



# SYDNEY UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS

## Macleay Museum Invitation

celebrating International Museums Day



### Margaret Mead in the Sepik

**Diane Losche**  
**Jude Philp**

### Curator's tour: *People, power, politics*

**Rebecca Conway**

**Diane Losche** lectures in museum practice, art history and theory at the Centre of Fine Art (COFA) of NSW University. Trained in anthropology she conducted fieldwork with Abalam peoples of the Sepik. She has written widely on Margaret Mead's work, and Abalam people's social and cultural world.

**Jude Philp** is senior curator of the Macleay Museum. From initial fieldwork on historic collections and Islanders of the Torres Strait, her work has centred on the origins of museum collections and their continuing importance to producer communities.

**Rebecca Conway** is curator of ethnography at the Macleay Museum. From her initial studies in archaeology and anthropology Rebecca has continued to work between communities and museums. Her particular interests lie in the human aspects of museum collections. *People, power, politics: the first generation of anthropologists at the University of Sydney* is her first exhibition at the Macleay.

Margaret Mead is one of the most internationally recognised anthropologists. A prolific writer (she wrote 44 books and over a thousand articles) and energetic fieldworker her anthropological interests lay in psychology, gender and child rearing. For most of her career she was also curator of ethnography at the American Museum of Natural History. Diane and Jude will talk about Mead's work with the Arapesh peoples of the Sepik area in Papua New Guinea, and her less well known work as a curator.

Rebecca's talk will include some of the stories behind making the exhibition, *People, power, politics: the first generation of anthropologists at the University of Sydney*. She will also elaborate on the work of the anthropologists, their collections and the personalities that influenced government policy about the Indigenous peoples of Australia and the Pacific.

ABOVE: Construction of a Haus Tamberan in 1939. Photographed by anthropologist Phyllis Kaberry HP99/1793  
RIGHT: View of *People, power, politics* at the Macleay Museum until 20 July 2008.

Sunday 16 May from 2pm  
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