

Review

Among the New Books

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Bodies

CRESSIDA FFORDE, JANE HUBERT & PAUL TURNBULL (ed.). *The dead and their possessions: repatriation in principle, policy and practice*. xix+340 pages, 30 figures, 5 tables. 2002. London: Routledge; 0-415-23385-2 hardback.

YANNIS HAMILAKIS, MARK PLUCIENNIK & SARAH TARLOW (ed.). *Thinking through the body: archaeologies of corporeality*. xiii+262 pages, 30 figures, 2 tables. 2002. New York (NY): Kluwer Academic / Plenum; 0-306-46648-1 hardback \$80 & £56 & €92.

JANE HUBERT & CRESSIDA FFORDE introduce 27 engrossing papers on the well-known problems of ethics and ownership arising over how First World biological anthropologists and museums treat human remains from 'developing' countries and Fourth World peoples. There are case studies and reviews of the issues from the USA — particularly in regard to the Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (1990) — Australia and New Zealand, South Africa and Botswana, Norway, and Argentina. Added too is a discussion of Rhodes' grave inserted on a sacred hill in Zimbabwe. Noting the recent disclosure that British hospitals retain 54,000 body parts and foetuses without full consent, the editors point out that it is not only cultural 'others' who sense scandal.

Dr HAMILAKIS & colleagues introduce four papers on 'bodies, selves and individuals', four on 'experience', and four on 'bodies in/as material culture'. Illustrations range from the Neolithic to the 19th century in the British Isles, from the Neolithic in Italy to Viking Norway, and from the Natufian to Oceania. What do archaeologists make of issues recently buzzing strongly among social and cultural anthropologists and in cultural studies? While some of the papers are interesting on methodology, there is, indeed, a goodly dose of arty cultural history and at least one 'clever' new bit of terminology. Yet it is a mark of coherence that some of contributions in different sections of the book address common themes. See too Dr TARLOW's review on pp. 589–91, below.

Technology

J. RASMUS BRANDT & LARS KARLSSON (ed.). *From huts to houses — transformations of ancient societies:*

proceedings of an international seminar organized by the Norwegian & Swedish Institutes in Rome, 21–24 September 1997 (Skrifter Utgivna av Svenska Institutet i Rom 4^o 56/Acta ad Archaeologiam et Artium Historiam Pertinentia XIII). 461 pages, 417 figures, 20 tables. 2001. Jonsered: Paul Åström; 91-7042-163-3 (ISSN 0081-993X & 0065-0900) paperback Kr700 & US\$66.70.

PIERRE BRIANT (ed.). *Irrigation et drainage dans l'Antiquité: qanats et canalisations souterraines en Iran, en Égypte et en Grèce — séminaire tenu au Collège de France (Persika 2)*. 190 pages, 68 figures, 1 table. 2001. Paris: Thotm; 2-914531-01-X paperback E27.

MARILYN PALMER & PETER NEAVEYSON (ed.). *From industrial revolution to consumer revolution: international perspectives on the archaeology of industrialisation*. 129 pages, 47 figures, 3 tables. 2001. N.p.: Association for Industrial Archaeology; 0-1-902653-63-7 paperback £12.50.

Messrs BRANDT & KARLSSON present 14 papers on development of building, six on the functions of buildings, 11 on techniques of building, and a dozen on the social anthropology, aspects of ancient technology, and field survey technique, plus a study (first published in 1932) on shepherds' huts around Rome. Ranging from recent history to the Mesolithic, most of the papers are about the central Mediterranean but there are also one on Turkey and eight on Scandinavia. They amount to a mass of well-illustrated detail on structures, large and small, of various materials. Most are in English but eight are in Italian, and a couple in French or German.

Prof. BRIANT introduces eight detailed and scholarly papers on literary and archaeological evidence for ancient water management in the eastern Mediterranean, Near East and Oman. The first three amount to a state of the art review for the Classical period in Greece and the western Hellenistic world. Evidence for underground supply is reviewed for Egypt, Oman and Armenia — M. Salvini denying that it existed in the latter.

PALMER & NEAVEYSON present the proceedings of the congress, in 2000, of the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage. The core comprises seven papers on the Industrial Revolution in Europe, including PALMER & NEAVEYSON