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## ENVIRONMENTAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND FUTURE TRENDS

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### ABSTRACT

The development in environmental anthropology in the past few decades has focused on three topics: systems ecology, political ecology, and cognitive science. Frequent borrowings from other disciplines within environmental anthropology reflect the reality that human and natural systems are coupled along multiple modalities. Given this diversity, is there enough coherence to sustain and justify a single field called environmental anthropology? If so, does the field benefit from this heterogeneity? (Orr, Yancey and Dove, 2015). These are the questions we need to discuss in the context of the world and Indian anthropology. These are legitimate concerns in the context of an anthropological institution.

The combination of ecological and ethnographic approaches to the environment provides expanded anthropological research fields that offer new possibilities for uniting empirical research with the political and environmental projects of human groups that are facing problems (Little 1999). Given the above scenario and understanding the critical role environmental anthropology is placed to play, a round table discussion is proposed with the national chair and experts combining academic, river, forestry and climate change and disaster studies experts. The eminent speakers will focus on the research and experiences they carry along with fore sighting the future of environmental anthropology.

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