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to the mission of AiA, and we are very pleased about the benefit that this programme will bring to our authors.

We anticipate that the open access benefit of this programme will be very attractive to many authors, and the Editors encourage you to submit your contributions accordingly for publication consideration. However, while the move to open access changes the form of distribution of the articles published starting this year, there is no change to the submission process, which will continue to be handled through our traditional route as outlined on the 'Info for Authors' tab on the AiA website, where you can find guidelines and instructions.<sup>2</sup> Articles must be just as relevant to our remit and scope as before, and will continue to undergo the same thorough peer-review process that has long been established for our selection process. No preferential treatment or scheduling will be given to anyone for whom open access is a condition.

We look forward to continuing to bring our readers articles that foster the broader application of anthropological approaches to practical problems, now with further opportunities for the interdisciplinary exchange of research within and outside of academia that AiA advocates thanks to open access.

Christine McCourt  
April 2018

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