at the local level in the town of Cluj, and will address a number of concrete themes, including:

- the cultural construction of gender in the period of socialism and during the transition, traditional and new models of women and men, of motherhood and paternity, of family, of the representation of womanhood and manhood in mass media, of the changes in the participation of women in public life (in politics, in non-governmental organizations, etc.);
- the processes of the ethnicization of local identity, the interethnic relationships in the town of Cluj, the use of the past in the redefinition of locality, the politicization of the local identity, the symbolic reconstruction of it after 1990;
- the representation of local identity, looked at from a visual perspective as well (the use of some video films, etc.).

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A new and updated SAE Resource Packet, entitled "The Syllabi of Members of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe" is now available for sale. The packet contains all syllabi submitted over a nine month period and an index to the more than 200 pages of syllabi. Most of the materials in this edition are new and are for courses given since 1990. Many more materials are included, for example for Eastern Europe, than in the previous resource packets. The cost for this SAE Resource Packet is \$20.00, plus postage. A list of actual costs, depending on the destination is included:

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The program does **not** support:

- Major conferences
- Annual meetings of scholarly societies or
- Disciplinary organizations.

Preference is given to projects which incorporate the active participation of advanced graduate students.

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Papers must be sent in hard copy and on a 3.5" diskette (MS Word preferable). They should be 20-50 pages in length (double-spaced with citations) and include a one page abstract. E-mail or faxed submissions will not be accepted. Authors must be enrolled in a degree-granting graduate or professional school program.

Papers are selected on a competitive basis in an anonymous referee process and are due by **December 31, 1996**.

The Conference plans to pay for presenters' travel and accommodations during the Conference. Presenters will compete for three awards carrying prizes of \$300 each. For further information, please contact:

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1. canon formation in relation to the formation of schools, paradigms, or subdisciplines within anthropology;
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3. the canon and the problem of "voice" when anthropology's Others become anthropologists or anthropology's critics;
4. the place of anthropology in the larger university canon and curriculum; and
5. anthropological approaches to debates about the canon in history, literature and the sciences.

The deadline for submission of abstracts for panels and papers is **December 1, 1996**, and should be sent to:

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### ORGANIZATIONS and INSTITUTES

#### \* EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH

##### Standing Group on the European Union

This is a newly-established group which aims to support the development of the field by serving as a structure of information, promotion and coordination of research efforts. It will monitor the state of investigation on EU politics and signal neglected aspects.

The immediate aims of the group are: to publish a directory of specialists; to establish an informal newsletter which can diffuse information on research (in progress and accomplished), books and reviews, scientific meetings and conferences, schools and courses, data banks and archives, available research funds, etc. The Standing Group will also collaborate on the organization of workshop proposals on EU politics.

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## BOOK MARKS

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### \* THE GERMAN QUESTION AND THE MIDDLE ZONE IN MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

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Dirk Verheyen and Christian Soe, eds., *The Germans and Their Neighbors*. Westview Press, 1993. 432 pages. (cloth).

From their expertise in European studies, policy studies, political science, international studies and history, twenty-two contributors examine the German Question following German reunification. With chapters focusing on a particular neighboring country's relationship with the unified Germany, the book is organized into five parts, exploring and addressing: relationships with Germany's western neighbors (i.e., France, Britain, the Netherlands, and Belgium); Germany's relationship with its northern neighbors (i.e., Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland); the eastern neighbors (i.e., former USSR, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary and Romania); southern neighbors (i.e., former Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy); and the last part, a co-authored chapter, examines the relationship between Germany and its transatlantic neighbor, the United States.

Each author vigorously attempts to situate complex and shifting relationships within a long, turbulent, and often agonizing economic and political history. Without this contextualization, or without prior knowledge of policy studies, it would be exhausting for the reader to appreciate the enormous shifts in national policy orientation which are occurring in Europe, as well as in the United States following German reunification and the end of the Cold War. Readers will also appreciate each country's presented position on the German Question, particularly in regard to national identity, national unity, and the growing German power within global affairs, including international politics and economics.

Common themes emerge in the book's contrasting chapters: all authors assert that the rapid collapse of socialism and the fast transformation and unification of the divided Germany has taken all of Germany's neighbors and their respective political elites by complete surprise, and that the end of the Cold War forced neighboring political elites to rethink their policy relations with a now more powerful Germany. Presently, write the authors, the new relationships still are ambiguous. After the first German/German election, some of Germany's neighbors were hesitant to support a rapid unification; however, following this initial reluctance, they all approved of a united Germany, and all European political leaders supported a fast integration of Germany into western transnational institutions.

Still, among the neighbors, there remain the historical memories of horror and of the crimes which were committed under Nazi Germany. While Germany's neighbors unanimously seek strong economic ties with the unified Germany, cultural relations, because of Germany's aggressive

past, still are based on a difficult future road for most of Germany's neighbors.

While the writers have effectively shown how these countries have come to rethink their policy relations and how these largely will affect the European Community and NATO, it is regrettable that this volume does not include sociocultural viewpoints on such influential social changes. This omission calls for an invitation to anthropologists, in future research, to incorporate the intertwined and profound relations of policy and culture in the tremendous transformations which are sweeping through Europe at the end of the Cold War. In this sense, *The Germans and Their Neighbors* provides a well-written pioneering study, and an impressive list of references, which commends itself favorably for a supplementary text for undergraduate and beginning graduate courses which address such concerns.

Stephen Borsody, *The New Central Europe: Triumphs and Tragedies*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1993. 321 pp. Index. Four maps of Central Europe. (Cloth).

The author began to write this book half a century ago, and the product is a remarkable political history of what Borsody calls "the Middle Zone" of Europe. His analysis begins with the defeat of the Habsburg Empire and concludes with reflections on Europe after the end of the Cold War. The main concern is the problematic of the nation-state, particularly in regard to nationalism, ethnic hatred, and national rivalry. The author questions whether or not the nation-state ever was an adequate model for the Middle Zone, a region which -- before WW II -- was known under the politically constructed term "East Central Europe," and which became "Eastern Europe" after WW II.

Critical of the Wilsonian concept of the nation-state, Borsody offers a model based on federalism which favors integration and cooperation, rather than national rivalry and ethnic hatred. The author shows how the inadequate peace treaty after WW I laid the seed of disaster for the new nation-states, because the territory of the new nation-states, after the Paris Treaty, was constructed "by virtue of the ethnic principle."

After WW II, the Russian and US nation-state model became reality for the new Eastern Europe, and Borsody (citing Kennan) states that the first Cold War policies of appeasement and containment became evident with Stalin's rejection of the Marshall Plan and his noncooperation with western political programs.

Far from abolishing nationalism through socialist internationalism, the author maintains that various political leaders of Eastern Europe engaged in even more chauvinist nationalist programs against their respective minority populations than did political leaders of the Middle Zone prior to WW II. (Nationalistic politics and xenophobic eruptions prior to and after the collapse of socialism have also been reported by anthropologists, e.g. Verdery 1991; Hayden 1992; Khazanov 1993; De Soto and Plett 1995; Kürti 1995.)

Although controlled by the former Soviet Union, several populations in the Middle Zone began to challenge their regimes. Yet, within shifting Cold War developments, western political observers did not foresee that a new Russian leadership, headed by Gorbachev, set the foundation for



brehtaking revolutions. While Gorbachev remains the sole maker of the end of the Cold War, the Polish call for independent trade unions was the first challenge to the old system. However, the end of the Cold War was most of all intertwined with the German Question, and most policy experts now agree that its conclusion was reached after the reunified Germany swiftly became integrated into NATO and the EC.

Yet, based on new studies after the collapse of socialism, I fully agree with the author when he states that the end of the Cold War created an uncertain future for the Middle Zone, and this future in large part is attributable to several reasons, including: that the west only half-heartedly welcomed the Middle Zone and Russia; that aid from the west was disappointing; that western investments were slow; that the US and the EC still hesitate in providing economic help; Central and Eastern Europe are perceived within occidental perceptions of backwardness, while government industry is cheaply sold to the west; and, finally, because no Marshall Plan was introduced to assist with privatization. The problems in making a transition into a market economy are enormous and might again foster national rivalries. For Borsody, the western reluctance to include the Middle Zone in the EC is dangerous, since only a United Europe based on regionalism (not the nation-state) will prevent future nationality conflicts.

Borsody has written a timely response for reflection and debate on pre- and post-Cold War developments. His contribution is based on an accessible presentation of complex national and international political relationships and thus offers an appreciable text for students who are interested in the discussion on the political history, the nation-state, nationalism, ethnic conflicts and minority populations in Central Europe.

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## \* SCIENCE AND THE 'BODY' IN MODERN ITALY

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David G Horn, *Social Bodies: Science, Reproduction, and Italian Modernity*. Princeton Studies in Culture, Power, and History. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994.

In his recent book, *Social Bodies: Science, Reproduction, and Italian Modernity*, David Horn dissects the cultural construction of "the social" in interwar Italy. Listening mostly to the voices of male experts of the period, he exposes "the social" as a cultural construction which became the object of technical intervention, scientific knowledge, and governmental practice. Horn pays special attention to how reproduction and the related issues of social welfare and urbanization were problematized as regular but nonetheless alarming ills that the new social technologies were expected to alleviate.

Horn's first goal is to demonstrate how a modern concern with reproduction, welfare, and social planning has influenced the ways in which individuals experience social life and constitute themselves as subjects. His second objective is to make apparent the contested nature of scientific knowledge by reconstituting the often taken-for-granted "social" as an ethnographic object. Horn expertly fulfills his second objective, but fails at the first, because throughout, his work lacks reference to the experiences, actions, and motives of individual women and men.

First, Horn connects the construction of society as a scientifically-defensible body to the contemporaneous construction of individual human bodies as the foci of social potentials and risks in need of rational management. He traces the relocation of individual bodies from the realm of the natural and the private into the knowable, manageable, and newly-constituted domain of the social.

Next, Horn delineates the interwar Italian government's efforts to control the reproductive practices of Italian women and men, paying particular attention to the placement of the family within various legal codes. He then analyzes the social and technical measures that the fascist regime hoped would bolster fertility in urban areas. Horn convincingly demonstrates how these interventions collapsed the old boundaries between public and private and created new social spaces in which the new social experts could work. Focusing on Milan, he highlights the contrasting fascist constructions of the industrial city as sterile and the rural countryside as healthy and fertile.

Horn's book contains both skillful analysis and writing. Its problematization of reproduction as a social scientific category helps those who study reproduction and fertility in contemporary societies to better contemplate the object of their inquiries. Indeed, for those who study the social and cultural consequences of the new reproductive technologies, *Social Bodies* provides an in-depth historical understanding of the cultural underpinnings of what today seems like the routine and normal management of reproductive practices and bodies.

ore specifically, because many of the governmental interventions it examines have present-day ramifications, this book contributes to the study of health and social welfare in contemporary Italy. For instance, ONMI (*Opera Nazionale di Maternità e Infanzia*, or the National Agency for Motherhood and Childhood), instituted by the fascists in 1925 to promote motherhood and fertility, was a predecessor to today's *consultorio familiare*, or family counseling center (Saba 1983). Additionally, much of the fascist legal code regarding reproduction, the family, and migration remained on the books until the mid-1970s and beyond (Donati 1990), thus extending parts of the fascists' social agenda far beyond the demise of their regime. Consequently, the thorough understanding that Horn's book offers is useful for those who want to untangle complicated health and reproductive issues in contemporary Italy.

The only problem with *Social Bodies* is that, contrary to his stated goals, Horn fails to link the cultural construction of "the social" and the subsequent methods of governmental management to the lives of individual Italian women and men. For example, Horn repeatedly states that most fascist attempts to increase fertility resulted in failure. However, he does not demonstrate why this is so. Medical records, personal diaries, and life history narratives with the elderly could have shed some light upon why the fascist measures failed and Italy's birth rate continued to plummet until it became one of the lowest in the world. The absence of the voices of Italian women and men who lived with fascist policies and interventions is striking, and their presence would have been especially enlightening.

Nonetheless, in spite of this shortcoming, that which Horn covers in the book can certainly stand on its own as an intelligent investigation of the constructedness and contestedness of scientific knowledge. His astute analysis of the emergence of a modern social understanding of reproduction in the extreme political setting of Italian fascism makes his book necessary reading for anyone interested in health, reproduction, social policy, or modern Italy.

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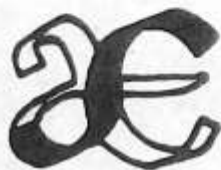
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