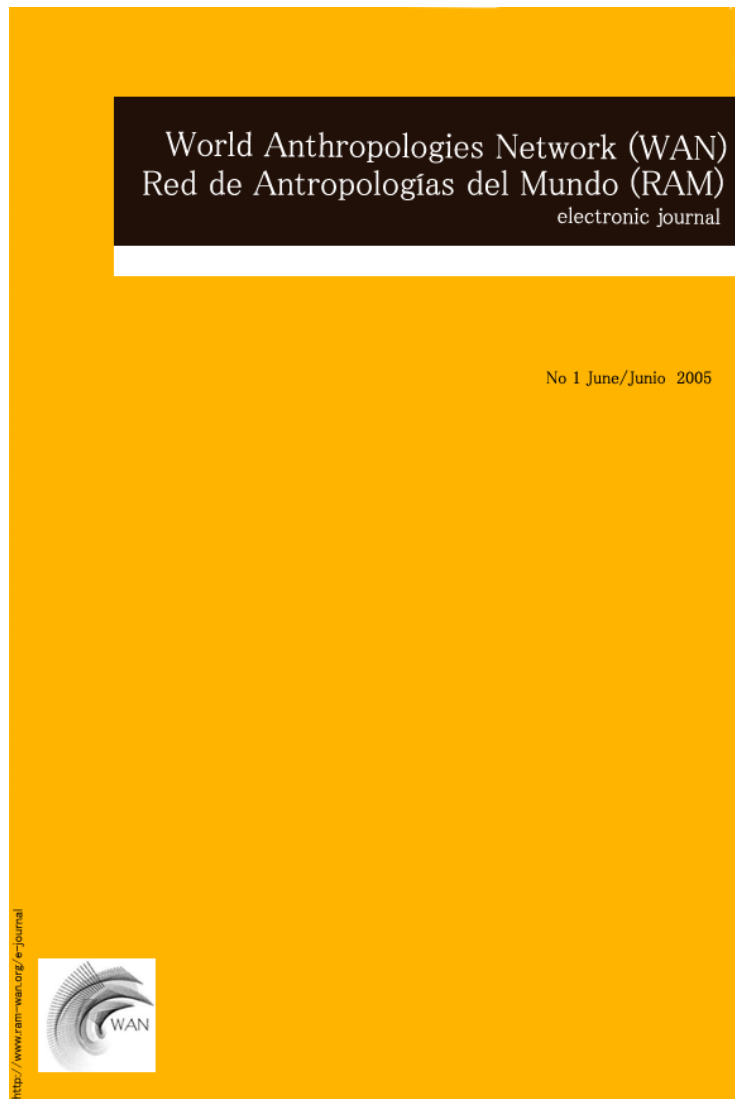


The World Anthropologies Network electronic journal is intended as an Internet-based intervention aimed at transforming the terms, conditions, and circuits of anthropological conversations in the world. The journal will publish materials that address the practices of the various anthropologies of the world. The journal is particularly interested in contributions that examine the institutional, social, epistemological or political power relations concerning the production and transformation of processes of hegemony and subalternization within and between multiple anthropological traditions and at the world level.

The journal seeks to transform at least four increasingly prevalent academic practices in the production of anthropological knowledge. The first is the monolingualism that characterizes multiple communities of anthropological conversation at local, regional, and global levels. As much as the World Anthropologies Network (WAN) itself, this journal is multilingual; it will include texts in several languages without attempting to translate them into a single one. Because of the academic dominance of English as both means of communication and of power, the journal's translation policy will be multi-directional. However, translation will not be a straightjacket; there surely are materials that circulate in certain languages that do not have to be translated into English, given the reading contexts in which they are inserted.

The second practice this journal seeks to subvert is that of copyright. Rather than as a market-driven process that reifies the individual property owner, the journal would like to foster a view of knowledge production and circulation as a social process ineluctably linked to political and ethical positions. In this view, knowledge is not a commodity that allow individual owners to control the dissemination of "their" ideas, concepts or theories in order to accumulate symbolic and economic capital. To this extent, we join forces with those who are advocating for a principle of copyleft as part of their struggle for a world in which knowledge production and circulation are not subordinated to the interests of capital. To the extent that it is up to us, the materials published in the journal can be copied, used and distributed freely as long as it is not for commercial interests.

The third practice the journal would like to question is that of indexing. This is an electronic journal that does not pretend to be indexed in any conventional manner; indexes of this sort are often normalizing devices operating within naturalized constellations of power. With their apparent neutrality, objectivity and consensus and their



pretense to mediating the “quality” of intellectual production techniques of indexing incarnate diverse modes of intellectual coloniality. What gets counted or not, who does the indexing and how in terms of institutional presuppositions constitute one of the most subtle but effective mechanisms of normalization and consolidation of dominant and hegemonic anthropologies.

Finally, and for the same reasons, the journal will not be regulated by the standard practice of “peer review” of the so-called “refereed journals” given that these devices tend to produce particular homogenous forms and styles. On the contrary, the journal wishes to promote a diversity of forms, styles, “accents” and contents. The process of selection will be the result of the collective work of the members of the network, including a shifting editorial committee in charge of selecting the articles to be published and of insuring a practice of rigor and intellectual quality that is fundamentally aware of the conditions of power under which knowledge production processes operate and that therefore considers equality and inclusiveness among its goals for excellence.

We invite anthropologists from all regions of the world to take active part in this electronic journal by sending contributions to be considered for publication as well as commentaries and suggestions. Materials can be sent to our electronic mail address: [world.anthropologies.network@gmail.com](mailto:world.anthropologies.network@gmail.com)